

Specialized Equipment

705.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of specialized equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

705.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Specialized equipment – Means equipment that is "militaristic in nature" and is identified in Government Code Section 7071 (c) (1-15).

705.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Hemet Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to specialized equipment.

705.3 SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Operations Division Captain or their designee will act as the specialized equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the specialized equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as specialized equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all specialized equipment annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use specialized equipment within the jurisdiction of Hemet Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 - 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 - 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual specialized equipment report for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of specialized equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

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705.4 SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department: [See attachment: Hemet PD Annual AB 481 Report - 2024.pdf](#)

705.5 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the specialized equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed specialized equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the specialized equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The specialized equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting specialized equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for specialized equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring specialized equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of specialized equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing specialized equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of specialized equipment.
- (g) Acquiring specialized equipment through any means not provided above.

705.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Specialized equipment should not be used by any other law enforcement agency or member in this jurisdiction unless the specialized equipment is approved for use in accordance with this policy.

705.7 ANNUAL REPORT

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

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual specialized equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the specialized equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government

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Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of specialized equipment in department inventory.

705.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of specialized equipment.

Attachments

Hemet PD Annual AB 481 Report - 2024.pdf

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Annual Specialized Equipment Report - 2024 Assembly Bill 481

(California Government Code § 7072; Hemet Ordinance No. 38.3)



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DEFINITIONS

According to AB 481, the following definitions apply only to the department's current military equipment inventory and potential future military equipment acquisitions for operational needs. (For a more detailed list, refer to Government Code section 7070, for "military equipment" as defined within the Assembly Bill.)

"Governing body" means the Hemet City Council and Mayor.

"Military equipment" or "Specialized equipment" means the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles. This definition applies to the department's inventory of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and robots.
2. Armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this definition. This definition applies to the department's Lenco Bearcat.
3. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units. This definition applies to the department's Mobile Command Center.
4. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this definition. This definition applies to the department's inventory of breaching shotguns which are maintained by the SWAT Team and the department's sought Kinetic Breaching Tool.
5. 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 sworn members. This definition applies to the department's inventory of rifle/pistol-caliber carbines and sniper rifles.
6. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray. This definition applies to the department's inventory of flashbangs. Additionally, this definition applies to the department's inventory of various chemical agents and chemical agent delivery systems maintained by the SWAT Team. These delivery systems are capable of dispersing chemical agents via burning, expulsion, liquid, or fog.
7. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag", rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons. This definition applies to all the Department's inventory of 40 mm projectile launchers and less lethal shotguns.

8. “Military equipment” or “Specialized equipment” does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the Federal Defense Logistics Agency.

“Military equipment use policy” refers to Hemet Police Department Policy 705 which requires a publicly released, written document governing the use of military equipment by the department that addresses, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of military equipment/specialized equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the military/specialized equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the department proposes to use each type of military/specialized equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of military/specialized equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment.
4. The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.
5. The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, that must be completed before any sworn member is allowed to use each specific type of military/specialized equipment to ensure the full protection of the public’s welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the military/specialized equipment use policy.
6. The mechanisms to ensure compliance with the military/specialized equipment use policy, including which independent persons or entities have oversight authority, and, if applicable, what legally enforceable sanctions are put in place for violations of the policy.
7. The procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military/specialized equipment, and how the department will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.

PREFACE

The Hemet Police Department retains and utilizes a wide variety of equipment that falls under the definition of AB 481. This equipment is used to assist the Hemet Police Department in its ultimate mission which is the preservation of life.

The Hemet Police Department recognizes critical incidents are unpredictable and dynamic in nature. The retention of this equipment alone does not warrant its use for every incident. The equipment listed in this report assists with the safe and swift resolution of these incidents.

Policy and procedure dictate when the equipment may be deployed in the field, how it may be used, and which officers are authorized to use it. However, not all situations can be predicted. The need for the incident commander, on-scene supervisor, or officers to deploy and utilize the equipment in a manner not outlined within policy or procedure may be necessary for the preservation of life in a rapidly evolving incident.

Further, incident commanders, supervisors, officers, and specific specialized units can authorize the use of equipment for each specific incident based on the totality of the circumstances.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 30, 2021, the Governor of the State of California approved AB 481 requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of the applicable governing body by adoption of a military equipment use policy. The department is required to seek City Council approval of their military equipment use procedure by ordinance at a regular open meeting prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined.

The bill allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards. The ordinance is subject to an annual City Council review to determine whether, based on an annual military equipment report, the standards outlined in the approving ordinance have been met. The City Council may renew the authorizing ordinance, disapprove authorization for particular military equipment where standards have not been met, or require modifications to the military equipment use procedure to address any non-compliance with standards.

Finally, the bill requires the publication of the military/specialized equipment use procedure and the annual military/specialized equipment report on the department's website. The military/specialized equipment use procedure must be posted on the website at least 30 days prior to the Council meeting.

Military/specialized equipment use was recorded by the Hemet Police Department for this report from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, contemporaneous and in compliance with the timelines associated with the passage of AB 481 and corresponding City ordinance 38.3.

Summary of Use and Purpose of Use per Government Code § 7072(a)(1):

The military/specialized equipment listed in the table below was deployed operationally during the reporting period. On several occasions, multiple pieces of military equipment were deployed during the same incident. An example was for the SWAT callout to assist with a search for an armed robbery suspect on September 11, 2024, that utilized Three pieces of equipment: a command and control vehicle, an armored vehicle, unmanned aerial systems, and diversionary devices.

Military/Specialized equipment was deployed on 984 incidents during the reporting period. During that time, the department responded to 94,764 calls for service per the department's Records Management System. Military/Specialized equipment was deployed operationally on approximately 0.01038% of incidents the police department responded to.

EQUIPMENT TYPE	NUMBER OF DEPLOYMENTS
Command and Control Vehicles	13
Armored Vehicles	11
Unmanned Aerial Systems	952
Diversiónary Devices	3
Chemical Agents	0
Projectile Launcher	5

Summary of Complaints per Government Code § 7072(a)(2):

The department received no complaints regarding the use of military/specialized equipment during this reporting period.

Summary of Internal Audits or Policy Violations per Government Code § 7072(a)(3):

No policy violations were noted related to military/specialized equipment deployment internally or by citizen complaint.

Summary of Annual Cost of Military/Specialized Equipment per Government Code § 7072(a)(4): Refer to Appendix C

Quantity Possessed per Government Code § 7072(a)(5):

Refer to Appendix B

New Equipment Acquisition per Government Code § 7072(a)(6):

The department will seek to purchase the following during FY 2024-25:

- (02) Unmanned Aerial Systems
- (24) Diversiónary Devices
- (01) G3 BearCat-Waiting on build
- (02) Projectile Launchers

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Government Code § 7072 states the following:

- (a) A law enforcement agency that receives approval for a military/specialized equipment use policy according to Section 7071 shall submit to the governing body an annual military/specialized equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The law enforcement agency shall also make each annual military/specialized equipment report required by this section publicly available on its internet website for as long as the military/specialized equipment is available for use. The annual military/specialized equipment report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:
 - (1) A summary of how the military/specialized equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
 - (2) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military/specialized equipment.
 - (3) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military/specialized equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
 - (4) The total annual cost for each type of military/specialized equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military/ military/specialized equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
 - (5) The quantity possessed for each type of military/specialized equipment.
 - (6) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military/specialized equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.
- (b) Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual military/specialized equipment report according to this section, the law enforcement agency shall 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/specialized equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

In addition to maintaining the highest levels of public safety, the Hemet Police Department is committed to transparency, public trust, community partnerships, and compliance with the law. As such, the department has authored the following 2024

Annual Military Equipment Report in accordance with annual reporting requirements outlined in AB 481 and Government Code 7072.

SUMMARY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The inventory of military/specialized equipment, particularly consumable material (ammunition, diversionary devices, less lethal impact munitions, etc.) fluctuates regularly. This is based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, operational usage, operational deterioration, training, maintenance, and expiration and replenishment guidelines. The Hemet Police Department is committed to transparency in disclosing its military/specialized equipment inventory and related information to our community and elected officials in compliance with the law. The department strives to provide the most accurate military/specialized equipment inventory and information at the time of this report's publication.

The following are the various types, descriptions, and guidelines for usage of military/specialized equipment currently employed by the Hemet Police Department: (*NOTE: The manufacturer descriptions and source photos contained within are referenced via publicly accessible website source citations. The website source citations utilized in this report are for military equipment descriptive purposes only and are not an endorsement by the Hemet Police Department of a particular product or vendor.)

COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES

Description: Self-contained command posts designed to provide the Incident Commander with a mobile base of operation.

Capability: As a mobile base of operation, these vehicles contain specialized command, control, and communications equipment to assist with a variety of missions.

Usage: Command and control vehicles are to be utilized as an Incident Command Post for planned or unplanned events, natural disasters, and critical incidents, major fire scenes, and for SWAT/CNT.

Training Requirements: The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling of the vehicle on a closed training course. Once the operator has shown competence in vehicle handling, the driver/operator will drive the vehicle throughout the city with an experienced driver. Operators will possess at a minimum, a basic class C or B driver's license, based on requirements from the DMV.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: 20-year lifespan on chassis and vehicle structure. Upgrades are needed every 5-7 years to maintain IT systems.

The following page(s) detail the command and control vehicle(s) currently owned by the department.

2024 LDV Command Center

Manufacturer: Freightliner/LDV

Manufacturer Description: No description available. (Custom build)



2000 Eagle Trailer

Manufacturer: Eagle Trailer

Manufacturer Description: No description available. (Custom build)



ARMORED VEHICLES

Description: A 4x4, wheeled, armored personnel carrier capable of providing high ballistic protection, cover, limited breaching capability, and transport of officers and/or civilians at critical incidents and high-risk tactical operations.

Capability: Armored vehicles can support first responders in any hazardous, high-risk, or critical incident which would benefit from having a vehicle that provides a high level of ballistic protection.

Usage: To be used in response to critical incidents to enhance officer and community safety, improve scene containment and stabilization and assist in resolving critical incidents.

Training Requirements: The use of the armored vehicle is authorized for officers during critical incidents, based on the circumstances of each individual incident. All sworn officers have access to the armored vehicle. Armored vehicles shall be used only by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy and training. It is the policy of the Hemet Police Department to utilize armored vehicles only for law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to state and federal law.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Approximately 25 years, depending on operational usage and wear.

The following page(s) detail the armored vehicle(s) currently owned by the department.

2008 Lenco BearCat

Manufacturer: Lenco

Manufacturer Description: The BearCat provides Lenco's proven armor system in a ruggedized off-road platform. The BearCat comes standard with a heavy-duty upgraded suspension and off-road tires, rims & run flats to provide enhanced off-road performance. The increased ground clearance and robust suspension allow for emergency response in rural regions and natural disaster scenarios where standard armored SWAT vehicles would experience challenges. The BearCat vehicle has attachable metal booms that can be used for breaching structures, fences, or ramming objects during high-risk incidents, including active shooter incidents on school grounds or buildings.



(Description source: <https://www.lencoarmor.com>)

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS)

Description: An unmanned aircraft of any type that is capable of sustaining directed flight, whether pre-programmed or remotely controlled, and all the supporting or attached systems are designed for gathering information through imaging, recording, or by any other means.

Capability: UAS can support first responders in any hazardous incident which would benefit from an aerial perspective. These uses could include, daily calls for service, search and rescue, barricaded suspects or high-risk tactical operations, disaster response, and video and photographic documentation of crime scenes.

Usage: The guidelines for the use of UAS are outlined in Hemet Police Department Policy 607, FAA Certificate of Waiver or Authorization 2023-WSA-12237-COA, and FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107. It is the policy of the Hemet Police Department to utilize UAS only for law enforcement purposes, and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community according to state and federal law.

Training Requirements: All department UAV operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS operation. In addition, each operator attends ongoing monthly department training and advanced training in UAS operations.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Approximately five (5) years.

The following page(s) detail the unmanned aerial system(s) currently owned by the department.

DJI Phantom

Manufacturer: DJI

Manufacturer Description: Phantom has revolutionized the drone market with 3-axis-stabilized cameras, high-wind resistance, fingertip-accessible speed, and reliability. The Phantom 4 has evolved into myriad roles today, including mapmaking for engineers and developers, and gathering agricultural data for smart farming.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.dji.com>)

DJI Matrice 300 RTK

Manufacturer: DJI

Manufacturer Description: The Matrice 300 RTK sets a new standard for industrial drones by combining intelligence with high performance and unrivaled.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.dji.com>)

DJI Matrice 350 RTK

Manufacturer: DJI

Manufacturer Description: An upgraded flagship drone platform, the Matrice 350 RTK sets a new benchmark for the industry. This next-generation drone platform features an all-new video transmission system and control experience, a more efficient battery system, and more comprehensive safety features, as well as robust payload and expansion capabilities. It is fully powered to inject innovative strength into any aerial operation.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.dji.com>)

AUTEL EVO II

Manufacturer: Autel

Manufacturer Description: Autel EVO 2 Dual 640T thermal drone is an industry-first drone combining an infrared imaging camera with an 8K video camera. With thermal resolution up to 640x512 and an 8k sensor EVO 2 becomes a workhorse. First responders, contractors, and business owners finally have a compact and portable tool that gives them the data they have been asking for.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.autelpilot.com>)

LOKI MK2

Manufacturer: SKY-HERO

Manufacturer Description: Designed and built in conjunction with several of the world's top counter-terrorism teams, LOKI Mk2 solves all problems associated with the tactical use of commercial UAS. Purpose-built for close-quarter indoor tactical scouting missions, LOKI Mk2 features a highly sensitive Day-Night + IR sensor camera giving it the ability to fly and see in complete darkness.



(Description and photo source: <https://loki.aardvarktactical.com/>)

DJI AVATA 2

Manufacturer: DJI

Manufacturer Description: The DJI The Avata 2 is designed to be flown while wearing a headset (DJI Goggles), allowing the pilot to see the world from the drone's perspective, creating a first-person view features integrated propeller guards and a "Turtle Mode" that automatically flips the drone upright in case of a crash. Its camera has a 1/1.3-inch image sensor, enabling the capture of stunning 4K/60fps HDR videos and 4K/100fps slow-motion footage and has an 155° field of view, capturing a wide range of footage. Its max hovering time approximates 23 minutes.



(Description and photo source: <https://store.dji.com>)

RIFLES

Description: A semi-automatic shoulder-fired rifle that fires a rifle or pistol caliber cartridges. The department-approved patrol rifle is designed to fire .223/5.56, .308, or 9mm caliber projectiles.

Capability: The rifle caliber carbine provides officers the ability to engage hostile suspects at distances generally greater than the effective distance of their handguns. Additionally, patrol rifles offer advantages over handguns, such as increased accuracy and the ability to defeat soft body armor but are not appropriate for every situation.

Usage: The usage guidelines for patrol rifles are outlined in Hemet Police Department Policy 304. Only officers who have completed a POST-certified course, mandated department training, and have qualified are authorized to use a rifle.

Training Requirements: Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all officers who operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification once a year. It is the policy of the Hemet Police Department to utilize rifles only for law enforcement purposes, and according to state and federal law regarding the use of force.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Barrel life rated to approximately 15,000 rounds (5-10 years).

The following page(s) detail the rifles currently owned by the department.

Colt AR-15 A3 Tactical Carbine

Manufacturer: Colt Manufacturing LLC

Manufacturer Description: The Colt AR-15 Tactical Carbine comes equipped with a Magpul MBUS backup sight and is used as a patrol rifle with tactical accuracy by federal, state, and local agencies. The AR-15 Tactical Carbine has a 16" heavy barrel with a 1/9 twist which allows for flexibility in ammunition selection.



(Description and source photo: <https://www.colt.com>)

Colt M4 Commando

Manufacturer: Colt Manufacturing LLC

Manufacturer Description: Rapid response, maneuverability, and enhanced firepower play a major part in joint and coalition operations in modern warfare. Colt's M4 Commando® was designed to exploit firepower capability in confined spaces where lightweight mobility, speed, and violence of action rule. The Commando can be comfortably carried with its 11.5" barrel, yet be instantly available to provide the type of firepower required to overmatch combatants. Because it provides the full 5.56mm power and accuracy in a very compact sub-machine gun size weapon, the Commando is often chosen over smaller, less powerful sub-machine guns. Regardless of the application, the Colt M4 Commando provides superior qualities enabling operators to accomplish an increasingly wide range of combat missions.



(Description and source photo: <https://www.colt.com>)

Colt M16A1

Manufacturer: Colt Manufacturing LLC

Manufacturer Description: The classic M16A1 was the iconic rifle of the Vietnam War. It was issued to the vast majority of U.S. soldiers during the conflict, and its general success in combat led to its continued service in the U.S. armed forces in varied forms over the years. A virtual match to the classic design, featuring the same unique triangular handguard, 20-inch pencil-profile chrome-lined barrel with a 1:12-inch twist, and recognizable carrying handle.



(Description and source photo: <https://www.colt.com>)

LAR-15M

Manufacturer: Rock River Arms

Manufacturer Description: Lightweight, shoulder-fired, gas-operated, semi-automatic rifle.



(Description and source photo: <https://rockriverarms.com/>)

HK MP5

Manufacturer: HK

Manufacturer Description: Developed by Heckler & Koch in the mid-1960s, the 9 mm MP5 submachine gun uses the same delayed blowback operating system found on the famous HK G3 automatic rifle. Reliability, accuracy, ease of handling, simple maintenance, and safety — all the elements of HK excellence are highlighted on the MP5. Firing from the closed-bolt position in all modes of fire make MP5 submachine guns extremely accurate and controllable.



(Description and source photo: <https://hk-usa.com>)

HK G3A3

Manufacturer: HK

Manufacturer Description: Developed by Heckler & Koch in the mid-1950s, G3 is a 7.62×51mm NATO, select-fire battle rifle



(Description and source photo: <https://hk-usa.com>)

BOLT-ACTION RIFLES

Description: A rifle that is operated by directly manipulating the bolt via a bolt handle.

Capability: The bolt-action rifle provides SWAT Snipers the ability to engage hostile suspects at great distances with accuracy.

Usage: Bolt-action rifles are to be used exclusively by officers assigned to the SWAT Sniper Team. These rifles are typically deployed with the SWAT Sniper Team during high-risk SWAT operations and special events or instances wherein sniper overwatch teams are needed.

Training Requirements: SWAT Snipers must successfully complete a POST-certified SWAT school. Hemet Police Department Snipers must also complete a POST-certified sniper school and regularly train and qualify with various weapons systems, including the bolt-action rifle, to maintain proficiency.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: No lifespan indicated by the manufacturer. Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear. Barrel life is rated to be approximately 5-10 years.

The following page(s) detail the bolt-action rifles currently owned by the department.

Accuracy International .308 Bolt-Action Rifle

Manufacturer: Accuracy International

Manufacturer Description: A bolt-action, high accuracy, long-range, scoped rifle that fires a .308 caliber round with precision used by SWAT snipers. Fixed Stock, 24" barrel, standard adjustable cheekpiece, fixed butt pad with spacers, pistol grip, flush cup sling attachment points, double chamber stand muzzle break, and 10-round magazines.

Manufacturer Description: The short-action AX308 (.308 Winchester) is a worthy successor to the battle-hardened AW308, boasting a raft of new features including the patented Quickloc system which allows the barrel to be changed or removed for transit in minutes using the hex key stored in the cheek piece.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.accuracyinternational.com>)

Remington Model 700 .308 Bolt-Action Rifle

Manufacturer: Remington

Manufacturer Description: It's the number one bolt-action of all time, proudly made in the U.S.A. Since 1962, more Model 700s have been sold than any other bolt-action rifle before or since. The legendary strength of its 3-rings-of-steel receiver is now paired with a 5R barrel on every 700. Bearing the most popular bolt-action rifle in history.

The top choice of military and law enforcement officers, the Model 700 is unequalled in precision. Whether defending freedom or pursuing big game, its out-of-the-box accuracy is unmatched.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.remarms.com>)

BREACHING TOOLS

Description: During crisis situations, it may become necessary for a SWAT team to facilitate an entry into a target location. It is critical the point of entry is breached quickly and as safely as possible. A quick and effective breach is one key to a successful tactical mission. In some instances, a breach initiated by a breaching shotgun loaded with specialized breaching rounds may be required to provide an added degree of safety and tactical advantage to accomplish a mission. Specialized breaching rounds are frangible and are designed to break into a powder form upon impact with a solid object (i.e., deadbolt lock, door frame, etc.).

Capability: Shotgun breaching, the use of a breaching shotgun to affect a breach, can be an effective option in SWAT Team tactics. An effective breach is a design where the least amount of breaching shotgun rounds are used and still accomplishes its goal. An effective shotgun breach can defeat fortified doors and locks. Effective breaching techniques allow tactical officers immediate entry with minimal risk to victims, officers, and suspects.

Usage: Breaching shotguns are to be exclusively used by the SWAT Team. Breaching shotguns are used to breach doors expeditiously and can be used in response to barricaded suspects, hostage rescue incidents, and active shooters.

Training Requirements: SWAT Officers that are trained in the use of breaching shotguns must successfully complete a POST-certified SWAT school. Furthermore, SWAT Officers must undergo regular classroom and live fire proficiency training in its application.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear.

The following page(s) detail the breaching shotgun(s) currently owned by the department.

Royal Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotgun

Manufacturer: Royal Arms International

Manufacturer Description: Royal Arms Breaching Shotgun starts with the Remington 870 Express Synthetic 12 Ga Shotgun as its base. We then completely modify it with our custom CNC machined parts to be the ultimate Breaching Shotgun. Royal Arms invented the Breachers and Breaching shotguns. The Remington Express Synthetic model is a great option for those who don't need the upgraded performance of the Police model.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.royalarms.com>)

KBT Breaching Tool

Manufacturer: KBT

Manufacturer Description: The KBT was purpose-built from the ground up to solve a specific problem for tactical units: filling the gap between manual forced entry and explosive breaching. This breaching tool employs the best of physics in the form of a self-contained impact ram with powder-actuated cartridges that go directly into a door or entryway. The KBT captures the force of the ram within the tool, ensuring that no projectile or explosive energy leaves the device.

The KBT also increases operator safety by allowing operators to breach from behind a shield or to the side of the door. This is a ready-to-use device that can completely replace explosive and hydraulic breaching, battering rams, and other manual forced entry techniques that drain valuable time and energy from your tactical unit.



(Description and photo source: <https://www.aardvarktactical.com>)

PROJECTILE LAUNCHERS

Description: A single-shot or multi-shot less lethal impact weapon launcher capable of firing a variety of rounds.

Capability: Projectile launchers can fire a variety of munitions with a maximum effective range of one hundred twenty (120) feet. 40mm launchers can deliver 40mm munitions in the form of chemical agents, sponge rounds, or combined-use sponge OC chemical agent rounds. Less lethal shotguns can deliver beanbag rounds to transfer kinetic energy to the target from a distance.

Usage: Projectile launchers may be deployed to impact subjects demonstrating assaultive behavior or life-threatening behavior, as defined in department policy and procedures regarding the use of force. They may also be used to control an actively resistive subject reasonably believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon, within the use of force guidelines. The main objectives that officers attempt to achieve in using a less lethal impact weapon on a subject exhibiting any of the aforementioned criteria are to effect investigative detention or arrest; control a subject who is in lawful custody; prevent an escape; or protect the officer, the subject, or another person from injury or death. Projectile launchers are authorized to be used by any officer that has been trained in its use and maintains current qualifications.

Training Requirements: Officers that have been trained in the use of projectile launchers undergo thorough classroom and live fire training in its use from POST-certified instructors. Officers are required to regularly train and qualify with projectile launcher platforms to maintain proficiency.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear.

The following page(s) details the projectile launcher(s) currently owned by the department.

40MM LMT Tactical Single Launcher

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: Manufactured exclusively for Defense Technology®, the 40LMT is a tactical single-shot launcher that features an expandable ROGERS Super Stoc and an adjustable Integrated Front Grip (IFG) with light rail. The ambidextrous Lateral Sling Mount (LSM) and QD mounting systems allow both a single and two-point sling attachment. The 40LMTS will fire standard 40mm less lethal ammunition, up to 4.8 inches in cartridge length. The Picatinny Rail Mounting System will accept a wide array of enhanced optics/sighting systems.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com>)

37MM SL6 Launcher

Manufacturer: SAGE

Manufacturer Description: The SL6 37mm multi-role six (6) shot projectile launcher fulfills current police requirements for a launcher capable of firing either Sage Control Ordnance, Inc. or ARWEN 37® munitions. Having an accurate multiple-shot system available to deliver blunt trauma-inducing batons, pyrotechnic chemical agents, and non-pyrotechnic barricade penetrating projectiles has become a necessity for the successful completion of many police operations. Exceptional accuracy by the SL6 is achieved by using a rifled barrel, calibrated sighting system, and a family of ammunition manufactured to standards that maximize performance.



(Photo and description source: <http://www.sageinternational ltd.com>)

37MM Single Launcher

Manufacturer: Schermuly

Manufacturer Description: Manufactured by the British company Webley & Scott, the Schermuly Multi-Purpose Gun is a single shot break action riot gun based on a World War II era signal pistol. The gun has a removable buttstock, can be fitted with several different barrel lengths, and can have an adapter to fire shotgun cartridges fitted making it a versatile weapon. The gun is made from high-grade aluminum castings with a wooden stock and was of high manufacturing quality making for a reliable weapon.



(Photo and description source: https://www.imfdb.org/wiki/Schermuly_Multi-Purpose_Gun)

Remington Model 870 Less Lethal Shotgun

Manufacturer: Remington

Manufacturer Description: The Remington Model 870 Pump Shotgun is a reliable 12-gauge with double-action bars for smooth pump operation. A steel-lined/grooved fore-end provides a stronger grip, while the Flexitab feeding system provides positive and easier cycling. A less-lethal application shotgun is available with the addition of a blaze orange synthetic SpeedFeed stock and fore-end for the instant recognition required.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.officer.com>)

DIVERSIONARY DEVICES

Description: Devices that emit a loud noise and bright light.

Capability: Diversionary devices can release large amounts of stored energy in the form of heat, light, pressure, and noise. They are intended to temporarily distract, confuse, and disorient subjects. They can also be used as “attention-getting” devices. A diversionary device is ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue, room entry, or other high-risk arrest situations producing atmospheric over-pressure and brilliant white light, and as a result, can cause short-term (6-8 seconds) physiological/psychological sensory deprivation to give officers a tactical advantage.

Usage: Diversionary devices shall only be used by officers who have been trained in their proper use and during conditions such as hostage and barricaded situations, high-risk warrant (search/arrest) service where there may be extreme hazards to officers, during high-risk situations where use would enhance officer safety, and during training exercises.

Training Requirements: Before use, officers must attend in-house diversionary device training conducted by certified instructors.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

Lifespan: Five (5) year shelf life.

The following page(s) detail the diversionary device(s) currently owned by the department.

Low Roll Reloadable Distraction Device

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The 11-Gram Non-Reloadable Distraction Device® incorporates an M201A1 type fuze with hex design gun steel body. This compact version of the 8933 Low Roll® Distraction Device body is the newest version of the first reusable non-bursting canisters that limits movement and rolling once deployed.

Flash Bangs are used by special tactical units during hostage rescue and high-risk warrants. It is an ATF-controlled Class-C explosive device that emits a bright light and thunderous noise to distract potentially dangerous individuals.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

Enhanced Diversionary Device

Manufacturer: Liberty Dynamic

Manufacturer Description: Liberty Dynamic has commercialized a smart fuse reloadable diversion device that provides the end user with enhanced safety features, ergonomic functionality, and unparalleled reliability. The device breaks down into two parts:

- FUSE (top) – not controlled by the BATFE
- RELOAD (bottom) – not controlled by the BATFE

Not until the device is assembled by the end-user, is it considered a destructive device by the National Firearms Act (NFA) and controlled by the BATFE. 1.4G LOW EXPLOSIVE. Not flash powder. The ratio of fuel to oxidizer in each Reservoir is designed to reduce sensitivity.

- BINARY ENERGETIC MATERIAL (A|B): 6g
- RELOADABLE: Yes
- SOUND LEVEL: 172-183 dB
- LIGHT LEVEL: 6-8M cd
- FUSE DELAY: 1.5sec (no delay deviation)



(Photo and description source: <https://www.libertydynamic.com/>)

Combined Tactical Systems 7290-6 6 Bang Flashbang

Manufacturer: Combined Tactical Systems

Manufacturer Description: The patented multi-bangs feature top and bottom non-fragmenting, minimal movement devices that perform with high reliability incorporating CTS Superior fuse components with the patented and US Army adopted Confidence Clip and pin shroud.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.combinedsystems.com>)

CHEMICAL AGENTS

Description: Canisters that contain chemical agents that are released when deployed. Chemical agents can include irritants such as Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) or an inflammatory agents such as Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) or Pava (synthetic OC). Chemical agents can be liquid, powder, or gaseous. Delivery systems can be pyrotechnic, blast dispersion, OC Fogger, or aerosol.

Capability: Depending on the delivery method, chemical agents are capable of being introduced in close proximity or from a distance. Depending on the type of delivery system and/or quantity, chemical agents can be used to saturate individual suspects, violent crowds, or areas of varied size to also include structures.

Usage: Situations for the use of chemical agents may include but are not limited to; self-destructive, dangerous, and or combative individuals, riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents, circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained, potentially vicious animals, training exercises or approved demonstrations.

Chemical agents can also be used to prevent an armed suspect from accurately firing at citizens and/or officers. They can also be used in limited instances during civil unrest when objectively reasonable to defend against a threat to life or serious bodily injury to any individual, including the officer, or to bring an objectively dangerous and unlawful situation safely and effectively under control. See Penal Code 13652.

The use of chemical agents is governed under Hemet Police Department Policy 308. It is the policy of the Murrieta Police Department to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes, and according to state and federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

Training Requirements: Chemical agents are to be used exclusively by the SWAT Team. SWAT Officers that are trained in the use of chemical agents must successfully complete a POST-certified SWAT school. Furthermore, SWAT Officers must undergo regular classroom and proficiency training in their application.

Fiscal Impact: See Appendix C

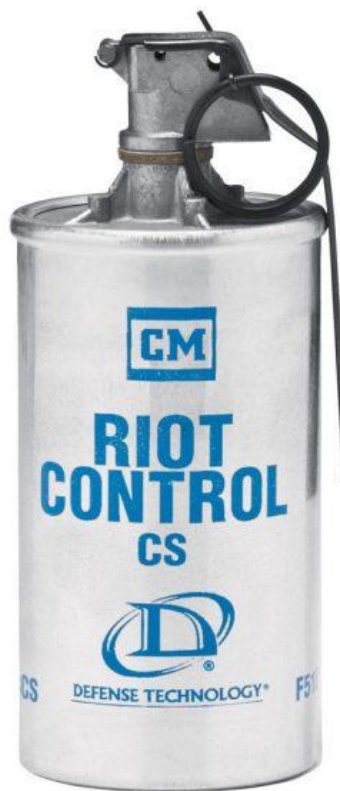
Lifespan: Five (5) year shelf life.

The following page(s) detail the chemical agent(s) currently owned by the department.

Riot Control Continuous Discharge Grenade CS

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The Riot Control CS Grenade is designed specifically for outdoor use in crowd control situations with a high volume continuous burn that expels its payload in approximately 20-40 seconds through four gas ports located on the top of the canister. This grenade can be used to conceal tactical movement or to route a crowd. The volume of smoke and agent is vast and obtrusive. This launchable grenade is 6.0 in. by 2.35 in. and holds approximately 2.7 oz. of active agent.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

SPEDE-HEAT Continuous Discharge Chemical Grenade CS

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The Spede-Heat™ CS Grenade is a high-volume, continuous burn it expels its payload in approximately 20-40 seconds. The payload is discharged through four gas ports on top of the canister, three on the side and one on the bottom. This launchable grenade is 6.12 in. by 2.62 in. and holds approximately 2.9 oz. of active agent.

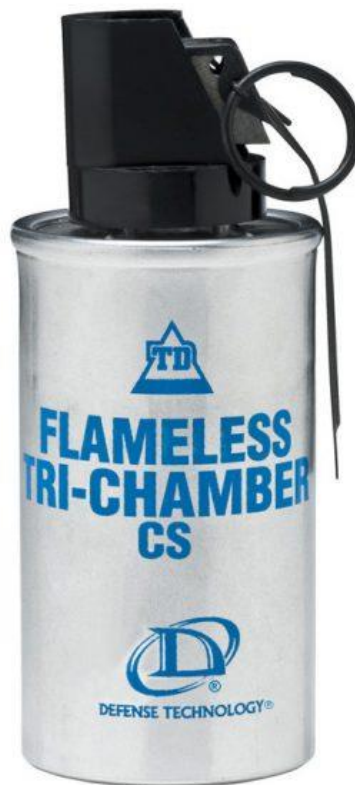


(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The design of the Tri-Chamber Flameless CS Grenade allows the contents to burn within an internal can and disperse the agent safely with reduced risk of fire. The grenade is designed primarily for indoor tactical situations to detect and/or dislodge a barricaded subject. This grenade will deliver approximately .70 oz. of agent during its 20-25 seconds burn time. The Tri-Chamber Flameless Grenade can be used in crowd control as well as tactical deployment situations by Law Enforcement and Corrections but was designed with the barricade situation in mind. Its applications in tactical situations are primarily to detect and/or dislodge barricaded subjects. The purpose of the Tri-Chamber Flameless Grenade is to minimize the risks to all parties through pain compliance, temporary discomfort, and/or incapacitation of potentially violent or dangerous subjects. The Tri-Chamber Flameless Grenade provides the option of delivering a pyrotechnic chemical device indoors, maximizing the chemicals' effectiveness via heat and vaporization, while minimizing or negating the chance of fire to the structure.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

Ferret 40MM Powder Barricade Penetrator Round, CS

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The Ferret® 40 mm Barricade Penetrating Round is filled with a CS powder chemical agent. It is a frangible projectile that is spin-stabilized utilizing barrel rifling. It is non-burning and designed to penetrate barriers. Primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects, it can also be used for area denial. Primarily used by tactical teams, it is designed to penetrate barriers, such as windows, hollow core doors, wallboard, and thin plywood. Upon impact, the nose ruptures and instantaneously delivers the agent payload inside a structure or vehicle.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

Ferret 40MM Liquid Barricade Penetrator Round, CS

Manufacturer: Defense Technology

Manufacturer Description: The Ferret® 40mm Round is non-burning and suitable for indoor use. Used primarily by tactical teams, it is designed to penetrate barriers, such as windows, hollow core doors, wallboard, and thin plywood. Upon impacting the barrier, the nose cone ruptures and instantaneously delivers a small chemical payload inside of a structure or vehicle.

In a tactical deployment situation, the 40mm Ferret is primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects from confined areas. Its purpose is to minimize the risks to all parties through pain compliance, temporary discomfort, and/or incapacitation of potentially violent or dangerous subjects.



(Photo and description source: <https://www.defense-technology.com/>)

APPENDIX A

Military/Specialized Equipment Deployments from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Command and Control Vehicles:

02/15/24 – GTF/SWAT Warrant
02/20/24 – AOD RSO SWAT Warrant
4/6/24 – PR Event
8/6/24 – PR Event
09/11/24 – Robbery/SWAT Call-Out
10/10/24 – PR Event
10/17/24 – GTF/SWAT Warrant
10/26/24 – PR Event
11/26/24 – PR Event
12/6/24 – PR Event
12/13/24 – PR Event
12/20/24 – PR Event
12/21/24 – PR Event

Armored Vehicles:

02/15/24 – GTF Warrant
02/20/24 – AOD RSO SWAT Warrant
4/6/24 – PR Event
8/6/24 – PR Event
09/11/24 – Robbery/SWAT Call-Out
10/10/24 – PR Event
10/17/24 – GTF/SWAT Warrant
10/26/24 – PR Event
11/26/24 – PR Event

12/7/24 – PR Event

12/25/24 – PR Event

Unmanned Aerial Systems:

The Hemet Police Department deployed an Unmanned Aerial System on 952 calls for service in 2024.

Diversionsary Devices:

02/20/24 – AOD RSO SWAT Warrant

09/11/24 – Robbery/SWAT Call-Out

10/17/24 – GTF/SWAT Warrant

Chemical Agents:

None for 2024

Projectile Launchers:

4/18/24 - 5150WIC

6/17/24 - 5150 WIC/ Robbery

7/4/24 – 417PC with a Firearm

10/23/24 - Felony DV

12/17/24 - 5150WIC/ 245PC

APPENDIX B

Military Equipment Quantities

Command and Control Vehicles

Equipment	Quantity
2000 Eagle Trailer	1
2024 Freightliner/LDV Command Center	1

Armored Vehicles

Equipment	Quantity
2008 Lenco BearCat	1

Unmanned Aerial Systems

Equipment	Quantity
DJI Phantom	2
DJI Matrice 300 RTK	1
Autel EVO II	4
Sky-Hero Loki Mk2	2
DJI Matrice 350 RTK	1
DJI AVATA 2	4

Rifles

Equipment	Quantity
Colt AR-15 A2 Tactical Carbine	4
Colt M4 Commando	16
Colt M16A1	12
Rock River Arms LAR-15	2
HK MP5	9

HK G3A3	1
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Bolt-Action Rifles

Equipment	Quantity
Accuracy International .308 Bolt-Action Rifle	2
Remington Model 700 .308 Bolt-Action Rifle	3

Breaching Tools

Equipment	Quantity
Royal Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotgun	3
KBT Breaching Tool	2

Projectile Launchers

Equipment	Quantity
Def Tech 40MM LMT Tactical Single Launcher	20
Sage 37MM SL6 Launcher	1
Schermuly 37MM Single Launcher	1
Remington Model 870 Less Lethal Shotgun	17

Diversiory Devices

Equipment	Quantity
Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Device	20
Liberty Dynamic Enhanced Diversion Device	1
Combined Tactical Systems 7290-6 6 Bang Flashbang	13

Chemical Agents

Equipment	Quantity
Defense Technology 1082 Riot Control Continuous Discharge Grenade CS	65
Defense Technology 1072 Speed-Heat Continuous Discharge Chemical Grenade CS	68

Defense Technology 1032 Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade	65
Defense Technology 2292 Ferret 40MM Powder Barricade Penetrator Round, CS	0
Defense Technology 2262 Ferret 40MM Liquid Barricade Penetrator Round, CS	44

APPENDIX C

Military Equipment Fiscal Impact and Estimated Projected Costs

Command and Control Vehicles

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx Annual Cost
2000 Eagle Trailer (1)	\$35,000	\$1,000
2024 Freightliner/LDV Command Center	\$1,700,000	\$5,000

Armored Vehicles

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx Annual Cost
2008 Lenco BearCat	Grant Paid	\$1,500

Unmanned Aerial Systems

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx Annual Cost
DJI Phantom (2)	\$2,000	\$200
DJI Matrice 300 RTK (1)	\$34,000	\$8,448
Autel EVO II (4)	\$44,000	\$5,374
Sky-Hero Loki Mk2 (2)	\$13,600	\$300
DJI Matrice 350 RTK (1)	\$31,470	\$9,768
DJI AVATA 2 (4)	\$4,800	\$2,400

Rifles

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx Annual Cost
Colt AR-15 A2 Tactical Carbine (4)	\$4,800	\$1,000
Colt M4 Commando (16)	\$20,800	\$1,000
Colt M16A1 (12)	1099 Program	\$0
Rock River Arms LAR-15 (2)	\$3,000	\$100
HK MP5 (9)	\$18,000	\$100

HK G3A3 (1)	\$2,000	\$100
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Bolt-Action Rifles

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx. Annual Cost
Accuracy International .308 Bolt-Action Rifle (2)	\$8,000	\$200
Remington Model 700 .308 Bolt-Action Rifle (3)	\$5,000	\$500

Breaching Tools

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx. Annual Cost
Royal Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotgun (3)	\$3,000	\$100
KBT Breaching Tool (2)	\$21,400.00	\$500

Projectile Launchers

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx. Annual Cost
Def Tech 40MM LMT Tactical Single Launcher (20)	\$20,000	\$200
Sage 37MM SL6 Launcher	\$3,000	\$0
Schermuly 37MM Single Launcher	\$500	\$0
Remington Model 870 Less Lethal Shotgun (17)	\$13,600	\$500

Diversionsary Devices

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx. Annual Cost
Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Device (20)	\$2,300	\$500
Liberty Dynamic Enhanced Diversion Device (1)	\$3,800	\$500
Combined Tactical Systems 7290-6 6 Bang Flashbang (13)	\$2,230	\$1000

Chemical Agents

Equipment	Initial Cost	Approx. Annual Cost
Defense Technology 1082 Riot Control Continuous Discharge Grenade CS (65)	\$2,550	\$250
Defense Technology 1072 Speed-Heat Continuous Discharge Chemical Grenade CS (68)	\$1,250	\$250
Defense Technology 1032 Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade (65)	\$2,400	\$250
Defense Technology 2292 Ferret 40MM Powder Barricade Penetrator Round, CS (0)	\$250	\$0
Defense Technology 2262 Ferret 40MM Liquid Barricade Penetrator Round, CS (44)	\$1,500	\$250

APPENDIX D

Specialized equipment inventory known to be owned and/or utilized by law enforcement agencies with which the Hemet Police Department collaborates with and/or may require assistance from in a mutual-aid situation for law enforcement services.

MRAP Vehicle

Description: The MRAP is a large ballistic armored rescue vehicle deployed during search warrant services and primarily in open desert areas requiring extreme off-road capability. The MRAP is also used for large parcels of outdoor illegal marijuana grow enforcement. Operation requires a Class "B" driver's license. Capable of transporting personnel and equipment while providing them with armored protection from gunfire.

Usage: The MRAP can be deployed any time tactical operators determine that there is a need to move personnel and/or resources into areas in which they have reason to expect potential armed resistance requiring its protection.

Training Requirements: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

Description: LRAD is an acoustic hailing device used for emitting amplified public announcements during search warrant services, barricaded suspects, or tactical operations. The loud audible technology ensures broadcasted announcements are loud and clear while offering advantages over less amplified patrol car PA systems. The larger LRAD 1000 system is portable and can be used for criminal unrest and rioting to provide clear dispersal orders for unlawful assembly. LRAD can also be used for any public announcements or safety advisements during natural disasters or evacuations.

Usage: LRADs can only be deployed in accordance with all applicable State, Federal, and Local laws governing police use of force, crowd control, etc.

Training Requirements: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Flashbang Grenades and Explosive Breaching Tools

Description: Diversionary devices can release large amounts of stored energy in the form of heat, light, pressure, and noise. They are intended to temporarily distract, confuse, and disorient subjects. They can also be used as “attention-getting” devices. A diversionary device is ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue, room entry, or other high-risk arrest situations producing atmospheric over-pressure and brilliant white light, and as a result, can cause short-term (6-8 seconds) physiological/psychological sensory deprivation to give officers a tactical advantage.

Explosive breaching tools are used to breach fortified structures to establish a point of entry. Explosive charges are fashioned to produce little to no fragmentation at the time of detonation. Explosive breaching effectively reduces the time spent overcoming a fortified door or structure. The reduction in time mitigating a hardened structure increases officer safety and the element of surprise. Blast injuries are reduced by using low-yield explosives that mechanically overcome door frames and locking mechanisms. Explosive breaching mandates extensive schooling and certification processes.

Usage: Diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools are only for official law enforcement purposes and according to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Training Requirements: None. Equipment owned, maintained and operated by another agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. Equipment owned, maintained and operated by another agency.

Non-Handheld Battering Rams, Slugs, and Breaching Equipment Apparatuses that are Explosive in Nature

Description: Explosive breaching tools are used to breach fortified structures to establish a point of entry. Explosive charges are fashioned to produce little to no fragmentation at the time of detonation. Explosive breaching effectively reduces the time spent overcoming a fortified door or structure. The reduction in time mitigating a hardened structure increases officer safety and the element of surprise. Blast injuries are reduced by using low-yield explosives that mechanically overcome door frames and locking mechanisms. Explosive breaching mandates extensive schooling and certification processes.

Usage: Diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools are only for official law enforcement purposes and are according to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Training Requirements: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.

Armored Vehicles with Breaching or Entry Apparatus or Water Cannon

Description: Inventory includes four Lenco Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Trucks (BearCat).

Usage: The BearCats are primarily used during high-risk tactical enforcement operations, officer rescues, and vehicle-borne interventions. Additional deployments are used during criminal unrest and riots. Rescue vehicles provide ballistic safety during the containment and apprehension of armed violent suspects.

- Rescue vehicle for on-campus active shooter incidents to rescue injured victims
- 4X4 capability to transport or evacuate victims in a natural disaster
- BOMB-CAT bullet-resistant rescue vehicle provisioned with a front mounted Water Cannon. BOMB-CAT use is for tactical operations and explosive ordinance mitigation and fire suppression
- Rescue vehicles provide numerous safety capabilities for law enforcement, victim rescues, and overall community safety
- TAC-CAT vehicle- A tracked bullet-resistant caterpillar tractor driven and deployed during high-risk and tactical operations, with various hydraulic boom attachments including claw, chemical agent dispersal box, and ram extension

Training Requirements: None. Equipment owned, maintained and operated by another agency.

Fiscal Impact: None. Equipment owned, maintained and operated by another agency.

This report was prepared and approved by:

Captain Michael Mouat on Monday, April 14, 2025

X *Michael Mouat*

According to California Government Code § 7070(d)(7), members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military equipment in this report by contacting the Military/Specialized Equipment Use Coordinator through any of the following means:

- In person at the Hemet Police Department:

450 East Latham Avenue, Hemet, CA 92543

- Via telephone call to:

(951) 765-2400

The Hemet Police Department is committed to responding to complaints, concerns, and/or questions received through any of the above methods in a timely manner.