Military Equipment Use Policy & Summary CY 2024

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Assembly Bill 481

Authored to address the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff's Office required to obtain approval by the Board of Supervisors, through adoption of the military equipment use policy through ordinance.

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Sheriff's MEU Policy must be posted on our website for 30 days prior to introduction and adoption of the ordinance.

Sheriff's Office required to submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors which includes summaries of:

- How equipment was used/the purpose
- Any complaints/concerns received
- Annual costs
- Quantities Sought
- Other items

Qualifying Equipment

- Drones/remotely piloted vehicles
- Vehicles (various categories)
- Explosive breaching apparatus
- Non-deadly launchers & munitions
- Specialized firearms/Rifles

Drones

- Currently have 10 units
- Uses:
  - Patrol
  - Search & Rescue
  - Tactical Response
  - Bomb Squad

Vehicles

Photo by Chris Morrison

Currently have 9 units:

- (1) MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle)
  - Flood response / High water rescue
  - Tactical response
- (5) Humvee Patrol
  - Patrol
  - Flood/High water rescue
- (2) Pickup Truck
  - Professional staff/Corrections
- (1) Bearcat Armored Carrier
  - Tactical response
- (1) Mobile Command Post vehicle
  - Obtained in 2024

Munitions & Launchers

- Distraction Devices
  - Noise & Light (“Flashbang”)
- Chemical Agents
  - OC (pepper spray)
- Launchers
  - 40mm
  - 12-gauge “bean bag” rounds
  - FN303

Breaching Explosives

- A thin plastic tube filled with fast-burning explosive material
- Bomb Squad Use
  - Training
  - Safe destruction of suspicious devices
  - Precision demolition
  - Tactical Breaches

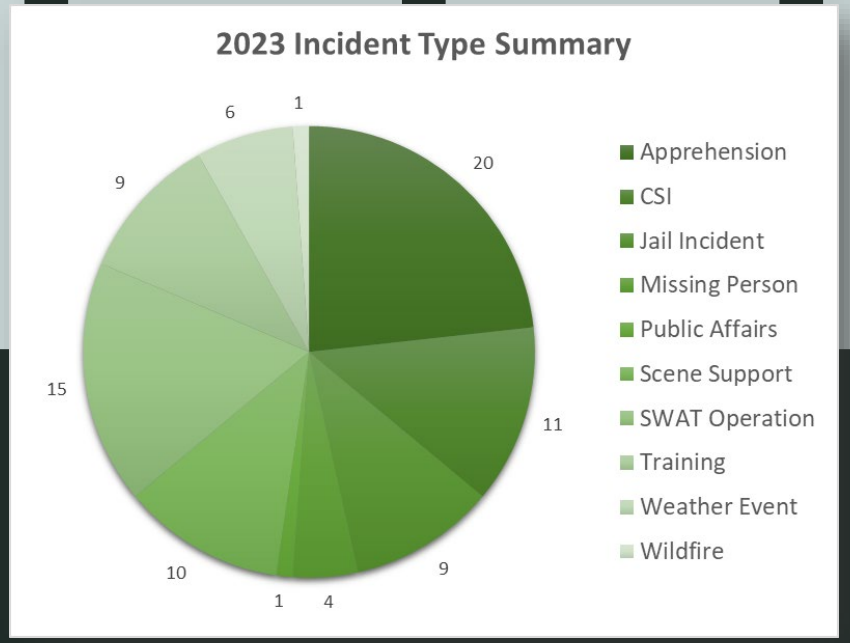
Rifles

- Patrol
  - Model: Colt M-4
- Tactical Response/SWAT
  - Model: Colt 6490
- 5.56 Caliber Ammunition

Equipment Utilization – 2023

- Deployment of any military equipment is documented
- 86 deployments were recorded for 2023
- Deployments occurred in all areas of the county, including 3 assists provided to neighboring counties

Apprehension (20)	SWAT Ops (15)	Crime Scene Investigation (11)	Scene Support (10)
• Searching for persons during an active law enforcement activity	• Includes specialized rifles, drones, and specific munitions	• Used to capture ariel views of locations	• Scene observation • Tactical Planning

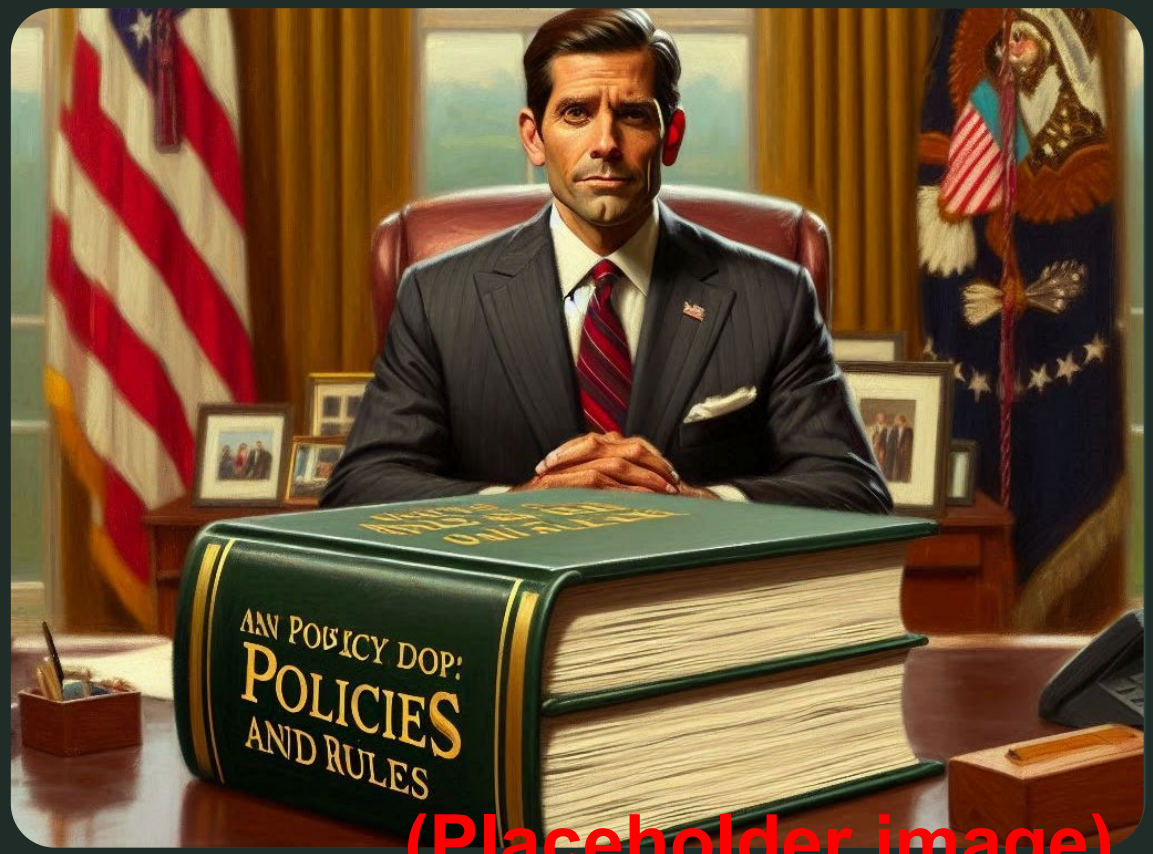


Equipment Acquisition Plans

- (1) “Rook” armored vehicle
  - Grant funding for purchase cost
- (1) AMG HMMWV (Humvee)
  - No cost to obtain
  - Obtained December 2023
- (x) Drones identical or similar to existing equipment
- Command & Control Vehicle
  - Obtained in 2024, funded by donation

Controlling Lexipol Policies

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



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Complaint or Concern Process

- Lexipol policy #1020 – Personnel Complaints governs response to complaints received from the community
- Policy #709 – Military Equipment governs questions or concerns related to use of military equipment
- Complaints handled in same manner as other citizen complaints

2024 MILITARY EQUIPMENT ANNUAL REPORT (GC §7072)

Annual Report

- 2024 Annual Report for CY2023 will be submitted to the Board
- Report is also published on the Sheriff's website and social media accounts

Thank You

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