

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

SUBJECT: SHERIFF - ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), which is codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075. Assembly Bill 481 is intended to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight surrounding the acquisition and use of military equipment by state and local law enforcement. The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) currently owns equipment that falls under the identified categories of Government Code 7070.

On April 8, 2025 (2), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and renewed the ordinance titled "An Ordinance Adding a New Section 449 to Article XXV of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances for Approval of Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy" (Attachment B). To continue utilizing its military equipment, which is necessary to provide public safety and protect residents and businesses of San Diego County, as well as those who visit, the Sheriff's Office has reviewed its military equipment use policy and created an Annual Military Equipment Report (Attachment A) pursuant to the requirements of Government Code 7072, which requires law enforcement agencies to present an annual report to their governing body on the use of the equipment, complaints, or concerns regarding the use of the equipment, results of any internal audits on the use of the equipment, the annual costs for the equipment, the quantity possessed by the agency, and the intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

Today's request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to accept the Annual Military Equipment Report, and review and renew Ordinance 10777 relating to the military equipment use policy.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Accept the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Annual Military Equipment Report (Report) and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).
2. Review and renew the Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone's human right to life, liberty, and security of person. It is the policy of the Sheriff's Office to be transparent in the purchase and use of military equipment. Decisions regarding the use, procurement and funding of military equipment take into consideration the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and allows for public input. The Sheriff's Office also strives for equitable outcomes in our communities, which means that the law enforcement services afford our communities a chance to lower crime and improve quality of life throughout the entire jurisdiction.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By enhancing the delivery of law enforcement services, the department is furthering the County's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. By maintaining these types of equipment and having it available for the region's first responders through mutual aid agreements, the department is providing a benefit for all San Diego County residents and visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to accept the Annual Military Equipment Report, and review and renew Ordinance 10777 relating to the military equipment use ordinance governing the San Diego County Sheriff's Office's Military Equipment Use Policy. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

