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## TIMELINE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Ordinance adding Article III to Chapter 27 of the Salinas Municipal Code pertaining to the Military Equipment Use Policy in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 481 adopted by City Council on August 23, 2022
- Ordinance renewed by City Council on August 22, 2023 and April 23, 2024
- 2024 AB 481 Annual Report released February 17, 2025
- Community Meeting to discuss 2024 AB 481 Annual Report on March 17, 2025
- City Council Meeting for renewal of Ordinance No. 2657 on March 25, 2025

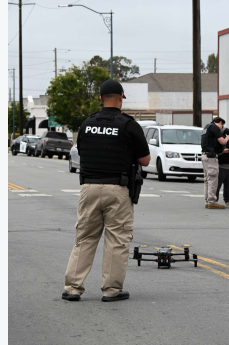
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**Category 1****UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (DRONES)****► Purpose**

- Support law enforcement operations to preserve life and enhance public safety

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- May be deployed when an overhead view would assist officers or incident commanders with planning and responding to situations such as:
  - Collection of evidence in the form of aerial photography, video
  - Fleeing suspects or hostage situation
  - High-risk search warrants
  - Major traffic collision assessments
  - Mutual aid support (example: fire)

**2024 Statistics**Number of Authorized Usages: **358**Annual Costs: **\$2,875.46**Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**

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**UNMANNED REMOTELY POWERED GROUND VEHICLES (ROBOTS)**
*Category 1, continued*
**► Purpose**

- Used during critical incidents to remotely gain visual/audio information or deployed for a specific purpose to increase safety for officers and the community

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- Inspect dangerous locations from a position of safety
- Locate barricaded subjects
- Deliver hostage negotiations phone
- Open doors
- Clear buildings/houses
- Two-way communication tool

**2024 Statistics**Number of Authorized Usages: **2**Annual Costs: **\$0**Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**

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**Category 2****MRAP VEHICLES – RESCUE 1 & RESCUE 2****► Purpose**

- Primarily used to safely transport personnel to and from critical incidents, extract citizens from volatile situations

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- Support SWAT, VSTF or Patrol during critical incidents
- Pre-planned high-risk search warrants
- When greater protection (ie: personal body armor or shield) is required
- Provide mutual aid for natural disasters, such as large-scale fires or flooding
- Community Events

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **21**  
 Annual Costs: **\$4,244.79**  
 Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**



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**Category 5****SPD MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLES****► Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MCV)**

- Provides command response to critical incidents or natural disasters
- Mobile base of operation which is fully contained and equipped with communications equipment
- Other large-scale events to provide high visibility and public safety

**► ICAC Vehicle**

- Used as part of a county-wide task force to aid in the response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **8**  
 Annual Costs: **\$1,479.63**  
 Unauthorized use or complaints: **0**

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **9**  
 Annual Costs: **\$1,080.60**  
 Unauthorized use or complaints: **0**



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**Category 7****BREACHING ROUNDS**► **Purpose**

- To quickly defeat locked doors in situations where delay would be dangerous to officers or occupants
- Note: Frangible breaching rounds disintegrate upon impact, making penetration through a barrier less likely

► **Authorized Use Examples**

- Available to use in high-risk incidents in order to expeditiously gain access
- Note: Frangible breaching rounds are designed to destroy the object it hits and then disperse into a relatively harmless powder

**2024 Statistics**Number of Authorized Usages: **0**Annual Costs: **\$0**Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**

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**Category 8 - >.50 caliber****BREACHING SHOTGUNS**► **Purpose**

- To quickly defeat locked doors in situations where delay would be dangerous to officers or occupants

► **Authorized Use Examples**

- High-risk incidents such as an active shooter situation or the arrest of a potentially heavily armed individual

**2024 Statistics**Number of Authorized Usages: **0**Annual Costs: **\$0**Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**

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*Category 10 - <.50 caliber***SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**► **Purpose**

- SPD equips officers to address risks posed to the public and department members by violent and sometimes well-armed individuals
- These firearms are to be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distance than a handgun

► **Authorized Use Examples**

- Active Shooter, well-armed individuals, etc.

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **0**  
 Annual Costs: **\$240.60**  
 Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**


**ANY FIREARM ACCESSORY DESIGNED TO LAUNCH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES** *Category 11*
► **Purpose**

- To limit the escalation of conflict by the use of less lethal options in conjunction with de-escalation tactics when feasible
- SPD does not utilize this piece of equipment as designed – SPD does not possess explosive projectiles

► **Authorized Use Examples**

- Used in the same manner as a 40MM launcher as a less lethal force in Category 14

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **0**  
 Annual Costs: **\$0**  
 Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**



**Category 12****DISTRACTION DEVICES | FLASH-BANGS****► Purpose**

- Light/sound diversionary devices may be considered when its use would potentially reduce the risk of injury during a critical incident
- Except in emergencies (i.e. life-threatening situations), light/sound diversionary devices shall not be used without prior authorization of the Tactical Commander or Team Leader

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- Barricaded subject or hostage situation
- High-risk warrants to distract a potentially violent individual

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **15**  
 Annual Costs: **\$0**  
 Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**



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**DISTRACTION DEVICES | CHEMICAL AGENT AND SMOKE CANISTERS**

*Category 12,  
continued*

**► Purpose**

- Chemical agent munitions, commonly referred to as "tear gas"

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- After suspect has been given numerous opportunities to surrender peacefully and Tactical Commander is satisfied that negotiations have been exhausted
- Barricaded subject based on the circumstances

**2024 Statistics**

Number of Authorized Usages: **0**  
 Annual Costs: **\$0**  
 Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**



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**Category 14****40 MM PROJECTILE LAUNCHERS/MUNITIONS****► Purpose**

- To limit the escalation of conflict by the use of less lethal options in conjunction with de-escalation tactics when feasible

**► Authorized Use Examples**

- The person is armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions
- The person has made credible threats to harm him/herself or others
- There is probable cause to believe that the person has committed a crime of violence and refusing to comply with lawful orders

**2024 Statistics**Number of Authorized Usages: **14**Annual Costs: **\$0**Unauthorized Use or Complaints: **0**

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**PURCHASING REQUESTS****LAST YEAR  
(2024):****CATEGORY 10**

Specialized  
Firearms less  
than .50 caliber

- (4) Precision  
Rifles

**THIS YEAR (2025 ANTICIPATED):****Category 2: Armored Personnel Carriers**

- (1) Tactical Armored Vehicle designed for law enforcement purposes, if funding can be secured

**Category 5: Command and Control**

- Upgrade of Mobile Command Vehicle, if funding can be secured

**Category 10: Specialized Ammunition of less than .50 caliber**

- Replenishment of .308 and .338 ammunition

**Category 12: Chemical Agents and Munitions**

- Pepper Ball Projectiles

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## RECOMMENDATIONS AND QUESTIONS



### Staff recommends approval of a Resolution to:

- (1) Renew Ordinance No. 2657 pertaining to Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use; and
- (2) Authorize the direct purchase of the following AB 481 equipment for a total cost not to exceed \$66,056.91
  - .308 Ammunition from San Diego Police Equipment Co.
  - SWISS P Ammunition from Norma Precision
  - 40MM Sponge Rounds from LC Action Police Supply
  - Pepper Balls and equipment from Curtis Blue Line