



# ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RPD'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY


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## LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- Ca Governor signed AB 481 in September 2021, became effective January 1, 2022.
- Classifies certain Law Enforcement Equipment as “Military Equipment,” requiring City Council oversight.
- Doesn't matter whether equipment was ever used by the US Military or acquired from the Federal Government.



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## LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- AB 481 requires an initial public hearing to receive community input, and to adopt the Police Department's military equipment policy by an ordinance before acquiring new or continuing to use previously-acquired equipment.
- Each year thereafter, the policy must be reviewed and re-approved by the City Council in a Public Hearing.



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## BACKGROUND

- On April 26, 2022, City Council called a hearing and introduced Ordinance 7586 adding Chapter 2.70 to the RMC related to adoption of RPD Military Equipment Policy in accordance with AB 481 and CA Gov. Code Sections 7070 through 7075
- On May 10, 2022, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 7586
- On August 15, 2023, City Council called a hearing for the first annual review of the RPD Military Equipment Policy which was approved at the close of the hearing



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## RPD MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY 705

- Military Equipment Policy: governs the use of equipment described in CA Government Code 7070, such as:
  - Aerial drones
  - Less-lethal weapon systems
  - Mobile command posts
  - Bomb-disposal robots
  - Search and rescue equipment
- Military Equipment Policy has not changed since approval with the exception of updates to the fiscal impact



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## EQUIPMENT PURPOSE

- Preserve human life
- Search and rescue operations
- Rapid response to critical incidents
- High-risk apprehensions
- Hostage and victim rescue
- Safe and effective de-escalation tactics
- Less lethal use of force options
- Reduced likelihood of injury or death to officers/ public.



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## RPD MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY 705

### Military Equipment Annual Report per RMC Chapter 2.70

- ✓ Summary of equipment purpose and use can be found in Policy Attachment A: Military Equipment Inventory
- ✓ Department received no complaints or concerns regarding Military Equipment
- ✓ Department observed no violations of Military Equipment Policy
- ✓ FY 23-24 costs can be found in Policy Attachments B: Military Equipment Fiscal Impact
- ✓ FY24-25 costs, if any, will be funded with existing Department budget
- ✓ Equipment quantities can be found in Policy Attachment B: Military Equipment Fiscal Impact
- ✓ RPD does not intend to acquire additional Military Equipment at this time



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## RPD MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY 705

The following can be found on the City of Riverside Website as required by AB 481:

- Riverside Police Department Policy 705
- Riverside Police Department Military Equipment Inventory
- Riverside Police Department Military Equipment Fiscal Impact

<https://www.riversideca.gov/rpd/military-equipment>



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That City Council:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to review the Riverside Police Department Military Equipment Policy;
2. Approve the Riverside Police Department Military Equipment Policy for the approval, acquisition, deployment, and reporting requirements for specialized law enforcement equipment classified under the California Government Code as "military equipment" at the close of the public hearing; and
3. Authorize the Department to send a copy of the Riverside Police Department Military Equipment Policy to the Governor's Office in accordance with Assembly Bill 481.



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