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# Military Equipment

## 708.1 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).

### 708.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

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

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

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- 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.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- 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.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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### **708.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Lake County Sheriff's Office that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

### **708.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Sheriff 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 Lake County Sheriff's Office (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 military equipment report for submission to the Sheriff 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.

### **708.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment, currently utilized / deployed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement purposes.

Fifth Wheel Command Post

Crisis Response Unit, Tactical Command Post

Crisis Response Unit, Light Armored Vehicle (LAV-150)

Crisis Response Unit, tracked robot

Crisis Response Unit, wheeled robot

Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle(s)

Distraction Device

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Oleoresin capsicum (OC) canister, liquid and powder

2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) canister, liquid. powder, pyrotechnic & tri-chamber flame less

40mm 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) barricade penetration round, liquid and powder

40mm Oleoresin capsicum (OC) barricade penetration round, liquid and powder

40mm 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) powder muzzle dispersion

12ga CS,OC canister launcher

40mm less than lethal, chemical munitions launcher

40mm Less than lethal kinetic energy munitions

12ga Less than lethal kinetic energy munitions

FN-303 less than lethal system (PAVA OC projectile launcher)

FNH LE FN303 PAVA OC powder projectile

Stinger Rubber Ball impact device

### **708.5 APPROVAL**

The Sheriff 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 Sheriff 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.
- (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.

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### **708.6 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.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office works closely with local, county, state, and federal partners. In situations calling for specialized response or exigent circumstances and with the approval of the Sheriff or his/her designee, military equipment may be deployed within this jurisdiction and obtained from outside entities to promote the safety and security of our community members. If the Sheriff's Office acquires, borrows, or uses military equipment from one or more of its outside partners in such circumstances, it will provide written notification of its acquisition and/or use to the governing body within 30 days following the commencement of circumstance, unless such information is confidential or privileged under local, state or federal law.

The Sheriff's Office will make reasonable effort to ensure Military equipment used/deployed by any outside agency, during a mutual aid request by the Sheriff's Office complies with the using/deploying agency's respective military equipment use policies and the Lake County Sheriff's Office Military equipment use policy at the time of the agencies response, and absent exigent circumstances prior to deployment.

### **708.7 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

### **708.8 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 military equipment.