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2023 Military Equipment Annual Report (GC§ 7072)

INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 2021, California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) was signed into law. California Government Code §§ 7070, 7071, and 7072 codify the requirements established by AB 481 for law enforcement's acquisition, use, and funding of "military equipment."

In enacting AB 481, the Legislature stated the public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment by state or local government officials to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight. The same applies to the public's right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment.

The bill required law enforcement agencies that seek to continue the use of military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022, to receive approval from their governing body prior to May 1, 2022. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 5377 – Military Equipment. The policy and inventory list are located on the Monterey County website – www.co.monterey.ca.us.

California Government Code § 7072 requires law enforcement agencies to prepare annually, a Military Equipment Report. The annual Military Equipment Report is required to contain the following.

- 1) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use;
- 2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment;
- 3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response;
- 4) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report;

- 5) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment; and
- 6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

This annual Military Equipment Report satisfies the reporting requirements outlined in California Government Code § 7072.

USE AND PURPOSE SUMMARY

Patrol Rifle was used for training in January 2023.

COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS

A complaint, concern or question related to Military Equipment utilization by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation can be made through any of the below listed methods:

By phone: (831) 755-5070

By mail: Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation;
Attention: Military Equipment Use Coordinator; 142 W. Alisal Street, Suite A,
Salinas, CA 93901

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation did not receive any complaints from the public regarding the use of military equipment.

INTERNAL AUDIT(S), VIOLATION(S), AND ACTION(S)

Annual inventory and audits regarding the use of Military Equipment are coordinated by the Military Equipment Coordinator. There were no violations noted and the items on the Military Use Report are being used within policy and in accordance with all laws.

ANNUAL COSTS

No Cost

QUANTITY IN POSSESSION

Currently have 1 drone and is a consumer-level, publicly available device.

Currently have 10 Colt M4 Rifles.

ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR 2023

None.