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### **706 Military Equipment**

#### **706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy governs the use of military equipment, as defined in Government Code § 7070, as may be amended. The Sand City Police Department (SCPD) and its members will comply with provisions of Government Code §§ 7071, 7072, and with otherwise applicable department policies, with respect to military equipment.

#### **706.1.1 DEFINITIONS**

This policy adopts the following definitions set forth in Government Code § 7070 (c)(1) through § 7070 (e)(16) as may be amended or superseded:

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

Military equipment –

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, 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 and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
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. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
8. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
9. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.

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10. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in sections § 30510 and § 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
11. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
12. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service issued handheld pepper spray.
13. TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD).
14. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag", rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
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 Sand City Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment. Use of military equipment should safeguard public welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

### **706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Chief of Police designates the Police Commander 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.

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(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 Sand City Police Department (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 Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).

(g) Coordinating the process for a person to register a complaint, concern, or question about the use of a type of military equipment. The Department will respond in a timely manner.

A complaint, concern or question related to Military Equipment utilization by the Sand City Police Department can be made through any of the below listed methods:

Email: [sandcityrecords@sandcitypd.org](mailto:sandcityrecords@sandcitypd.org)

By phone: (831) 394 -1451

By mail: Sand City Police Department  
Attn: Military Equipment Use Coordinator  
1 Pendergrass Way  
Sand City, CA 93955

In person: At the address list above

### **706.4 APPROVAL**

This policy, and any subsequent amendments, will be available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue. This policy will be submitted to the City Council for approval and will remain in

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effect only if it is approved within 180 days of submission. Approval of this policy or any subsequent amendments requires adoption by ordinance at an open session of a regular meeting providing for public comment. The department will cease use of any military equipment if its use, or the policy for its use, is not approved. An approved military equipment use policy is required 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.

### **706.5 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

Military equipment used by other jurisdictions providing aid to SCPD shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies. SCPD is a participating member of the Sand City Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit (MPRSRU) in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies on the Sand City Peninsula. MPRSRU provides capabilities to address specific law enforcement issues, such as active shooter incidents, hostage situations, barricaded subject incidents, etc. SCPD also collaborates and works with the Sand City County Sheriff's Department and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that may provide aid to SCPD. Military equipment owned by other jurisdictions that may be used by MPRSRU inside the City of Sand City's jurisdiction is listed in Section Two of the Military Equipment Inventory. SCPD is authorized to use that military equipment in connection with MPRSRU activities/responses.

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### **706.6 ANNUAL REPORT**

Within one year of approval of the military equipment use policy, and annually thereafter, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee will submit a military equipment report for each type of approved military equipment for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The annual military equipment report will be 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.

### **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 public may discuss and ask questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

### **706.8 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment owned and/or utilized by the Sand City Police Department.

See attachment: SCPD 706, SCPD Equip Owned Oper.pdf

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### **Attachments**

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### **SCPD 706**

### **SCPD Equip Owned Oper.pdf**