THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM NO. 9
AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Victoria Garcia and Councilmembers

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Date: November 16, 2026

Subject: A Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Approving a Military Use Equipment Policy Governing the Use of Military Equipment, as Required by Assembly Bill 481; and Approval of the 2025 Annual Military Equipment Report

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file supplemental information regarding the Police Department's 2025 Annual Military Equipment Report.

Following publication of the Annual Military Report, staff identified additional information and clarification regarding the use, replacement, and disposition of certain military equipment.

1. Military Equipment Used During the 2025 Mutual-Aid Deployment

During the June 9, 2025, mutual-aid deployment in Los Angeles, Department personnel expended the following munitions:

- Three (3) CS Speed Heat 40mm rounds;
- Twenty-four (24) smokeless powder 40mm bean-bag rounds;
- Two (2) CS Ferret 40mm rounds;
- Twenty (20) direct impact 40mm sponge rounds; and
- Thirty-three (33) 12-gauge bean-bag rounds.

The estimated replacement cost of these munitions is $2,100. The Department does not plan to replenish them until 2027.

2. Training Expenditures

The 30 rounds referenced in the original report were expended during training activities in 2026, not 2025, and were not associated with the 2025 mutual-aid deployment.

3. Replacement of 40mm Launchers

In 2026, the Department purchased two replacement 40mm launchers at an approximate total cost of $3,500. These purchases were intended to replace equipment, not expand the Department's inventory.

REVIEW: ☒ City Clerk ☒ Director of Admin. Services ☒ City Manager

4. Equipment Condition

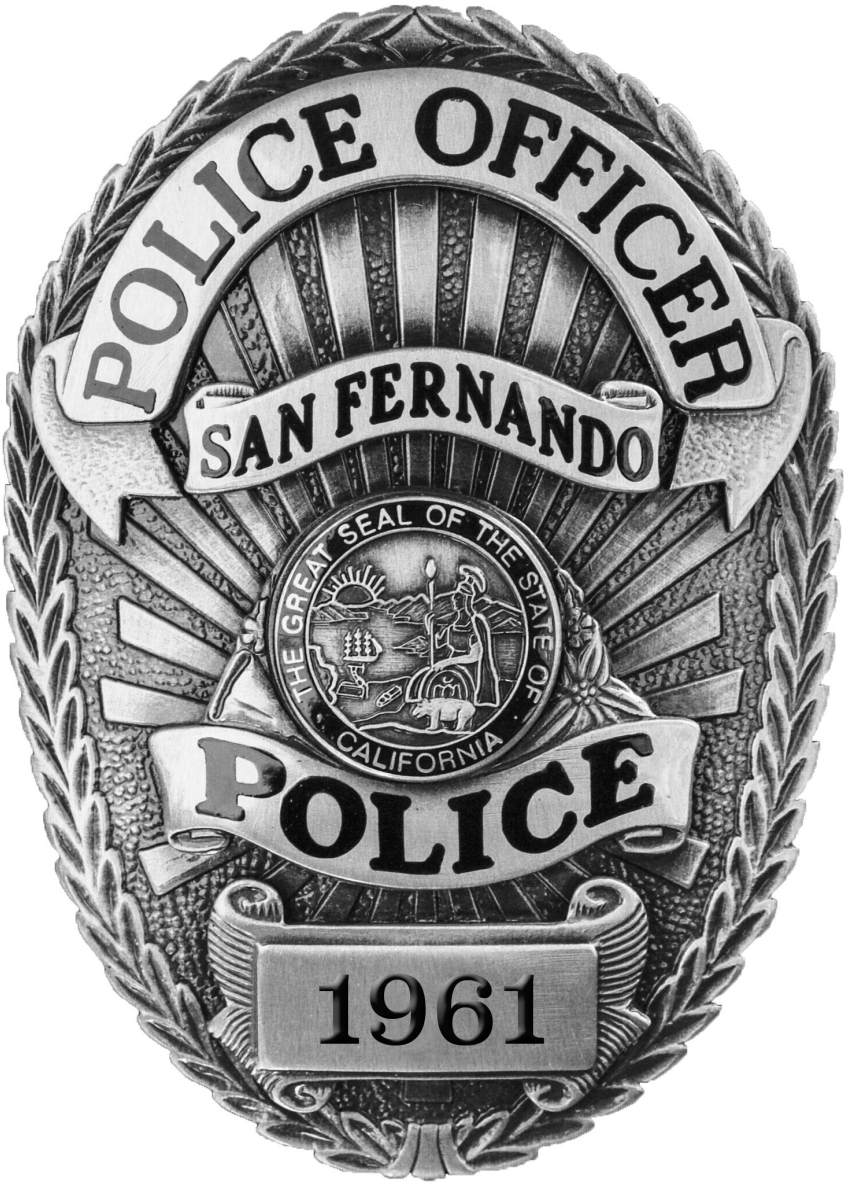
The Department identified a malfunctioning 40mm launcher. The Department will not transfer this equipment unless it is confirmed to be safe and in working condition.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file supplemental information regarding the Police Department's 2025 Annual Military Equipment Report.

ATTACHMENT:

A. 2025 Annual Military Equipment Report



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Annual Military Equipment Report

San Fernando Police Department

2025 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT San Fernando Police Department MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE – AB 481 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Approval of the Military Use Policy (Completed 2022, Policy 706)
- Publishing the Policy (Completed 2022)
- Annual Report (See Below)

ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill 481 requires the Department to report annually on the inventory, procurement, use, and misuse of covered military equipment items. The annual report also provides an account of the current inventory possessed by the Department for each category of military equipment.

Per AB 481, the annual report must include the following:

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken 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.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
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. **SAN FERNANDO ORDINANCE NO. 1711 – MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY**

As required by AB 481, the San Fernando City Council reviewed this section as an ordinance to approve a military equipment use policy. The City Council's approval shall remain effective for a period of one-year, which approval may be revoked, extended, renewed, modified, or amended by ordinance of the City Council. Within a year of the initial approval, and at least annually thereafter, the City Council will review this Ordinance. The City Council may, by ordinance, make amendments, modifications, or revisions to the military equipment use policy adopted by the Department. The ordinance must be reviewed and renewed annually.

A. The City Council has made the following determinations:

1. The military equipment inventoried and presented to the City Council is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
2. The proposed military equipment use policy (SFPD Policy 706) will safeguard the public welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties (said Policy is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference).
3. The equipment is reasonably cost-effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety, if any.
4. Prior military equipment use complied with the applicable equipment use policy, which included equipment now defined as military equipment, that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.

EQUIPMENT USAGE FOR 2025

On June 9, 2025, San Fernando Officers were deployed to downtown Los Angeles in response to a request for mutual aid to assist the Los Angeles Police Department during large-scale protests that escalated into riots. As conditions deteriorated and public safety risks increased, officers operated under established crowd-control protocols and utilized department-authorized less-lethal projectiles to disperse violent individuals, restore order, and protect both the public and responding personnel.

The equipment deployed included three (3) CS Speed Heat long-range 40mm munitions, twenty-four (24) smokeless powder 40mm bean-bag munitions, two (2) CS Ferret 40mm gauge bean bag munitions, twenty (20) direct impact 40mm sponge munitions, and thirty-three (33) 12-gauge bean-bag munitions.

All deployments were conducted in accordance with Department policy and training, with the intent of de-escalating the situation and minimizing the risk of serious injury.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FOR 2025

The Department did not receive any complaints concerning military equipment from January through December 2025.

VIOLATIONS OF POLICY 706

The Department conducted an internal audit and determined that there were no violations of the Policy for calendar year 2025.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The estimated annual cost for the maintenance of the military equipment in the current inventory was assessed to be zero. This includes the cost of replacement parts, cleaning supplies, and the staff time to conduct inspections on the equipment.

ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The Department did not acquire any additional military equipment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

CURRENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY LIST 1. SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION [CATEGORY 10]

This equipment is typically used to address potentially deadly threats with more precision, handle close-quarter situations/confined spaces, and/or deployment at greater distance than a handgun. According to State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes.

Those operating specialized firearms receive POST-certified training and complete annual training to maintain certification.

The Department possesses the following specialized firearms: **A.**

Colt AR-15 M4 Submachine Rifles (4)

i. Acquisition Cost: $3,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

B. HK MP-5 Submachine Guns (8)

i. Acquisition Cost: $3,600 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

C. Sniper Rifles (2)

i. Acquisition Cost: $16,400 ii.
Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii.
Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv.
Life Span: No expiration

D. .308 Winchester 168 Grain Rifle Cartridges (50)

i. Acquisition Cost: $200 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$200 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

2. PEPPERBALL LAUNCHER AND PROJECTILES [CATEGORY 11]

This non-lethal equipment is typically used to de-escalate conflicts where lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations where this equipment may be deployed include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations.

In accordance with State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Only those trained as operators or instructors or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use the PepperBall system.

The Department possesses the following PepperBall launcher equipment: **A.**

PepperBall Launchers (1)

i. Acquisition Cost: $1,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$1,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

B. Bean Bag Shotgun (3)

i. Acquisition Cost: $8,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

3. TEAR GAS [CATEGORY 12]

This non-lethal chemical agent munitions equipment is typically used to limit the escalation of conflict where use of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations in which this equipment may be used include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations.

In accordance with State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Only those who are POST certified or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use this equipment.

The Department possesses the following tear gas equipment: **A. CS**

Liquid Direct Impact 40mm Munition (9)

i. Acquisition Cost: $400 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$400 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

B. CS Speed-Heat Long Range 40mm Munitions (32)

i. Acquisition Cost: $800 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$800 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

C. Smokeless Powder Bean Bag 40mm Munitions (43)

i. Acquisition Cost: $2,000 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture **D. CS Ferret 40mm Munitions (36)**

i. Acquisition Cost: $800 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$800 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture **E. CS Muzzle Blast 40mm Munitions (7)**

i. Acquisition Cost: $270 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$270 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

F. CS Liquid Ferret 12 Gauge (35)

i. Acquisition Cost: $500 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$500 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture **G. CS Stinger Grenades (24)**

i. Acquisition Cost: $850 ii. Estimated Annual Cost: $0-$850 iii. Actual Annual Operating Cost:

$0 iv. Life Span: 5 years from date of
manufacture **I. PepperBall Projectiles (3,000)**

i. Acquisition Cost: $1,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$1,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0
iv. Expected Life Span: 5 years from date of manufacture

4. PROJECTILE LAUNCHER PLATFORMS AND ASSOCIATED MUNITIONS [CATEGORY 14]

This non-lethal kinetic energy weapons equipment is typically used to limit the escalation of conflict where use of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations in which this equipment may be used include dealing with combative individuals, riots or civil unrest, potentially vicious or dangerous animals, and training exercises or demonstrations.

According to State and Federal law, the Department's policy is to utilize the equipment only for official law enforcement purposes. Only those who are POST certified or designated by the Police Chief are authorized to use this equipment.

The Department possesses the following projectile launcher equipment: **A.**

Tactical 40mm Single Shot Launcher (1)

i. Acquisition Cost: $2,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

B. Multiple Shot 40mm Tactical 4-Shot Launcher (1)

i. Acquisition Cost: $4,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

C. Direct Impact 40mm Sponge Munition (122)

i. Acquisition Cost: $4,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

D. Bean Bag 12 Gauge Munition (517)

i. Acquisition Cost: $3,000 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$3,000 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

E. Rubber Ball Stinger 12 Gauge (450)

i. Acquisition Cost: $2,700 ii. Estimated
Annual Cost: $0-$2,700 iii. Actual
Annual Operating Cost: $0 iv. Life
Span: No expiration

Although deployed as an option during certain occasions, the aforementioned equipment was utilized on only one occasion during calendar year 2025. The Department is providing this disclosure pursuant to the requirements of AB 481.

In addition, the Department did not receive any complaints or concerns regarding the aforementioned equipment. The Department does not foresee the acquisition of any new category or type of military equipment at this time.

BUDGET IMPACT

There were no new purchases of military equipment in 2025. The Department did not intend to purchase any new military equipment in 2026.

There is no budget impact associated with receiving this informational report. Military equipment identified in the Policy is purchased through the Department's annual operating budget as adopted by the City Council.

2025 ANNUAL UPDATE EQUIPMENT USAGE FOR 2025

The most significant recent deployment of military equipment remains the Department's June 9, 2025, mutual-aid response to assist the Los Angeles Police Department during civil unrest in downtown Los Angeles. During that incident, Department personnel utilized authorized less-lethal munitions in accordance with Department policy and training.

TRAINING AND INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

The Department remains committed to ensuring that personnel are appropriately trained in the safe, lawful, and effective use of less-lethal equipment and munitions.

All sworn San Fernando Police Department officers receive annual training conducted by Department instructors regarding the proper deployment and use of authorized less-lethal

equipment. This recurring training is intended to maintain officer proficiency and ensure that personnel understand Department policy, applicable law, deployment considerations, and the appropriate use of the equipment maintained by the Department.

During Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the Department will further enhance its internal training capabilities by sending two additional officers to specialized training to become certified instructors in the use of less-lethal munitions. The addition of these instructors will expand the Department's internal training resources and support continued proficiency, consistency, and compliance with Department policy and applicable training standards.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FOR 2025

The Department did not receive any complaints or concerns regarding the deployment or use of military equipment during calendar year 2025.

VIOLATIONS OF POLICY 706 FOR 2025

There were no identified violations of Policy 706 related to the deployment or use of military equipment during calendar year 2025.

ACQUISITION AND REPLENISHMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

The Department does not intend to acquire any new categories or types of military equipment during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

The Department does, however, anticipate replenishing authorized less-lethal munitions that were expended during the Department's June 9, 2025, mutual-aid response to assist the Los Angeles Police Department during civil unrest. These replacement munitions will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and are intended to restore previously authorized inventory levels and maintain operational readiness.

The replenishment of these munitions does not represent the acquisition of a new category or type of military equipment. Rather, the purchase will restore the Department's inventory of previously authorized equipment following its operational use during the 2025 mutual aid deployment.

2025 BUDGET IMPACT

There were no significant purchases of new military equipment during calendar year 2025.

Funding anticipated during the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget cycle will be used to replenish previously authorized less-lethal munitions expended during the Department's 2025 mutual-aid deployment and to support continued training and operational readiness.

Military equipment identified in Policy 706 continues to be funded through the Department's annual operating budget as adopted by the City Council. The planned replacement of expended munitions does not expand the Department's authorized military equipment inventory or introduce any new category of military equipment.

CONCLUSION

The San Fernando Police Department continues to maintain military equipment identified under AB 481 for specific and authorized law enforcement purposes.

The Department continues to emphasize training, accountability, and compliance with Policy 706. Annual training is provided to sworn personnel, and two additional officers are scheduled to receive specialized instructor training during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to further strengthen the Department's less-lethal training program.

The Department does not anticipate acquiring any new categories or types of military equipment. The planned replenishment of less-lethal munitions during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is intended to replace previously authorized inventory expended during the Department's 2025 mutual-aid response, Departmental trainings, and to maintain operational readiness.

It is recommended that the City Council accept, file, and approve the AB 481 Military Equipment Use Policy Annual Report.