

**CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**2022 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE REPORT**

The acquisition and use of military equipment in the City of Carlsbad has a direct impact on the public's safety and welfare. The community has a right to know about any funding, acquisition or use of military equipment by the Carlsbad Police Department, as well as a right to participate in the local government's decision to fund, acquire or use such equipment.

The Carlsbad Police Department's military equipment use policy (Policy Section 708) requires the Carlsbad Police Department to publish an annual military equipment report. California Government Code Section 7072 requires the annual report to include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment:

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 or information about violations of the military equipment use policy. This includes 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.

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

The Carlsbad Police Department primarily utilizes its militarized equipment through the CBPD Special Weapons and Tactics Team. The SWAT Team is tasked with several responsibilities within the police department. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Responding to call-outs for critical incidents
- Serving high-risk search warrants, arrest warrants and other (i.e., parole/probation searches)
- VIP security/protection details
- Mobile Field Force/crowd control
- Quick Reaction Force for special events (Street Faire, Marathon, Carlsbad 5000, etc.)
- Security for sensitive evidence transportation

In addition to handling those tasks, the SWAT team also serves as a training cadre for tactical concepts and strategic planning for the entire police department. They provide instruction for both officers and citizens in areas like active shooter response, Run Hide Fight, close quarter clearing and searching and rescue operations, among others. Members of the SWAT Team will also perform site surveys to help community partners preemptively develop safe plans for potential critical incidents. Many of the items contained within the military equipment inventory are used to ensure the safest standards are employed while carrying out these tasks.

The following section provides a summary of how each type of military equipment was used by the Carlsbad Police Department during 2022 and the purpose of its use:

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**High risk Warrant Services** (search and arrest)

Number of incidents: Three (Incident numbers 220077320; 22014219, 220102565)

Type of military equipment utilized: Armored rescue vehicle, unmanned aerial systems, mobile command center, equipment ambulance and the Throwbot were utilized. Optics, including night vision and weapon mounted scopes/red dot sighting systems. Standard issued rifles, precision rifles, 40mm launchers and appropriate ammunition and accessories (i.e., noise suppressors), were deployed, but not used against a person during these operations.

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**Dignitary Protection Detail**

Summary of incident: Presidential protection detail at ViaSat (Incident Number 220086377)

Type of military equipment utilized: Armored rescue vehicle, unmanned aerial systems, mobile command center and equipment ambulance, were utilized. Optics, including night vision and weapon mounted scopes/red dot sighting systems. Standard issued rifles, precision rifles, 40mm launchers and appropriate ammunition and accessories (i.e., noise suppressors, DBAL, magnifiers), were deployed, but not used against a person during these operations.

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**Call-Out for Critical Incidents**

Number of incidents: One (Case Number 22-07401) Hostage Rescue/Barricaded Subject

Type of military equipment utilized: Armored Rescue Vehicle, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Mobile Command Center and Equipment Ambulance were utilized. Optics, including night vision and weapon mounted scopes/red dot sighting systems. Standard issued rifles, precision rifles, 40mm launchers and appropriate ammunition and accessories (i.e., noise suppressors), were deployed, but not used against a person during these operations.

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**Mobile Field Force/Crowd Control**

Summary of incident: None

Type of military equipment utilized: None

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**Quick Reaction Force for Special Events**

Number of incidents: Eight (Carlsbad 5k, Carlsbad Marathon, Spring Street Faire, Fall Street Faire, State of the City Address, Carlsbad High School Graduation, Sage Creek High School Graduation, La Costa Canyon High School Graduation)

Type of military equipment utilized: Armored Rescue Vehicle, Unmanned Aerial Systems, various robotic platforms, Mobile Command Center and Equipment Ambulance were utilized. Optics, including night vision and weapon mounted scopes/red dot sighting systems. Standard issued rifles, precision rifles, 40mm launchers and appropriate ammunition and accessories (i.e., noise suppressors), were deployed, but not used against a person during these operations.

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**UAV Deployment Log Summary**

Number of Incidents: 26 (SWAT Team assists, open area searches, high risk contacts, large events, Homeless Outreach Team encampment checks, missing persons search, agency assists)

Unmanned aerial platform utilized: Mavic Enterprise, Mavic Enterprise Advance, Mavic Zoom, Phantom 4

Complaints related to the deployment: None

Internally known violations: None

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**2. Summary of complaints or concerns received concerning military equipment**

During calendar year 2022, there were no internally generated complaints for policy violations related to the use of military equipment and no external complaints or concerns were received related to the use of military equipment by the Carlsbad Police Department. For all use of force reviews and internal affairs investigations, officers were found to be operating the equipment in a manner which met or exceeded department standards. In summary, there were no internal or external complaints or concerns related to military equipment during calendar year 2022.

**3. Results of any internal audits or information about violations of the military use policy. This includes any actions taken in response**

All incidents involving the use of force are reviewed by assigned supervisors and Watch Commanders, regardless of the equipment used. In addition, our Professional Standards Unit is tasked with conducting thorough investigations into any allegations of misconduct, to include the application of military equipment that falls outside of the guidelines set by department policy and applicable law. These reviews and internal affairs audits provide the department with opportunities to reflect on their actions, policies, procedures, legislation and best practices within the law enforcement profession. Internal audits may also highlight opportunities for future growth while aiding the constant evaluation of practices related to training and daily operations.

For all 2022 use of force reviews and internal affairs investigations, no policy violations related to the use of military equipment were discovered and officers were found to be operating the equipment in a manner which met or exceeded department standards.

**4. 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**

The total annual cost for the military equipment can be found in the in 2023 Carlsbad Police Department Military Equipment Inventory, which is Appendix A to the 2023 Military Equipment Policy 708 and incorporated herein by reference. The 2023 military equipment inventory covers the initial cost, recurring and maintenance costs and the original funding source for each item.

The use of military equipment primarily falls under the SWAT team. The SWAT team's training and personnel budget for FY 2022-23 is as follows:

<b>SWAT expense category</b>	<b>Amount budgeted</b>
Overtime (Training, operational missions)	\$167,994
Software maintenance	\$950
Dues and subscriptions	\$750
Shooting range supplies	\$8,000
Misc. supplies (Diversionary devices, smoke, uniform accessories)	\$8,000
Training/training related travel	\$6,500
Misc. meals/miles	\$2,500

**5. Quantity possessed for each type of military equipment**

The total numbers for each piece of military equipment in Carlsbad Police Department's possession can be found in the in *Carlsbad Police Department Military Equipment Inventory* which is Appendix A to the 2023 Military Equipment Policy 708 and incorporated herein by reference.

**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**

Along with seeking authorization to use preexisting equipment, the Police Department will seek authorization to acquire, fund and use replacement equipment and supplies which meet the definition of military equipment. At this time, forecasted acquisitions of military equipment for the Carlsbad Police Department in 2023 include:

1. Items needed to maintain the current inventory of expendable items approved through the military equipment policy.
2. Items which need to be repaired or replenished after being used in either the field or training environments. All items needing to be repaired or replenished are included in the 2023 Military Equipment Policy 708 and Inventory which is being submitted to the City Council for approval concurrently with this annual report. The department will replace, as needed, any existing approved military equipment with either the same make and model, or if unavailable, with substantially similar equipment that will be subject to the same requirements as the replaced equipment. Replacements will be accounted for in each annual report. The department's military equipment inventory and all costs associated with the use of this equipment is believed to be consistent with the 2023 Military Equipment Policy 708 and Inventory and department budget previously approved by the City Council. It should be noted, these operating costs are good faith estimates which are subject to change made by vendors and/or manufacturers based on variables related to availability, shipping and general market increases.

The Carlsbad Police Department does not intend to acquire new types of military equipment in 2023. However, the Police Department intends to submit a proposal to the San Diego Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant program in 2023 for the purchase of a new Bearcat armored rescue vehicle. The awarding of this grant is dependent upon on regional needs and grant schedules. Any acquisition of new equipment through UASI funds would not be realized until several years later. The Carlsbad Police Department currently maintains one Lenco Bearcat Armored Rescue Vehicle within its inventory. The current Bearcat was originally purchased in 2011 and is approaching the end of its normal lifecycle. If an unforeseen need for new types of military equipment arises, the Police Department will adhere to the procedures set forth in the Government Code and our Military Equipment policy, to include a public hearing and City Council approval prior to acquisition.

**Public Hearing**

The Carlsbad Police Department gives strong consideration to the public's welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties. In a continued effort for greater transparency, the department places high regard on meaningful public input related to the use of military equipment in the community. Department policy requires the agency to hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting where community members may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report. Meetings must be held within thirty days of submitting and publicly releasing this annual report. The Carlsbad Police Department provided this opportunity on April 12 and on March 16 at the City of Carlsbad Safety Training Center. The meetings were open to everyone and provided an opportunity for all to read the report, ask questions of our personnel, view the equipment and provide feedback regarding the use of military equipment.

**Conclusion**

The Carlsbad Police Department places great value on input from the community. The Department, through the SWAT Team, frequently hosts public events encouraging interaction between members of the community and the officers. These events are designed to promote education and community engagement, while fostering positive relationships with the citizens of Carlsbad. In accordance with Policy 708, members of the public can submit feedback, questions or complaints regarding the use of military equipment by emailing [police@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:police@carlsbadca.gov) or by submitting a personnel complaint form. In addition, they can directly contact the department's military equipment representative, Lieutenant Ryan Opeka via email at [ryan.opeka@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:ryan.opeka@carlsbadca.gov).