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CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT



**City Council Adoption of CVPD's
Military Equipment Use Policy As Required By
CA Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481)**

GOAL OF THIS PRESENTATION



- To outline and explain the current uses for military-style equipment utilized by the Chula Vista Police Department.
- To describe the need and importance for this equipment, which is to maintain public safety and provide the highest quality of police service to our community.
- To seek Chula Vista City Council approval for continued use of this equipment as required by AB 481.



INTRODUCTIONS

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WHAT IS MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

- Commonly used police equipment that was recently redefined by the California State Legislature under AB 481.
- This includes command vehicles, drones, less lethal tools, and other equipment already being used by the CVPD.
- None of the equipment used by the CVPD was obtained from the military and we do not participate in the federal 1033 Surplus Military Equipment Program.



WHY IS THIS EQUIPMENT IMPORTANT?

- To protect life and safeguard the community.
- To de-escalate and bring a safe resolution to critical incidents.
- To properly equip our officers so they can safely perform their jobs.



CHULA VISTA POLICE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

Military equipment, as defined by AB 481, shall only be used under the following circumstances:

- The employee has completed all applicable training, including Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) courses or any other training required by law.
- This equipment is used because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective for both community and officer safety.

WE VALUE AND RESPECT HUMAN LIFE



The overall purpose of this equipment is de-escalation, safety, and the preservation of human life



UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS)

- Our Department UAS inventory contains 29 drones (13 models).
- It is the policy of the CVPD to utilize UAS for official law enforcement purposes only, and in the manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal Law.
- Our UAS program has been safely operating drones since 2018.

UNMANNED ROBOT

The Chula Vista Police Department possesses one Robot: ROBOTEX AVATAR III.

- Provides officers with the ability to remotely search dangerous locations and communicate with armed or violent subjects.
- SWAT team and trained sworn personnel have been using the robot since 2013.



COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES

The Chula Vista Police Department has two mobile command vehicles.
We have utilized mobile command vehicles since 2006.



Freightliner M2-106



Freightliner M2 106
Chassis (*custom build*)



ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE

The Chula Vista Police Department possesses one armored rescue vehicle: the Lenco Bearcat G2.

- The vehicle can be used during critical incidents where ballistic protection will provide a safe advantage to the community and officers.
- The vehicle does not contain any mounted weapons.
- The Department has utilized this vehicle since 2011. Additionally, the SWAT team has used an armored rescue vehicle of some sort for several decades.

40MM LAUNCHERS

- The Chula Vista Police Department possesses five less lethal 40mm launchers. These launchers are equipped to deploy 40mm Specialty Impact Munitions (SIMS).
- The purpose of these tools are to limit the escalation of conflict. These tools minimize the potential for lethal force.
- The SWAT team has used this type of equipment since the early 1980's.



40MM MUNITIONS



The Chula Vista Police Department possesses several types of 40mm munitions. These munitions fall into two categories:

1. Chemical agents
2. Less-lethal impact munitions (foam/sponge/stingball)

Note: The SWAT team has used these types of munitions since the early 1980's.



CHEMICAL AGENTS (HAND- HELD CANISTERS)

- Chemical agent canisters release a smoke irritant to produce temporary discomfort and encourage compliance during a critical incident.
- Chemical agents are deployed exclusively by SWAT and Mobile Field Force officers as a method of de-escalation.
- The SWAT team has used this type of equipment since the early 1980's.



LESS LETHAL LAUNCHERS

The Department has utilized less lethal launchers since the early 2000's.



Paintball launchers (similar to commercial paintball guns)



Beanbag launchers



- Diversionary devices are serialized, steel bodied, and non-bursting canisters that emit a loud noise and bright light when deployed.
- Diversionary devices are distraction tools used to increase officer safety.
- Use of diversionary devices are limited to specially trained SWAT officers.
- The SWAT team has used diversionary devices since the early 1980's.

DIVERSIONARY DEVICES “FLASHBANGS”

LONG-RIFLE (NON-ISSUED)

The Department has one Smith and Wesson M&P brand long-rifle in its inventory.

- This is a precision rifle, and it is used to address a deadly threat with more accuracy and at a greater distance than a handgun.
- Only SWAT officers who have trained and qualified with this weapon can deploy it.
- The Department has used this weapon since 2015. Additionally, the SWAT team has utilized this type of equipment since the 1970's.



FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY

SIM BARREL CONVERSION KITS

- A specially designed bolt or barrel that when placed into a firearm discharges designated SIM paint marking rounds.
- Used exclusively in training scenarios and cannot fire conventional ammunition.
- This type of training equipment has been used since the early 2000's.



IN CLOSING



- The Chula Vista Police Department respectfully asks the City Council to certify the continued use of the safety equipment outlined in this presentation and further detailed in our proposed Military Equipment Policy.
- Each piece of equipment is crucial for the Department's ability to maintain public safety.



THANK YOU