



UC SANTA CRUZ

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# AB 481 Annual Report & Equipment Inventory

COMMUNITY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023



# Why Hold a Public Forum?

- AB 481 requires the UC Santa Cruz Police Department (UCSC PD) to seek approval from the UC Regents for acquisition and use all equipment designated as “Military Equipment” by California Government Code 7070(c).
- In August 2022, the UC Regents approved the use of this equipment on our campus to provide a safe campus environment.
- UCSC PD owns and maintains only four (4) items in three (3) of the fifteen (15) categories on the designated list. All costs associated with designated equipment are funded through UCSC PD’s general operating budget.



# Why Hold a Public Forum?

- **TRANSPARENCY**

*The public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment by state or local government officials, as well as a right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment.*

- **TRUST**

*The lack of a public forum to discuss the acquisition of military equipment jeopardizes the relationship police have with the community, which can be undermined when law enforcement is seen as an occupying force rather than a public safety service.*



# What is “Military Equipment”?

## California Government Code 7070(c)

The Assembly Bill has designated the following categories of items as military equipment. The UCSC PD has equipment that meets the criteria for 3 of the 15 categories (categories 10,13, & 14):

- **Category 10**

*Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code.*

- **Category 13**

*Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD)*

- **Category 14**

*Kinetic Energy Weapons and Munitions*

The full text of AB 481 is available [here](#).



# AB 481 Approved Equipment

## ■ COLT M4 Model LE 6933

Propellant—Gunpowder

Projectile—5.56mm soft point or full jacketed



■ CATEGORY 10	■ 2022-2023	■ NOTES
Quantity	Rifles: 23 Ammunition: 7,500	Added to 2023 reporting due to change in law, but not new to department.
Deployments	0	
Complaints/Concerns	0	
Training/Policy Issues	0	
Expense	\$ 21,500	Ammunition, targets, facility fees, cleaning/maintenance.



# AB 481 Approved Equipment

## ■ Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

The device is approved only for sound amplification



■ Category 13	■ 2022-2023	■ Notes
Quantity	1	
Deployments	0	Prepared for use during protest event in case of pre-recorded message to disperse crowd, no deployment was needed
Complaints/Concerns	0	
Training/Policy Issues	0	Use of the device as a sonic weapon is prohibited in policy
Expense	\$300	Battery replacement





# AB 481 Approved Equipment

## ■ FN-303 Launcher

Propellant—Compressed Air

Projectile—.68 cal Impact + Paint Marker



■ Category 14	■ 2022-2023	■ Notes
Quantity	Launcher: 1 Projectiles: 200	
Deployments	0	
Complaints/Concerns	0	
Training/Policy Issues	0	Only Impact+Paint Marker authorized for use at UCSC
Expense	\$0	

# AB 481 Approved Equipment

## ■ 40mm Less-Lethal

Propellant—Gunpowder

Projectile—40mm eXact iMPact sponge round

Projectile—40mm training round (training use only)



■ Category 14	■ 2022-2023	■ Notes
Quantity	Launcher: 11 Projectiles: 200 Training Rounds: 50-75	
Deployments	0	
Complaints/Concerns	0	
Training/Policy Issues	0	
Expense	\$2,500	Training ammunition, targets, cleaning/maintenance



# Requested Equipment for 2023

- **Request for Category 1 - Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles**
- *Cost: Approximately \$24,000. This cost does not include training and certification of drone pilots.*
- *Quantity: It is recommended that a minimum of two (2) drones be purchased. One (1) will be used for training purposes and the other one (1) will be maintained in a state of operational readiness.*
- *Policy Compliance: UC Santa Cruz Police Department will plan to develop policy within the current recommendation and guidance of the UC Office of the President's Unmanned Aircraft Program.*



# More Information on AB 481 at UCDPD

- UC Santa Cruz Police Department Website on AB 481:  
<https://police.ucsc.edu/ab481.html>
- More information on the UCOP Drone program:  
UC Office of the President's Unmanned Aircraft Program  
<https://www.ucop.edu/safety-and-loss-prevention/environmental/program-resources/unmanned-aircraft-systems-safety.html>



# Questions or Comments?

- <https://police.ucsc.edu>

