

CITY OF FONTANA

2024 – Annual Military Equipment Report, Prepared Pursuant to Government Code § 7072

In accordance with Government Code section 7072, the Fontana Police Department hereby submits for City Council review and approval the following annual military equipment report.

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.

All military equipment owned by the Department, which is detailed in the attached Fontana Police Military Equipment Inventory, was used exclusively for the purposes designated by the Department's Military Equipment Policy (No. 709). In general, those purposes include use of standard patrol rifles and projectiles; use of unmanned aircraft systems for enhanced investigation and community safety; use of unmanned robotic machines operating on the ground to remotely gain visual/audio data, deliver HNT phone, open doors, disrupt packages, clear buildings, and make announcements; use of armored vehicles for transporting officers and supporting personnel during high-risk tactical operations; use of an NIJ Level IV Armored Caterpillar Multi-Terrain Loader to provide capability for defensive ballistic protection, rescue platforms for elevated structures, and use in rough terrain environments where other equipment might be limited; use of long range acoustic devices to issue dispersal orders during crowd and riot control situations, to address the public in the event of civil emergencies, natural disasters, evacuations, or police incidents, and to issue a warning tone; use of explosive breaching tools during tactical entry into a dwelling or other enclosed space when other breaching options have failed or when required; use of distraction devices to produce 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; use of chemical agents and smoke canisters (by officers who are properly POST certified) to limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable; use of projectile launch platforms and associated munitions to limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable; and use of beanbag rounds and less lethal shotguns to limit conflict escalation and use of lethal force. In 2024, the Department used items from the patrol rifles, unmanned aircraft, and explosive breaching tools categories of the inventory, for the purpose of effectively and safely carrying out its duties. Officers are properly trained and certified to use the equipment in the inventory.

2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.

The Department did not receive any complaints or citizen outreach concerning the Department's Military Equipment Use Policy or ongoing use of said equipment.

3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.

There were no violations of the Policy, and accordingly, no audits or actions took place in response.

4. 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.

Costs associated with military equipment in 2024 included the purchase of four (4) Daniel Defense SWAT Rifles, associated ammunition, three (3) Paladin Drone Systems and the training courses for the officers (including overtime costs). These costs were accounted for in the City's 2024 budget. The Department does not currently have plans to purchase additional military equipment in 2025, but will report back to the City Council next year.

5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.

The quantity for each type of military equipment, including the new equipment purchased in 2024, is listed in the updated Military Equipment Inventory List, available on the City's website and in person at the Department.

6. 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 Department does not presently have plans to purchase additional military equipment in 2025.