

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF

MILITARY EQUIPMENT ANNUAL REPORT (2022)

BACKGROUND

On May 17, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) specialized ("military") equipment policy and inventory list. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481 and Government Code §7072(a), an annual report is required for as long as the equipment is available for use by SBSO. The following summary outlines use of this specialized equipment in 2022:

EQUIPMENT USE SUMMARY¹

1. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

- The Brinc Lemur drone was used during one (1) operation.²
- Search & Rescue (SAR) used the DJI Matrice drones during 10 operational hours.

2. Bomb Robots

- The Remotec robot was used on one (1) operation.

3. Tactical Robots

- There were no operational uses of the Transcend robot and/or Recon Scout robots.

4. Armored Vehicles

- The Bearcats were used on five (5) operations.
- There were no operational uses of the MRAP.

5. Emergency Command Post Trailer

- The trailer was used on two (2) operations.

6. Command Vehicle

- The command vehicle was used on five (5) operations.

7. .50 Caliber Rifles

- There were no operational uses of the .50 caliber rifles.

8. Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) vehicle

- The CNT vehicle was used on six (6) operations.

¹ Government Code §7072(a)(l)

² Operation as defined in this report means utilized during call for service or specialty team activation due to a critical incident or emergency. It does not include training.

9. Explosive Breaching

- An explosive breach was used on one (1) operation.

10. Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

- There were no operational uses of the LRAD.

11. Water Monitor

- There were no operational uses of the water monitor.

12. 40mm Launchers

- The 40mm launcher was used on four (4) use of force³ incidents.

13. Chemical Agents

- There were no operational uses of chemical agents.

14. PepperBall

- The PepperBall launcher was used on 14 use of force incidents.

15. Less Lethal Shotgun

- The less lethal shotgun was used on one (1) use of force incident.

16. Distraction Devices

- Distraction devices were used on two (2) operations.

17. Launching Cup

- There were no operational uses of the launching cup.

18. Rifles

- There were no use of force incidents utilizing rifles.

SUMMARY

- There were no complaints or concerns received concerning this equipment.⁴
- There were no reported violations of Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office Policy §707 – Military Equipment.⁵
- Costs associated with this equipment are outlined in Lexipol Policy §707.4 - Military Equipment Inventory and incorporated here by reference.⁶

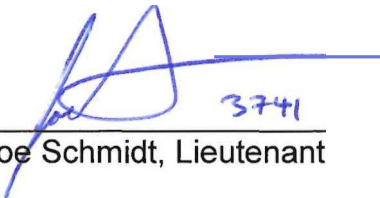
³ Use of force as defined in this report means the equipment was deployed to de-escalate self-destructive, dangerous, combative individuals, or incidences of violent criminal behavior.

⁴ Government Code §7072(a)(2)

⁵ Government Code §7072(a)(3)

⁶ Government Code §7072(a)(4)

- Quantities of this equipment are outlined in Lexipol Policy §707.4 - Military Equipment Inventory and incorporated here by reference.⁷
- The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office intends to maintain sufficient stock of certain military equipment to maintain training standards and operational readiness. The agency will routinely order replacement stock to maintain the levels of equipment enumerated in Lexipol §707.10 - Military Equipment Inventory.⁸



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⁷ Government Code §7072(a)(5)

⁸ Government Code §7072(a)(6)