

Military Equipment

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

California Government Code section 7071(b) requires that law enforcement agencies submit a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to their governing body for approval. California Government Code §7070(c) provides a list of equipment types that are considered to be "military equipment" for purposes of this policy requirement, and this Military Equipment Use Policy includes information for any such equipment types that are possessed by the Lathrop Police Department, or reasonably likely to be deployed in Lathrop by its law enforcement partners.

706.1.1 DEFINITIONS

California Government Code section 7070(d) defines a Military Equipment Use Policy as a publicly released written document that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of Military Equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the Military Equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the law enforcement agency or the state agency proposes to use each type of Military Equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of Military 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 officer, agent, or employee of the law enforcement agency or the state agency is allowed to use each specific type of Military Equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the Military Equipment use policy.
6. The mechanisms to ensure compliance with the Military 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. For a law enforcement agency, 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 Equipment, and how the law enforcement agency will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner

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

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.

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2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
5. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
6. Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
7. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
8. Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
9. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
10. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
11. Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
12. Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
13. TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
14. Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
15. Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
16. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (15), "Military Equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

706.2 POLICY

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

706.3 COLLABORATION OR COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Law enforcement agencies responding to a call for mutual aid or who participate in collaboration with Lathrop Police Department within the City of Lathrop shall adhere to their own policies on the use of military equipment.

706.4 POLICY COMPLIANCE

Government Code section 7070 requires that this policy specify the mechanisms to be used by the Department to ensure compliance with this policy. Complaints regarding violations of this policy

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are subject to investigation and discipline in accordance with Policy 1020, and other policies of the Department related to officer discipline. Complaints, questions, or other inquiries can be made as described below in the Public Involvement section. Further, The Chief will designate a Military Equipment Coordinator, whose responsibilities are described herein, which will include assisting with ensuring compliance with this policy.

706.5 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Pursuant 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 policy by any of the following means:

- (a) Via email to: rbechler@ci.lathrop.ca.us
- (b) Via phone call to: (209) 647-6400
- (c) Via mail sent to: Lathrop Police Department Attn: Military Equipment Coordinator, 390 Towne Centre Dr. Lathrop, CA 95330.

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

706.6 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police shall designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military 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 military 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 military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Lathrop Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 - Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 - Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military 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 military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

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706.7 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 military equipment.

706.8 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Pursuant to Government Code section 7070(d), the below provides a description of each type of military equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the military equipment. This section will include the purposes and authorized uses, the fiscal impact, the legal and procedural rules that govern the use, and the training required, for each type of military equipment. This section of the Military Equipment Use Policy is divided into two sections.

Section One lists qualifying equipment that is owned and/or utilized by the Lathrop Police Department.

Section Two lists qualifying equipment not previously listed in this policy, that is not owned or regularly utilized by the Lathrop Police Department, but which is known to be owned and/ or utilized by the Manteca/Ripon Regional SWAT Team, for which the Lathrop Police Department is a participating agency. While the equipment in Section Two is not purchased, owned, or maintained by the Lathrop Police Department, it could be used in the City of Lathrop if Manteca/Ripon SWAT is deployed, and is therefore included in this Military Equipment Use Policy. It is important to note that Manteca/Ripon SWAT is generally only deployed in extreme circumstances such as active shooter incidents, hostage situations, and the execution of high risk search and arrest warrants. The equipment Manteca/Ripon SWAT possesses is rarely deployed but could prove essential to emergency operations when needed.

706.9 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military 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 military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military 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.

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- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military 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 military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

706.10 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

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

706.11 ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to California Government Code §7070(d)(6), and in accordance with California Government Code §7072, the Lathrop Police Department will submit to the Lathrop City Council an Annual Military Equipment Report and will make that report publicly available on its internet website. The Annual Military Equipment Report required by this section will remain publicly available on the City's internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. In addition, within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an Annual Military Equipment Report pursuant to this section, the Police Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting. The Annual Military Equipment Report will include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

- (a) A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- (b) A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- (c) The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- (d) The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- (e) The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- (f) If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

The Lathrop City Council will use the Annual Military Equipment Report as a mechanism to ensure the Lathrop Police Department's compliance with this Military Equipment Use Policy, and to help it

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determine whether to approve, revise, or revoke components of the Military Equipment Use Policy for the subsequent year.