

ASSEMBLY BILL 481 MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
AGENDA ITEM 16.1**



CITY OF STOCKTON ASSEMBLY BILL 481 MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE

Assembly Bill 481 established the following requirements to ensure the responsible use of military equipment for the safety of our community and our police officers

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Requires Stockton Police Department to create a Military Equipment Use Policy (created February 2022)

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City Council Approval for the use, funding, acquisition and continued use of already approved equipment.

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Annual Report including the purpose, complaints, annual costs, quantity possessed and intended acquisitions.

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Stockton Police Department General Order F-02a Military Equipment

- Military equipment includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unmanned, remotely piloted vehicles
 - Command and control vehicles
 - Noise-flash diversionary devices
 - Kinetic energy weapons and munitions
- All items in this policy are currently in use at the Stockton Police Department and have use policies in place.
- This policy is available to the public through the Stockton Police Department website.

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City Council Approval for the use, funding, acquisition and continued use of already approved equipment.



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The Stockton Police Department recognizes the public's ongoing interest in how military equipment is used to protect our community and our officers. We are committed to maintaining our community's trust in providing professional and responsive police services effectively and safely for all involved.

The term "military equipment" as used in Assembly Bill 481, does not necessarily indicate the equipment is, or has been used, by the military. Many items defined as "military equipment" by the bill are often used by law enforcement to preserve life and enhance public and officer safety while remaining prepared to handle the various challenges facing our communities. The Stockton Police Department's use of "military equipment" is consistent with overall best practices employed by the police departments throughout the country.

Assembly Bill 481 establishes oversight for the responsible use, funding and acquisition of "military equipment".

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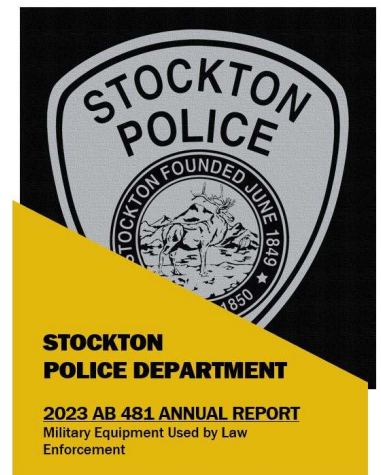
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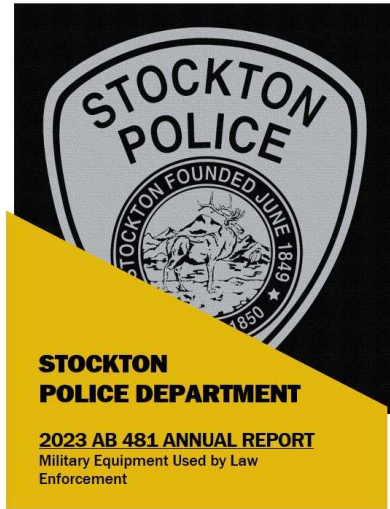
The Stockton Police Department Military Equipment Annual Report is available to the public and can be found on-line through the Stockton Police Department website.

This Annual Military Equipment Use Report outlines a summary of the equipment usage guidelines, inventory, fiscal impact, complaints, and reported community concerns for calendar year 2022 (January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022).





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2023 AB 481 Annual Report highlights



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CATEGORY 1 – Unmanned aerial or ground vehicles

The Stockton Police Department currently has ten (10) UAS (drones) in service and two (2) EOD hazardous duty robots. These vehicles are used for search and rescue, tactical situations and bomb defusal.

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Category 1 – Unmanned aerial or ground vehicles

Assembly Bill 481 Category 1 reporting requirements - Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.





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CATEGORY 2 – Armored Personnel Carriers

CATEGORY 3 – Vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached

The Stockton Police Department has two (2) armored vehicles (one with breaching capabilities). These vehicles are used for emergency operations and provide both officers and the public with a level of ballistic protecting during critical incidents and rescues.

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Category 3 – Vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached

Assembly Bill 481 Category 3 reporting requirements - 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.



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Category 5 – Command and control vehicles

Assembly Bill 481 Category 5 reporting requirements - Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.



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CATEGORY 5 – Command and Control Vehicles

The Stockton Police Department has (4) command and control vehicles. Two (2) are dedicated as mobile command posts and crisis negotiation vehicles. One (1) as a tactical command post for emergency response and one (1) as a command vehicle for our Explosive Ordinance Disposal team.

Category 12 – Flashbangs, explosive breaching, tear gas, pepper balls

Assembly Bill 481 Category 12 reporting requirements - "Flashbang" diversionary devices, explosive breaching tools, "tear gas" and "pepper balls", excluding handheld pepper spray.



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CATEGORY 10 – Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than 50 caliber

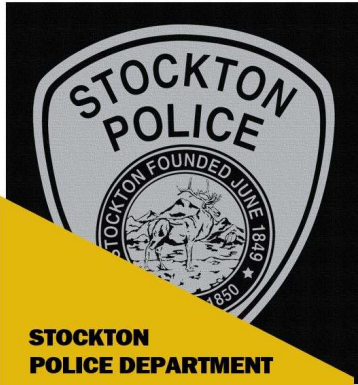
CATEGORY 12 – Flashbangs, explosive breaching, tear gas, pepper balls

CATEGORY 14 – Kinetic energy weapons and munitions

The Stockton Police Department utilizes a variety of tools and equipment to safely response to rapidly evolving critical incidents with the goal of a peaceful resolutions and safety for all parties involved. These tools and equipment consists of, but not limited, to less lethal munitions (bean bag rounds, 40 mm sponge rounds, tasers, etc.), patrol rifles, precision rifles, flashbangs and chemical munitions. These tools are industry standard and commonly used by law enforcement across the nation. They provide capabilities and options while prioritizing the sanctity of life.



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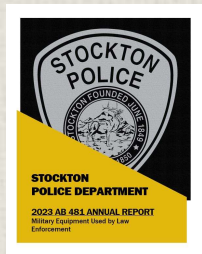
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Military Equipment Used by Law
Enforcement

The Stockton Police Department has established itself as a forward-thinking agency that continually seeks to enhance the safety and effectiveness of our police services through the adoption of cutting-edge equipment.

Recognizing the dynamic nature of law enforcement, we proactively explore and invest in innovative tools and technologies. This commitment to staying updated with the latest advancements enables our officers to respond to a diverse range of situations with **heightened efficiency and minimized risk**.

By investing in state-of-the-art equipment, from advanced communication systems to specialized tactical gear, the department showcases its dedication to ensuring the highest level of safety for both its officers and our community.

This proactive pursuit of new equipment underscores the Stockton Police Department's unwavering dedication to upholding public safety through the integration of modern resources.



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Anticipated Acquisitions

The Stockton Police Department is anticipating acquiring a MRAP (Armored rescue vehicle for emergency operations) in the near future. The initial cost will be free through the 1033 program and the fiscal impact would be yearly maintenance.



The Stockton Police Department plans to acquire a LRAD (Long Range Acoustic Device) in 2023 through the 1033 program. The initial purchase should be free and the fiscal impact would be yearly maintenance. The LRAD is a specialized loudspeaker used for communicating at a distance, negotiations with barricaded suspects, mass notifications and natural emergencies.



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APPROVAL NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

- Authorize Stockton Police Department (SPD) to continue the use of military equipment as defined by Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) and City Ordinance 2022-04-05-1601.
- Approve 2023 Intended Acquisitions, as outlined in the 2023 AB 481 Annual Report, published July 31, 2023

THANK YOU

Stockton Police Department

