

UC San Diego Police Department Annual Report 2024 Military Equipment

UC San Diego Police Department Policy #706 "Military Equipment" requires an annual report to be submitted to the Regents on an annual basis and posted on the police department website for as long as the equipment is in use.

ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body of each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the Department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in the Department inventory (Government Code § 7072).

The annual military equipment report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

- (a) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.*
- (b) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning military equipment.*
- (c) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.*
- (d) The total annual cost of 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.*
- (e) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.*
- (f) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.*

A. How Used and Purpose of Use

UC San Diego Police used (330) 40mm eXact Impact munitions for forty (40) personnel attending 40mm training and to zero the electronic sights of the 40mm launchers.

B. Complaints or Concerns

UC San Diego Police received no complaints or concerns during the fiscal year regarding the purchase or use of military equipment or the military equipment policy.

C. Internal Audits

An equipment audit was conducted as part of IACLEA and there were no violations of the policy found.

D. Total Costs and Funding Source

UC San Diego Police Department purchased 5,000 rounds of 5.56 patrol rifle ammunition at a cost of \$2,994.50 during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The funds came from the police department's annual budget.

E. Quantity

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, (8) Defense Technology 40mm launchers and (400) Def-Tec eXact Impact Munitions were purchased. Due to supply chain problems, only (1) launcher arrived during that fiscal year. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the remaining (7) launchers and (400) munitions were received. (330) Def-Tec eXact Impact Munitions were used for training.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, (10) LMT 5.56 patrol rifles that were previously out of service and marked for trade-in were put back into service due to an increase in staffing. During this same time period, (1) Colt 5.56 patrol rifle was acquired as a gift from a former officer. That rifle has not been put into service.

See attached spreadsheet for all totals.

F. Request for New Military Equipment

No new requests have been made for new military equipment in fiscal year 2023-2024.

Assembly Bill 481 (AB481), law enforcement and state agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition and use was approved by the Governor and Chaptered into law in September 2021.

Under the current law enacted by AB481 (Government Code Section 7070(c)10), law enforcement agencies are required to *include “Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.”*

Assembly Bill 1486 (AB1486) is currently moving through the legislative process. One of the proposed changes is to GC 7070(c)10. The proposed change would require law enforcement agencies to include in their military equipment policies specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.

As used in this paragraph, a “standard issue service weapon” means a firearm, other than an assault weapon defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, that is of the type normally issued to, carried, or transported by a peace officer in the course of routine patrol activities.

This change, if this legislation is approved, would require law enforcement agencies to add their patrol rifles and ammunition to the list of military equipment, even if they are considered a “standard issue service weapon.”

Ahead of this legislation, UC San Diego Police Department is identifying to the Regents and including in their military equipment policy its patrol rifles and ammunition.

CATEGORY 10 – SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION OF LESS THAN .50 CALIBER, INCLUDING ASSAULT WEAPONS OR GREATER, EXCLUDING STANDARD-ISSUE SHOTGUNS AND STANDARD-ISSUE SHOTGUN AMMUNITION

Type: Ruger AR 5.56 Patrol Rifle (Model # 08500)

Quantity: 50

Type: LMT AR 5.56 Patrol Rifle

Quantity: 10

Type: Colt AR 5.56 Patrol Rifle

Quantity: 1

Cost: Approximately \$1,000 each (annual maintenance is estimated to be \$0 to \$25).

Lifespan: 20 years

Capability: Rifles outperform handguns providing a higher degree of accuracy over longer distances. The rifle round will also penetrate soft-body armor.

Description: The AR-556 rifle is a gas impingement driven box magazine fed, autoloading rifle. The mechanism utilizes the gas from the firing of the round to drive the bolt carrier rearward and rotate a bolt that locks into the barrel. The AR-556® rifle can be field stripped without the use of tools and breaks down into basic subassemblies. The safety, located above the trigger on the left side of the lower receiver, blocks the trigger and permits the bolt carrier to be cycled with the safety in the on or "SAFE" position. A bolt catch mechanism is provided for convenience in holding the bolt open for loading and inspection. The firing pin is retracted mechanically as the bolt starts to unlock and the rifle will fire only when the bolt is locked.

Purpose: Officers may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include but are not limited to:

- a. Situations where the member reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.
- b. When a member is faced with a situation that may require accurate and effective fire at long range.
- c. Situations where a member reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- d. When a member reasonably believes that there may be a need to fire on a barricaded person or a person with a hostage.
- e. When a member reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- f. When authorized or requested by a supervisor.
- g. When needed to euthanize an animal.

Legal: California Penal Code 30625 Sections 30600, 30605, and 30610 do not apply to the sale of an assault weapon or .50 BMG rifle to, or the purchase, importation, or possession of an assault weapon or a .50 BMG rifle by, the Department of Justice, police departments, sheriffs' offices, marshals' offices, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, district attorneys' offices, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Parks and Recreation, or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, or any federal law enforcement agency for use in the discharge of their official duties.

Training: Officers must complete the POST Certified 16-hour course before they can be assigned a patrol rifle. They must also qualify with the rifle twice a year.

AMMUNITION

Type: 5.56

Quantity: 10,800

Cost: Approximately \$600 per 1,000.

Lifespan: 2 years

Capability: Consistent penetration and expansion through common barriers.

Manufacturer Description: Speer Ammunition bullets are built using Speer's exclusive Uni-Cor® method. The jacket is bonded to the core one atom at a time, virtually eliminating core-jacket separation and creating a projectile that's accurate, tough and consistent through all common barriers.

- Self-defense rifle loads optimized for peak FBI protocol performance though barrels shorter than 16 inches
- Consistent penetration and expansion through common barriers
- Extremely uniform jacket maximizes accuracy
- Gold Dot technology virtually eliminates core-jacket separation
- Nickel-plated brass
- Reliable, sensitive CCI® primer

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Training: After completing a patrol rifle course (16-hours), officers qualify 2x a year firing approximately 300 rounds total each year.