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# **SFSO Military Style Equipment 2024**

## **Rules Committee Presentation**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**



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## **SFSO Military Equipment Use Policy 2024**

- SFSO posted via the website at [www.sfsheriff.com \(forms-policies-reports\)](http://www.sfsheriff.com/forms-policies-reports) at the 2024 report on Thursday, December 12, 2024.
- SFSO went through the same approval process in 2023. [The SFSO Military Equipment Use Policy \(MEUP\) Annual Report for 2023](#) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 30, 2024 and approved Mayor Breed on May 21, 2024.
- SFSO is seeking approval for the following:
  - ✓ Continued use of existing equipment covered by MEUP 2023,
  - ✓ Additional equipment to replenish those that have been used in 2024,
  - ✓ Additional equipment to supplement those that are in limited quantity,
  - ✓ SFSO is also seeking approval for one new equipment.



## Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems



- **Description.** An unmanned aircraft that is capable of sustaining directed flight designed for gathering information
- **Purpose.** Enhance the safety of the community and deputies by providing visual support and situational awareness for law enforcement operations.
- **Capability.** The UAS can launch quickly and locate survivors and send data to responders on the ground. It features a 24mm camera with thermal imaging sensor. Cameras can capture up to Ultra High Definition 4K resolution video. The Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual can achieve speeds of up to 44.7 mph, and battery provides up to 31 minutes of flight time.



## Mobile Command Vehicles



**Description.** Consist of a Mobile Command Vehicle (left) and a Rapid Response Vehicle (right)

- large trucks, which contain specialized equipment or,
- carry specialized equipment that can be used to coordinate events in real time.

**Purpose & Authorized Uses.**

- Help coordinate critical incident response.
- With prior approval, maybe used whenever a command post is needed.



## Breaching shotgun & ammunition (slugs)



### Description.

- Remington 870 Police Magnum pump-action 12 gauge with 18" barrel
- 425 grain breaching slugs

### Capability.

- Used by the SRT to defeat locked, barricaded or fortified locations.
- It is quicker than manual breaching
- It requires less training than thermal and explosive entry.



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## (.556 / .223 Caliber) Rifles & ammunition



### Description.

- Lightweight, magazine-fed, gas operated rifle intended to be fired from the shoulder.
- Can **fire rounds with accuracy at greater distance than pistols.**

### Capability.

- Enables deputies **to engage hostile suspects at distances greater than handguns.**
- **More accurate than pistols** and can defeat soft body armor.





## Sniper rifles & ammunition



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- The LWRC Rapid Engagement Precision Rifle (R.E.P.R.) is designed to shoot 7.62 mm NATO rounds on target
- The Colt Modular Carbine is a multi-caliber, modular weapon system which can fire a 7.62 x 51 or 5.56 x 54 NATO when the upper receiver group is swapped.
- The Sniper rifle provides SRT Snipers the ability to engage hostile suspects at a great distance with accuracy.

### Authorized Uses.

- The Sniper rifle is used exclusively by the SRT Sniper team for high risk SRT events and special operations.
- Sniper teams can also provide over watch and relay potential issues to incident commanders.

### Training Requirements.

- Successfully complete a POST certified Sniper course.
- Conduct live fire training throughout the training cycle and must pass a quarterly qualification.



## Diversionary Devices (Flash bangs)



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- An ATF-controlled Class-C explosive device that emits a bright light and thunderous noise to distract potentially dangerous individuals.
- Produces a 165-180db and **6-8 million candela of light output.**
- **Intended for distraction and surprise purposes only.**

### Authorized Uses.

- Flash bangs may be **used by SRT** to help facilitate entry into a room/structure in high-risk situations.
- May be used by SRT to **distract, confuse, and disorient subjects.**

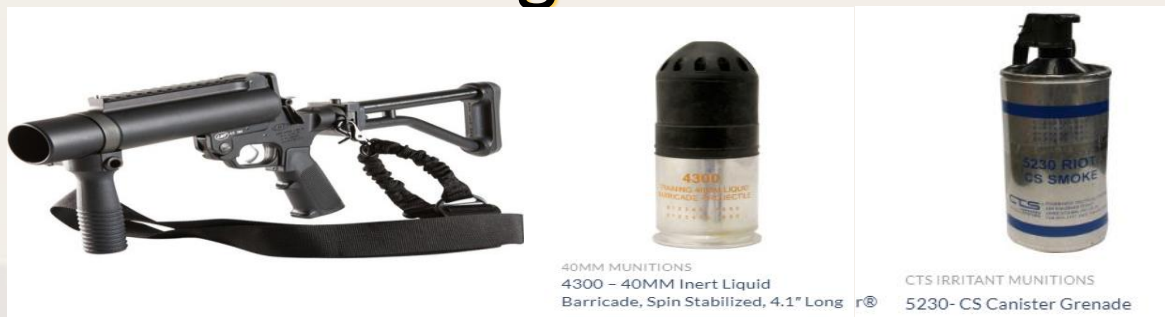
### Training Requirements.

- Successfully complete a POST certified SWAT school.
- Ongoing training throughout SRT's annual training.





## Chemical agents & launchers



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- **M203 40mm** is designed as a stand-alone weapon capable of launching less lethal chemicals and impact munitions from distance.
- Chemical agents can be launched from a safe distance.
- Dispersal of a chemical irritant can assist in stopping violent actions.

### Authorized Uses.

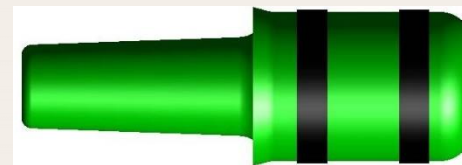
- With prior approval from SRT supervisor, launched chemical agents may only be used by SRT member.
- May be used to stop violent rioting, during hostage situations, a hostile jail takeover and during barricaded situations.

### Training Requirements.

- Successfully complete a POST certified SWAT school.
- Ongoing training throughout SRT's annual training cycle.



## Impact weapon launcher & less lethal impact munitions



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- The **Arwen 37** is a shoulder fired weapon that weighs 3.11kg unloaded or 3.83kg loaded.
- It features a revolver like rotary magazine which holds five munitions and a rate of fire of five rounds in four seconds without reloading.
- Used to launch less lethal impact munitions at subjects demonstrating assaultive behavior.
- The AR-1 munition is a proprietary polymer baton intended to be launched through direct impact at ranges up to 30 yards. It is a smaller diameter than military 40mm.
- Provides less lethal option to resolve critical situations and prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.



## Additional Firearms, not currently in use.



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- The MP-5 is a compact, modular, lightweight, shoulder fired, submachine gun capable of semi-automatic or automatic fire chambered in 9mm.
- **The MP5 in storage and is not currently assigned or deployed.** This weapon has been out of commission for at least 10 years. Employees are not presently qualified to operate the weapon.
- The Glock 18 is a full size 9x19mm pistol capable of automatic fire.
- It is fitted with a compensated barrel to reduce recoil. It has the same dimensions as the Glock 17 and looks very similar.
- **This weapon is in storage and is not authorized for use.**



## Kinetic Breaching Tool



### **Description, Capability & Purpose.**

- Modern alternative to traditional breaching methods.
- Capable of destroying locks, hinges, or other devices that prevent entry into a room.
- Intended for use by the SRT to defeat locked, barricaded or fortified locations & allow deputies to conduct rescues or high-risk forcible entries during high risk incidents.
- Currently on order, not in inventory.



## Unmanned remote piloted vehicles.



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- The **Recon Scout Throw Robot** is small and durable. Weighs just 1.2lbs yet can survive throws of 120 feet and deliver video reconnaissance within dangerous environments.
- The **4Sight Tactical R/C** weighs eleven pounds and is 6.76 inches tall. It is a remote control car with lights, which can hold a body camera on the front of the car.
- **Remotely controlled devices** that reveal the **location of armed subjects**, the **condition** of hostages and the **layout** of rooms during tactical operations.



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## Equipment requests for 2025.

### **Additional equipment previously authorized for use.**

- Not new equipment.
- Replenish those that were used during reporting period.
- Maintain deployment readiness.
- Supplement limited quantities.





## New equipment request for 2025 Chemical Agent Launcher PepperBall VKS Pro & PPC Breacher.



### Description, Capability & Purpose.

- PepperBall **VKS PRO is a semi-automatic launcher.**
- Deploys a .68 caliber round or long-range VXR™ projectile.
- Systems utilize either round ball projectiles or round tipped projectiles, **designed to disperse the chemical agent contained inside upon Impact.**
- The **PPC Breacher is a dedicated HPA-powered glass-breaking launcher** with high visibility markings



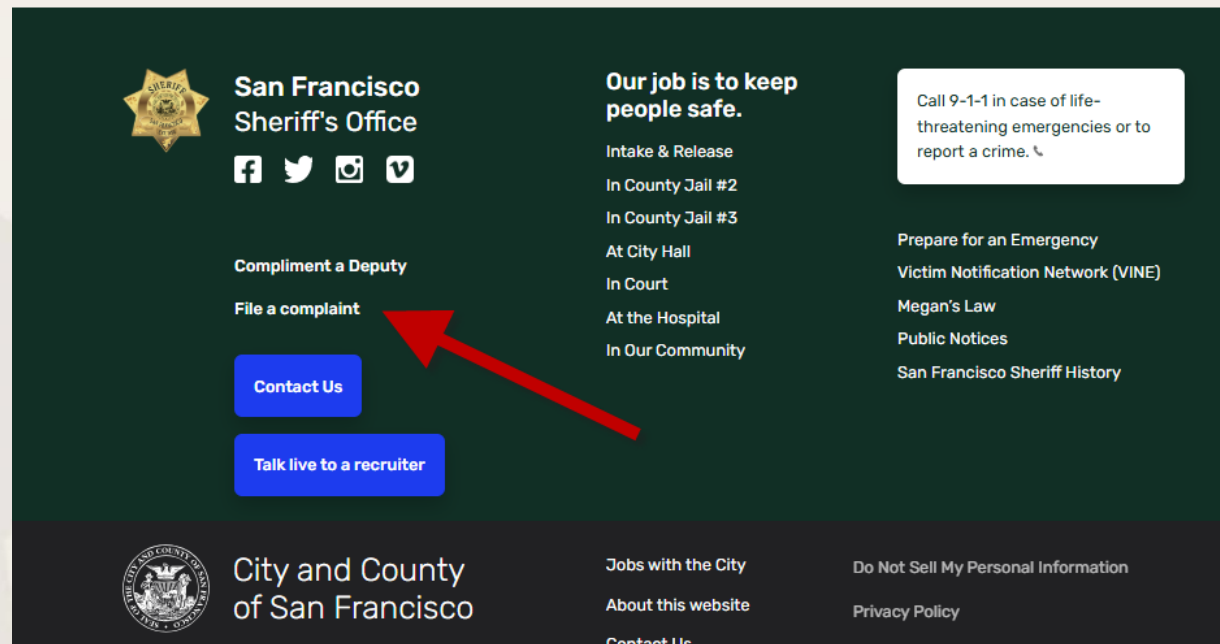
## Complaints

### Complaints & internal audits.

- Agreement with the Department of Police Accountability (DPA) to accept and investigate complaints regarding its use of the military equipment.
- For 2024, DPA did not receive any formal misconduct complaints regarding the use of military equipment.
- SFSO received complaints from several community members in San Bruno, CA regarding an incident that occurred near the County Jail located at 1 Moreland Drive.
- Incident that occurred on May 21, 2024 when members of the SRT conducted chemical agent training.
- Sheriff's office continues to cooperate with the investigation. Chemical agent training resumed but not currently at the San Bruno jail complex.



## Complaints



### How to file a complaint?

- Visit <https://sfsheriff.com>. Scroll to the bottom of the page & click on the “File a complaint” link.
- You can also send an email to [sfso.complaints@sfgov.org](mailto:sfso.complaints@sfgov.org)



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