

# Monterey County Sheriff's Office

Military Equipment Use Policy

May 2022



# AB 481

- Assembly Bill 481 was authored to address the funding, acquisition and use of military equipment by law enforcement.
- It requires the Sheriff's Office to obtain the approval of this Board of its military equipment use policy through adoption of the policy by ordinance.



# AB 481

- The Sheriff's Policy must be posted on its website for 30 days prior to introduction and adoption of the ordinance.
- AB 481 also requires the Sheriff's Office to submit annual reports to this Board regarding the use of the equipment, any complaints received, and other similar information.



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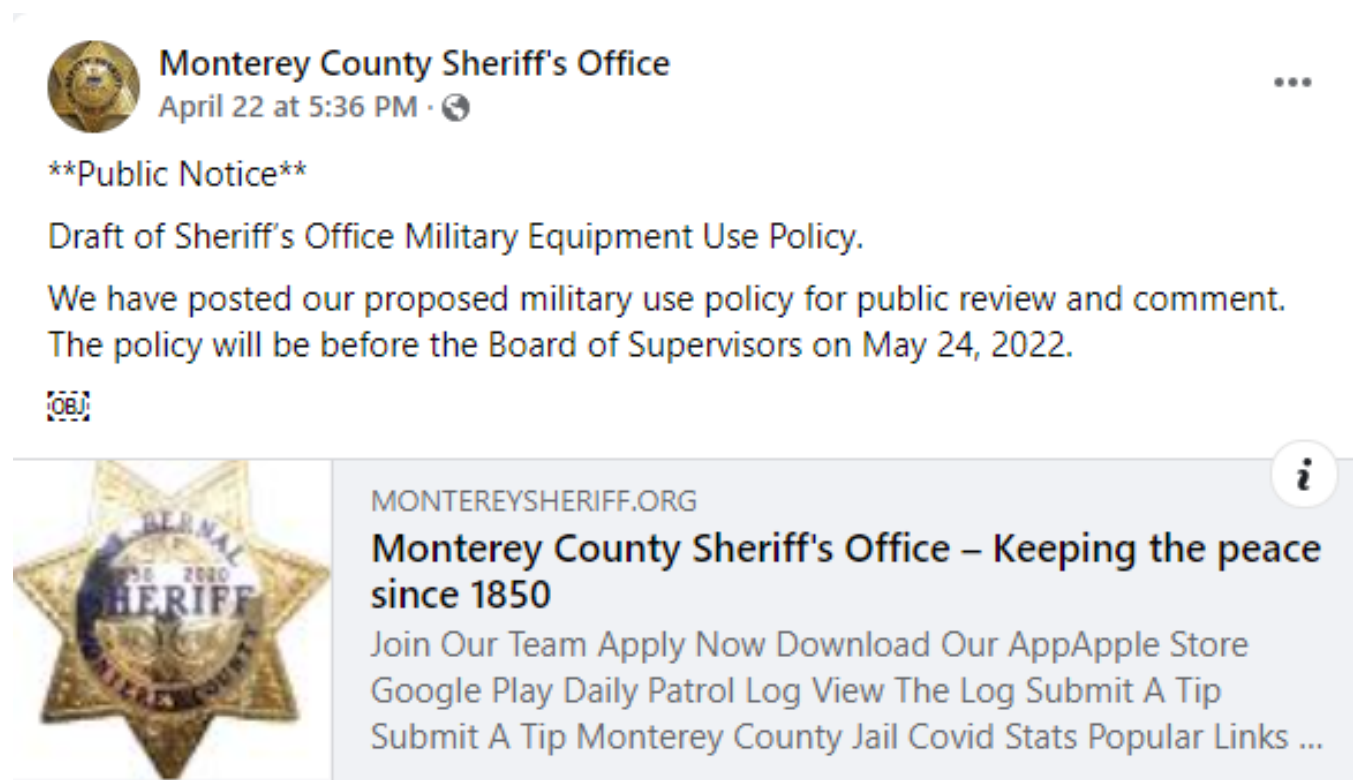
The governing body shall only approve a military equipment use policy pursuant to this chapter if it determines all of the following:

- (A) The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
- (B) The proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- (C) If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
- (D) Prior military equipment use complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.




# Draft Policy

- Posted on Sheriff's Website for public review
- Posted on Sheriff's Social media on April 22, 2022, for review and comment.




A screenshot of a Facebook post from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. The post is dated April 22 at 5:36 PM and is public. The text of the post reads: "\*\*Public Notice\*\*  
Draft of Sheriff's Office Military Equipment Use Policy.  
We have posted our proposed military use policy for public review and comment.  
The policy will be before the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2022." Below the text is a broken image icon. At the bottom of the post is a navigation bar with the website URL MONTEREYSHERIFF.ORG, the text "Monterey County Sheriff's Office – Keeping the peace since 1850", and a list of links: "Join Our Team Apply Now Download Our App Apple Store Google Play Daily Patrol Log View The Log Submit A Tip Submit A Tip Monterey County Jail Covid Stats Popular Links ...".


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# Equipment Covered in Policy

- Drones
- Vehicles
- Breaching Explosives
- Non-deadly launchers and munitions
- SWAT Rifles



# Drones and Robots

- Currently have 11 drones
- Used by:
  - Patrol
  - Search and Rescue
  - SWAT
  - Bomb Squad
- Future purchase of fixed wing drone.
  - No additional county funding



# Vehicles

- Currently have 8 vehicles
- MRAP- 1
  - SWAT
  - Community Services
- HUMVEE -5
  - Patrol
  - Community Services
  - SWAT
- Pick-Ups -2
  - Professional Staff
- Command Control Vehicle
  - Future purchase, not seeking additional county funding





# Breaching Explosives

- Used by
  - Bomb Squad
  - SWAT



# Distraction Devices / Chemical Agents / Non-Deadly Munitions

- Currently use
  - 40mm launchers and rounds
  - Noise and light distraction devices
  - FN303
  - 12-gauge Supersock Rounds



# SWAT Rifles

- Currently have Colt M-4
  - SWAT Deputies



# Controlling Polices

- Lexipol 208 – Training
- Lexipol 300 – Use of Force
- Lexipol 312 – Firearms
- Lexipol 316 – Deputy Response to Calls
- Lexipol 408 – Crisis Response Unit (SWAT)
- Lexipol 416 – Response to Bomb Calls
- Lexipol 613 – Unmanned Aerial System Operations
- Lexipol 1020 – Personnel Complaints
- Lexipol 709 – Military Equipment Use Policy (DRAFT)



# Questions or Complaints Regarding Equipment

- Lexipol 1020 – Personnel Complaints governs responding to complaints received from the community.



# Annual Report

- Annual Report will be submitted to the Board in May 2023 and published on Sheriff's website and social media sites.



# Questions?

