

## Military Equipment

### 706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

**State**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

#### 706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

**State**

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

**Governing body** – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

**Military equipment** – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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#### **706.2 POLICY**

**State**

It is the policy of the Compton College District Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

#### **706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

**Best Practice**

The Chief of Police should designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Compton College District Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
  1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
  2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

#### **706.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

**State** **MODIFIED**

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

[See attachment: Compton College Military Equipment Inventory.pdf](#)

#### **706.5 APPROVAL**

**State**

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is

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submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

#### **706.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**State**

Military equipment should not be used by any other law enforcement agency or member in this jurisdiction unless the military equipment is approved for use in accordance with this policy.

#### **706.7 ANNUAL REPORT**

**State**

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

#### **706.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**State**

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which

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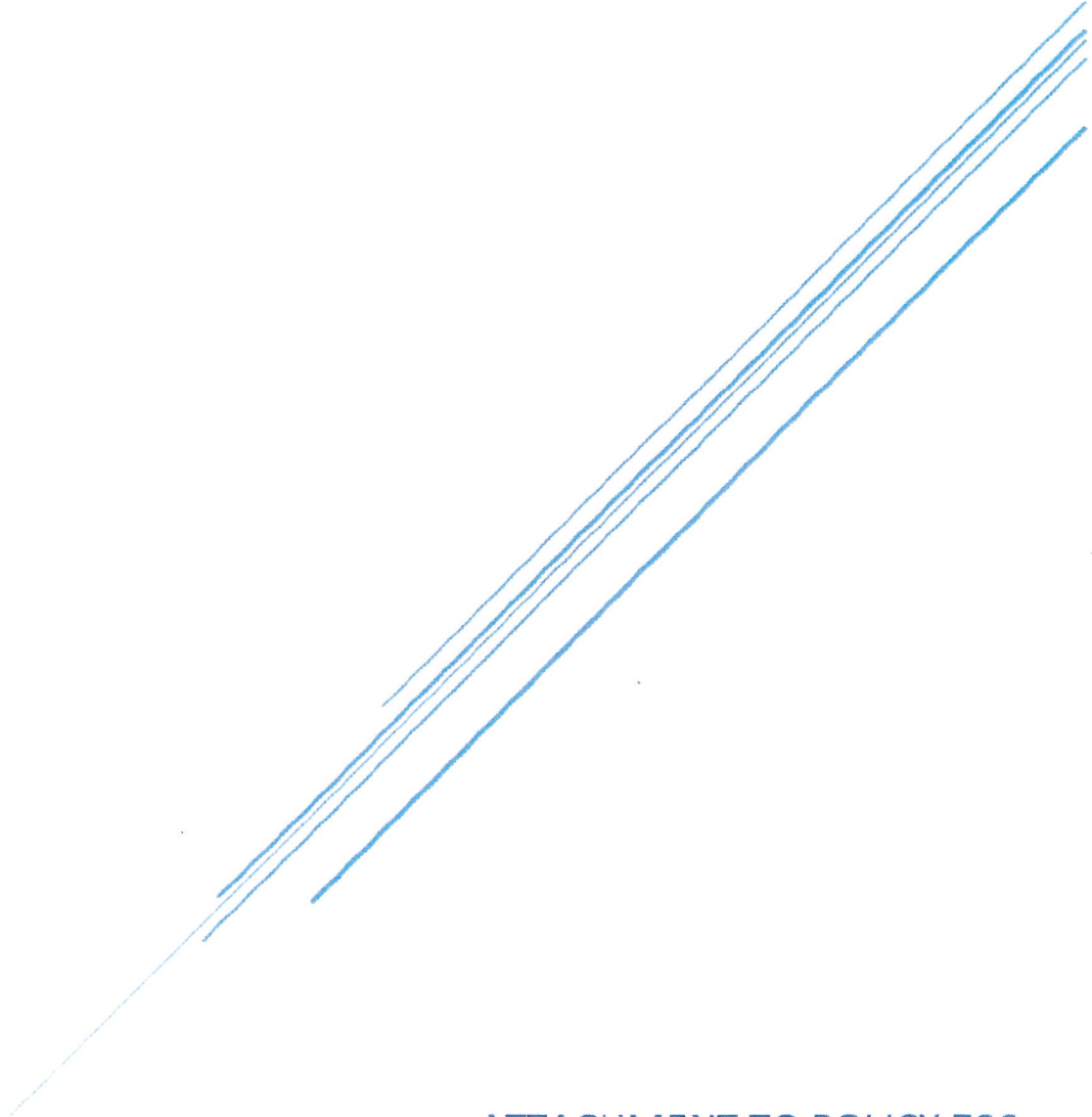
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the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

## Attachments

## Compton College Militray Equipment Inventory.pdf

COMPTON COLLEGE DISTRICT  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY



ATTACHMENT TO POLICY 706

## **BATTERING RAMS, SLUGS, AND BREACHING APPARATUSES THAT ARE EXPLOSIVE IN NATURE (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY 7)**

### **Remington 870, Bean Bag Shotgun**

- a) Description and Capabilities: 12-gauge, pump action shotgun. The bean bag shotgun has a molded, bright orange colored forend and stock, labeled with "LESS LETHAL" easily distinguishes it from other firearms.
- b) Purpose: Limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Offer law enforcement officers a less than lethal option, delivering a pellet filled munition (bean bag) made of cotton and ballistic material. Kinetic energy munitions impact subjects from a distance, lessening the chance of a direct attack on officers.
- c) Authorized Use: The bean bag shotguns are intended for use as a less lethal use of force option.
- d) Expected Lifespan: No expiration
- e) Fiscal Impact:
- f) Training: Authorized users receive initial and recurring CA POST certified department training with a bean bag shotgun.
- g) Legal and Procedural Rules: All applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force.

## **SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION OF LESS THAN .50 CALIBER (CATEGORY 9)**

### **1. Colt AR-15/M4 5.56 Caliber Rifle**

- a) Description and Capabilities: The carbine rifle is a lightweight, air-cooled, gas piston, magazine fed, shoulder fired weapon, designed for semi-automatic fire. This AR-15/M4 is used by law enforcement throughout the United States. The rifle comes in various configurations weigh approximately 6 ½ pounds and has a 16" steel barrel. The overall length varies between 29 ¾" and 33". It has a collapsible stock and has a magazine capacity of 30 rounds.
- b) Purpose: This rifle is used in potentially lethal situation. It is capable of shooting through soft body armor and barriers and to provide better precision from longer distance.
- c) Authorized Use: The Colt AR-15/M4 Carbine is authorized to be carried by all trained officers regardless of assignment. In addition to rifles owned by the



Compton College District Police Department, select officers are allowed to use personally owned AR-15/M4 rifles while on patrol. Officers who use their personally owned rifles must adhere to all the qualifications for authorized use and must present their rifles to a department armorer for inspection.

d) Expected Lifespan: The AR-15/M4 rifle does not have an expiration and will need to be serviced or replaced when it fails or breaks.

e) Fiscal Impact:

f) Training: Authorized users must successfully complete a CA POST certified Rifle course as well as regular department firearms training and qualifications as required by policy.

g) Legal and Procedural Rules: All applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force.

## 2. Heckler & Koch MP5

a) Description and Capabilities: The carbine rifle is a lightweight, air-cooled, selective fire delayed blowback operated weapon with a roller-delayed bolt. This weapon is used by law enforcement throughout the United States. The rifle comes in various configurations, weighs approximately 5.6 pounds, and has a steel barrel length of 8.9 inches. The overall length of the rifle is approximately 27 inches. The stock can come in various plate forms, such as collapsible or fixed, with a magazine capacity of 30 rounds.

b) Purpose: This rifle is used in a potentially lethal situation. It is capable of shooting through barriers and providing better precision from longer distances.

c) Authorized Use: The Heckler & Koch MP5 carbine rifle is authorized to be carried by all trained officers regardless of their assignment.

d) Expected Life span: The Heckler & Koch MP5 has no expiration and must be replaced when it fails or breaks.

e) Fiscal Impact: Nominal

f) Training: Authorized users must successfully complete a CA POST certified Rifle course and regular department firearms training and qualifications as required by policy.

g) Legal and Procedural Rules: All applicable state, Federal, and Local Laws governing police use of force.

**TASER® SHOCKWAVE, MICROWAVE WEAPONS, WATER CANONS, AND LONG-RANGE ACOUSTIC DEVICES (EQUIPMENT CATEGORY 13)**

**TASER® X26P CEW Conducted Electrical Weapon**

a) Description and Capabilities: The Taser X26P is marketed as an Energy Weapon that is a less-lethal force option. The height is approximately 3.2 inches, the length is 7.3 inches with a cartridge inserted. The width is 1.3 inches and has an overall weight of 44 oz without a cartridge inserted.

b) Purpose: The Taser X26P is a less-lethal force option when dealing with potentially dangerous people, subdue a fleeing criminal, or a person who would have otherwise been subjected to a more lethal force option.

c) Authorized Use: The Taser X26p is authorized to be carried by all trained officers regardless of their assignment.

d) Expected Life span: The X26P has been discontinued, however, replacement parts are still available. This weapon system should be replaced and updated to its successor Taser X1 or the Taser 7 CQ

e) Fiscal Impact: Nominal

f) Training: Authorized users must successfully complete a Taser approved certified training course as well as regular department firearms training and qualifications as required by policy.

g) Legal and Procedural Rules: All applicable state, Federal and Local Laws governing police use of force.

**PROJECTILE LAUNCH PLATFORMS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MUNITIONS. (40MM PROJECTILES, 'BEAN BAG', RUBBER BULLETS AND SPECIALTY IMPACT MUNITIONS (SIM) (CATEGORY 14)**

**Defense Technologies, Exact iMPact 40mm sponge**

a) Description and Capabilities: A less lethal 40mm lightweight plastic and foam projectile fired from a single or multi-round purpose built 40mm grenade launcher with a rifled barrel at 325 FPS. The 30-gram foam projectile delivers 120 ft/lbs. of energy on impact.

b) Purpose: To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Fired from a 40mm launcher, this sponge kinetic energy

munition is used to impact subjects from a distance, lessening the chance of a direct attack.

c) Authorized Use: Munitions designed for 40MM launchers.

d) Expected Lifespan: 5 years

e) Fiscal Impact:

f) Training: Authorized users who receive initial and recurring CA POST certified department training with a 40mm launcher.

g) Legal and Procedural Rules: All applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force.