To: Darren Arakawa, Chief of Police
From: Sam Brown, Lieutenant
Date: Friday, December 23, 2022
Re: Military Equipment Annual Report

Summary:

AB 481 was authored by Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco) to address the funding, acquisition, and use of Military Equipment by law enforcement agencies. The Assembly Bill creates more transparency, oversight, and accountability in the use and acquisition of police equipment which qualifies by definition as Military Equipment. On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 481 into law. From AB 481, Government Code 7071 was adopted which stated that the South Gate Police Department must adopt a Military Equipment Policy and have it approved by the City Council. The South Gate Police Department’s Military Equipment Policy 709 was adopted by City Council on May 10, 2022. Per Government Code 7072 an annual report on military equipment must be made available to the public.

2022 Military Equipment Annual Report:

The following are summaries of the deployments of military equipment during the 2022 calendar year:

On 06/07/22, a grand theft occurred at ULTA Beauty, where the suspects ran out of the store with stolen merchandise into an awaiting vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle which failed to yield to the officers. The vehicle eventually stopped, and a high-risk stop was conducted. One suspect failed to obey the officers’ commands and reached for their waistband. A 40MM exact impact sponge round was deployed, and the suspect was arrested. Report # 22-05374.

On 07/07/22, a group of subjects burglarized ULTA Beauty and attempted to get away in a vehicle. The vehicle was located by officers. At Firestone Boulevard and Garfield Avenue, one of the suspects exited the suspect vehicle and hid in a nearby business. When located, the suspect refused to comply with officers’ commands and continued hiding. Officers used a K9 to apprehend the suspect. An officer deployed a 40MM exact impact sponge round as the suspect resisted during the arrest. Report # 22-06408.
On 08/04/22, officers responded to the 9500 block of Otis Street on a call of a man who threatened his neighbor with a knife. Upon contact, the suspect barricaded himself in the residence. The SWAT team was requested and arrived in the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protectant (MRAP). The MRAP was positioned in front of the residence to provide ballistic protection to officers. Surrounding neighbors were evacuated. After several attempts by crisis negotiators to get the suspect to come out, noise-light diversionary devices were deployed outside of the residence and chemical agents (CS gas) were introduced inside. After some time, the suspect came out and surrendered to police officers. Report # 22-07413

On 08/25/22, at the end of a Bell Gardens Police Department (BGPD) vehicle pursuit, the suspect barricaded himself inside the vehicle, BGPD requested assistance from South Gate PD. The MRAP was taken out to provide officers with ballistic cover while blocking the suspect vehicle from leaving. The suspect was eventually arrested by BGPD.

On 08/31/22, officers responded to 10000 block of Annetta Ave regarding the suspect threatening the victim with a knife. Upon officers’ arrival, the suspect failed to comply with the officers’ orders and posed as a threat. A drag-stabilized 12-gauge bean bag round was deployed, and the suspect was arrested. Report # 22-08356

On 10/13/22, officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of Tweedy Boulevard, regarding a call of a man who was under the influence of drugs, who hit his mother, and threatened family members with a knife. The SWAT team was requested. To provide safety to officers, the MRAP was deployed and positioned in front of the residence. After several attempts from crisis negotiators to get compliance from the suspect, the suspect walked out of the residence, however, he was not complying with the officer’s commands. At one point the suspect reached towards his waistband and was hit with a 40mm exact impact sponge round. The suspect was arrested. Report # 22-09820

On 10/17/22, officers were dispatched to the 10000 block of West Frontage Road on a call of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the victim who had been shot several times by the suspect. Officers obtained information that the suspect was hiding in a nearby property. The SWAT team responded. Before approaching the location, a drone was used to surveil the perimeter of the property. Officers arrived in the MRAP and positioned it in front of the location. Officers checked the property with negative results. Report# 22-09934

On 10/17/22, officers were dispatched to the 10400 block of Capistrano Avenue, on a call of a suicidal man firing firearms inside his residence. Upon arrival, the SWAT team was requested, to provide ballistic safety and cover to officers, the MRAP was positioned in front of the residence. The SWAT team was requested to assist. Surrounding neighbors were evacuated. The suspect came out and was holding an object in his hand yelling at officers to shoot him. Officers deployed a taser and a drag-stabilized 12-gauge bean bag round on the suspect. The suspect was arrested, and his firearms seized. Report # 22-09935
On 11/18/22, officers were dispatched to the 10400 block San Miguel Avenue on a call of an assault with a deadly weapon and parental abduction. The SWAT team was requested. The MRAP was positioned in front of the residence to provide ballistic protection to responding officers. After failed attempts by crisis negotiators to contact the suspect, noise-light diversionary devices were deployed. The SWAT team entered the location and found that the suspect had left the location with the child. The child was eventually located. The suspect is outstanding. Crime Report# 22-10990

The South Gate Police Department did not receive any formal complaints or concerns regarding the deployment of any military equipment in the 2022 calendar year.

The South Gate Police Department did not have any violations of the Military Equipment Policy 709, for the 2022 calendar year.

The following are the expenditures for the 2022 calendar year for military equipment:

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The following are the quantities of military equipment possessed by the South Gate Police Department at the end of the 2022 calendar:

- Quantity: 1 MRAP Armored Vehicle (International Chassis)
- Quantity: 1 iRobot Sam Gripper
- Quantity: 8 Defense Technology 40MM Single Shot Launcher
- Quantity: 95 Defense Technology 40MM Exact Impact Sponge
- Quantity: 25 Defense Technology 40MM Direct Impact OC
- Quantity: 25 Defense Technology 40MM Direct Impact CS
- Quantity: 69 Defense Technology 40MM CS Ferret Round
- Quantity: 30 Remington 870 Less Lethal Shotguns
- Quantity: 500 Defense Technology drag stabilized 12-gauge bean bag round
- Quantity: 9 Defense Technology noise-light diversionary device bodies and 58 reloads
- Quantity: 54 Heckler and Koch 416 patrol rifles
• Quantity: 10 Sig Sauer MCX
• Quantity: 10 Sig Sauer suppressors
• Quantity: 0 Heckler and Koch MP5 (8 Heckler and Koch MP5’s were removed and destroyed from inventory)
  • Quantity: (6,000 to 15,000) 223 Caliber/5.56 Winchester Ranger T-Series 64 gr.
  • Quantity: (7,000 to 15,000) 9mm Luger Winchester Ranger T-Series 147 gr.
  • Quantity: (4,000 to 10,000) .40 Smith and Wesson Winchester Ranger T-Series 180gr.
  • Quantity: (3,000 to 8,000) .45 Automatic Winchester T-Series 230gr.
• Quantity: 26 Defense Technology Spede-heat CS
• Quantity: 14 Defense Technology Flameless Tri-Chamber CS
• Quantity: 10 Defense Technology Flameless Tri-Chamber OC grenade
• Quantity: 19 Defense Technology OC Vapor Aerosol Grenade
• Quantity: 2 DJI Mavic 3 Cine Combo Drones

The South Gate Police Department tentatively plans on buying the following military equipment for the 2023 calendar year:

• (10) Sig Sauer MCX patrol rifles with suppressors
• (10) Sig Sauer MPX submachine gun with suppressors
• (20) 40MM Defense Technology exact impact rounds
• (10) 40MM Defense Technology direct impact CS rounds
• (10) 40MM Defense Technology CS ferret rounds
• (50) Defense Technology drag stabilized 12-gauge bean bag round
• (10) Defense Technology noise-light diversionary device bodies and (30) reloads
• (10,000 rounds) Duty Ammunition
• (60,000 rounds) Training Ammunition
• (2) Loki MK2 combo indoor drones