



**OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**



2026 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT

DATE: April 21, 2026
TO: San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report, determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d), and make all determinations required by Assembly Bill 481, subject to the provisions of section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances. Review and renew Ordinance 10789.

BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). Codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075, AB 481 requires the governing body of a law enforcement agency approve a military equipment use policy for such equipment to be requested, acquired, or deployed by the agency.

On May 10, 2022 (1), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the San Diego County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy under Article LXIV Section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Ordinance 10789).

Additionally, Government Code 7072 requires law enforcement agencies present an Annual Military Equipment Report to their governing body detailing the use, complaints or concerns, results of any internal audits, annual costs, quantity possessed by the agency, and intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

DETAILS

Use of Military Equipment

- Colt AR-15 rifles were deployed while executing search warrants, arrest warrants, and during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- Miscellaneous firearms of various calibers, makes, and models which qualify as "assault weapons" under CA law were displayed during firearms education courses for District Attorney personnel to enhance their understanding of firearm operation and capabilities in support of firearms related prosecutions.
- Pepper ball launchers and pepper balls were deployed during the execution of search and arrest warrants and used during the training of law enforcement personnel.



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- 12 Gauge Less Lethal Impact Munitions Launchers (bean bag shotguns) were deployed during the execution of search and arrest warrants and used during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise drone was deployed during the execution of search and arrest warrants, aerial photographs, and during the training of law enforcement personnel.
- DJI Avata drone was deployed during the execution of search and arrest warrants, and during the training of law enforcement personnel.

Complaints or Concerns

A review of department records revealed no complaints or concerns raised regarding the use of the Bureau's military equipment within the past year.

Internal Audit

An internal audit determined there were no violations of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy, or any other Bureau policy related to the acquisition or deployment of the Bureau's military equipment.

Quantity Possessed and Annual Costs

Item	Quantity	Annual Costs	Notes
Colt AR-15 Rifle (.223/5.56)	56	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0-\$500 per firearm every 2 years	
Miscellaneous firearms of various calibers, makes, and models which qualify as "assault weapons" under CA law.	43	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only used for training purposes. • (13) are dedicated for Simunition training and not capable of firing live ammunition.
Tippman FT-12 Pepper Ball Launcher	4	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: \$0	
Pepper Ball LIVE-X or equivalent	3 cases	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	
12 Gauge Less Lethal Impact Munitions Launcher-Remington	3	Recurring Costs: \$0 Maintenance Costs: As needed	



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DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Thermal	1	Recurring Costs: \$640 (Annual Cost for Software) Maintenance Costs: As needed	<u>Purchases FY 2025-26</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) portable battery charging station - \$499 • (6) batteries - \$1,434 • Software - \$520 Total cost \$2,453
DJI Avata	1	Recurring Costs: \$640 (Annual Cost for software) Maintenance Costs: As needed	<u>Purchases FY 2025-26</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5) batteries - \$595 • Software – \$520 Total cost \$1,115

Intent to purchase additional equipment

The San Diego County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation does not intend to purchase any additional equipment in the following year.

Public Notice

In compliance with AB 481, this report has been published, in draft form, on the San Diego County District Attorney's website at least 30 days prior to presenting this report to the Board of Supervisors. Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing this report, the San Diego County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation will hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment. This report will also be publicly available on the San Diego County District Attorney's internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use.