



# County of Monterey

**Item No.24**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481. AB 481 addresses the funding, acquisition, and use of items lawmakers deemed to be considered "military equipment." This bill requires law enforcement agencies, including the Office of the Sheriff, "to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, by adoption of a military equipment use policy, as specified, by ordinance at a regular meeting held pursuant to specified open meeting laws, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined." The attached ordinance establishes a military equipment use policy by adding the attached "Military Equipment" policy to the Office of the Sheriff's Policy Manual. No changes have been made to the policy since the last reporting in 2022.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Not applicable.

### FINANCING:

The cost of any military equipment is allocated with the Sheriff's Office budget.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

☐ Economic Development

☐ Administration

☐ Health & Human Services  
☐ Infrastructure  
☒ Public Safety

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Attachments:

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Attachment A\_Draft Ordinance

Attachment B\_Military Equipment Use Policy

Attachment C\_2022 Military Equipment Annual Report