

## **MLPD Military Equipment Use Annual Update 2024**

Assembly Bill 481 enacted Government Code Sections 7070-7073, establishing certain requirements pertaining to the acquisition and use of “military equipment” by California law enforcement agencies. This code defines “military equipment” as consisting of 15 categories of items, most of which the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) does not have, has never had, and is not likely to have in the foreseeable future (such as tracked armored vehicles or armed aircraft).

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department owns pepperball launchers and munitions, beanbag shotguns and rounds, and rubber slugs which are defined as “military equipment” under Code Section 7070. All these items were used for non-lethal wildlife diversion. The department responded to 85 bear-related calls for service from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Wildlife diversion tactics are used on these calls to condition bears away from problem areas such as campgrounds and residences where they have become accustomed to gaining an easy meal.

MLPD also owns one unarmed drone with camera known as an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS). The UAS was deployed in 3 operations from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. The 1<sup>st</sup> operation included assisting the Mono County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Forest Service in locating and arresting a suspect involved in making criminal threats involving a firearm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> operation involved assisting the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and the Mono County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team with locating a subject that was stuck on a cliff above Twin Lakes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> operation was attempting to locate a suspect that fled along Mammoth Creek.

As of June 30, 2024, MLPD has received no complaints or concerns regarding our use of the military equipment. Additionally, the department has had no internal audits or violations of the military equipment use policy.

The total annual cost for each type of military equipment is detailed on the graph below. Funds to purchase additional pepperball munitions, shotgun bean-bag rounds, and rubber slug rounds are allocated from the Town of Mammoth Lakes Annual Budget under the Mammoth Lakes Police Department’s Firearms account. Annual maintenance on pepperball launchers, bean-bag shotguns, and UAS are covered by the Contractual Services account. The quantity possessed and the quantity sought for each type of military equipment in the next year is also detailed on the graph below.

## AB481 Military Equipment Inventory 2024

DESCRIPTION (Military Item Per AB 481)	QUANTITY (Sought or Possessed)	CAPABILITIES	EXPECTED LIFESPAN	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (MANUFACTURER)	PURPOSE (AUTHORIZED USE)	FISCAL IMPACT (INITIAL & YEARLY)	LEGAL RULES	TRAINING (REQUIREMENTS)	COMPLIANCE (OVERSIGHT)	COMPLAINT PROCEDURE
<b>Pepperball Launcher</b>	Existing: 3	Less Lethal Force Option	5-8 Years	Pepperball Inc.	Less Lethal force Compliance  Wildlife Diversion	Initial: N/A  Yearly: \$200 (Maintenance)	835a PC & Federal and State Case Law	California Peace Officers Standards & Training Certified Less Lethal Instructor led Training	Use of Force Review, Internal Affairs Investigation - Policy 1010	MLPD Policy 1010
<b>Pepperball Munitions</b>	Existing: 100  Sought: 750	Less Lethal Force Option	3 Years	Pepperball Inc.	Less Lethal force Compliance  Wildlife Diversion	Initial: \$1290 (Re-Stock)  Yearly: N/A	835a PC & Federal and State Case Law	California Peace Officers Standards & Training Certified Less Lethal Instructor led Training	Use of Force Review, Internal Affairs Investigation - Policy 1010	MLPD Policy 1010
<b>Bean-Bag Shotguns</b>	Existing: 4	Less Lethal Force Option	30,000 Rounds	Remington	Less Lethal force Compliance  Wildlife Diversion	Initial: N/A  Yearly: \$250 Maintenance	835a PC & Federal and State Case Law	California Peace Officers Standards & Training Certified Less Lethal Instructor led Training	Use of Force Review, Internal Affairs Investigation - Policy 1010	MLPD Policy 1010
<b>Shotgun BeanBag Round</b>	Existing: 40  Sought: 100	Less Lethal Force Option	5 Years	Defense Technology Corporation	Less Lethal Force Compliance  Wildlife Diversion	Initial: \$500 (Re-Stock)  Yearly: N/A	835a PC & Federal and State Case Law	California Peace Officers Standards & Training Certified Less Lethal Instructor led Training	Use of Force Review, Internal Affairs Investigation - Policy 1010	MLPD Policy 1010
<b>Rubber Slugs Round</b>	Existing: 250  Sought: 500	Less Lethal Force Option	5 Years	Lightfield	Less Lethal Force Compliance  Wildlife Diversion	Initial: \$2500 (Re-Stock)  Yearly: N/A	835a PC & Federal and State Case Law	California Peace Officers Standards & Training Certified Less Lethal Instructor led Training	Use of Force Review, Internal Affairs Investigation - Policy 1010	MLPD Policy 1010
<b>DJI Matrice 30T (Drone)</b>	Existing: 1	Drone – Remote Piloted	2-5 Years	DJI Technologies	Enhance MLPD’s Mission of Protection of Lives and Property	Initial: \$N/A  Yearly: \$2,780	Federal Aviation Administration Regulations	Initial Pilot Training and Routine In-House Training	Team Supervisor Oversight / Monthly Reporting to Federal Aviation Administration	MLPD Policy 1010