



San Francisco
Sheriff's Office



Military Equipment Use Policy and Additional Equipment Approval

(2025 Annual Report)



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SFSO Military Equipment Use Policy 2025

- SFSO posted via the website at [www.sfsheriff.com \(forms-policies-reports\)](http://www.sfsheriff.com/forms-policies-reports) the 2025 report on Monday, December 15, 2025.
- SFSO is seeking approval for the following:
 - ✓ Continued use of existing equipment covered by MEUP 2024,
 - ✓ Additional equipment to replenish those that have been used in 2025,
 - ✓ Additional equipment to supplement those that are in limited quantity,
 - ✓ **SFSO is also seeking approval for two new equipment/platforms**
 - **Drone as a First Responder**
 - **Tear Ball Grenade (OC)**



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.



The Big Ask: "Drone as a First Responder" Program

The most significant new request is the creation of a DFR program, designed to provide rapid aerial situational awareness to first responders before they arrive on scene.

Quantity

6 First Responder Systems

Key Capability

Arrive on scene faster than ground resources to provide near-real-time imagery to responders and commanders.



Estimated Cost

~\$250,000 each

Total Program Cost

~\$1,500,000

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“The DFR Program will deliver rapid aerial situational awareness to first responders, materially improving officer and public safety by reducing unknowns at high-risk incidents, accelerating search and rescue responses, [and] enabling faster incident command decisions...”



Tear Ball Grenade



The Tear Ball Grenade is a hand-deployed, spherical chemical agent munition that disperses oleoresin capsicum (OC) in aerosol and/or particulate form when activated. It is designed to roll and disperse irritant agent over a limited area, creating a temporary cloud intended to cause tearing, coughing, and discomfort to encourage compliance and dispersal.

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The Tear Ball Grenade (OC) is intended to:

- Assist in safely dispersing aggressive or violent crowds or groups when other de-escalation and control tactics have been exhausted or are ineffective.
- Support the resolution of high-risk incidents such as barricaded subjects, violent disturbances in correctional settings, or other situations where there is an immediate threat to safety and a need to create distance or gain compliance.
- Reduce the need for higher levels of force by providing a less-lethal option to influence subject behavior at a distance.



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.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kinetic Breaching Tool | <input type="checkbox"/> Breaching Shotgun Ammunition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Rifles | <input type="checkbox"/> .556 / .223 Caliber Ammunition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select Fire Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversionary Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper Rifles | <input type="checkbox"/> Launched Chemical Agents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 37 mm / 40mm Less Lethal Launcher | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Lethal Munitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throwable Robotics | |



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