

# Military Equipment

## 707.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

### 707.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

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

**Military equipment** – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), two-and-one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
- Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices (LRADs), acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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### **707.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Chico Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

### **707.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Operations Captain will be the designated member of this department 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.
- (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 Chico 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) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

### **707.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

[See attachment: Military Equipment Inventory 2026.pdf](#)

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### **707.5 APPROVAL**

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy is submitted to the governing body and is available on the department website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body 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.

### **707.6 USE OF KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES AND CHEMICAL AGENTS FOR CROWD CONTROL**

Kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents for crowd control purposes shall only be deployed by Officers who have received POST training for crowd control if the use is objectively reasonable to defend against a threat to life or serious bodily injury to any individual, including an Officer, or to bring an objectively dangerous and unlawful situation safely and effectively under control and in accordance with the following requirements of Penal Code § 13652 and Assembly Bill 48.

- (a) De-escalation techniques or other alternatives to force have been attempted, when objectively reasonable, and have failed.
- (b) Repeated, audible announcements are made announcing the intent to use kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents and the type to be used, when objectively reasonable to do so. The announcements shall be made from various locations, if necessary, and delivered in multiple languages, if appropriate.
- (c) Individuals are given an objectively reasonable opportunity to disperse and leave the scene.
- (d) An objectively reasonable effort has been made to identify individuals engaged in violent acts and those who are not, and kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents

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are targeted toward those individuals engaged in violent acts. Projectiles shall not be aimed indiscriminately into a crowd or group of individuals.

- (e) Kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents are used only with the frequency, intensity, and in a manner that is proportional to the threat and objectively reasonable.
- (f) Officers shall minimize the possible incidental impact of their use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents on bystanders, medical personnel, journalists, or other unintended targets.
- (g) An objectively reasonable effort has been made to extract individuals in distress.
- (h) Medical assistance is promptly provided, if properly trained personnel are present, or procured, for injured persons, when it is reasonable and safe to do so.
- (i) Kinetic energy projectiles shall not be aimed at the head, neck, or any other vital organs.
- (j) Kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents shall not be used solely due to any of the following:
  - 1. A violation of an imposed curfew.
  - 2. A verbal threat.
  - 3. Noncompliance with a law enforcement directive.
- (k) If the chemical agent to be deployed is tear gas, only an Incident Commander at the scene of the assembly, protest, or demonstration may authorize its use.

### **707.7 USE SUMMARY**

The Operations Division Captain or the authorized designee should ensure that a summary of each deployment of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents for crowd control purposes is prepared and published on the department website within 60 days of each incident. The time frame may be extended for another 30 days where just cause is demonstrated, but no longer than 90 days from the time of the incident. The summary shall be limited to the information known to the Department at the time of the report and include the information required in Penal Code § 13652.1 and Assembly Bill 48.

### **707.8 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this Department, or otherwise engaged in law enforcement operations in this jurisdiction, shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid or operating in this jurisdiction.

### **707.9 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE REPORT**

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment

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approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report 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 in department inventory.

### **707.10 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 Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

Any member of the public can register a question or concern regarding military use equipment by contacting the Chico Police Department Professional Standards Unit via phone at (530) 897-5851, email at [internalaffairs@chicoca.gov](mailto:internalaffairs@chicoca.gov) or by mail to 1460 Humboldt Road, Chico, CA 95928.. A response to the question or concern shall be completed by the Department in timely manner.

Any member of the public can submit a complaint to any member of the Department and in any form (i.e. in person, telephone, email, etc.). Once the complaint is received, it should be routed to the Professional Standards Unit in accordance with Policy 1020 ( Personnel Complaints).

### **707.11 MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUPPLY LEVELS**

When stocks of consumable military equipment have reached significantly low levels or have been exhausted, the Department may order the necessary equipment without City Council approval to maintain essential availability for the Department's needs.

### **707.12 COMPLIANCE**

Department members are bound to adhere to this Policy, in addition to state and local laws and ordinances when employing the use of military equipment at any time. Violations of the law or this Policy may result in criminal or administrative investigations, or action.

## Attachments

## **Military Equipment Inventory 2026.pdf**



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## 1. Unmanned Remotely Piloted, Aerial Systems

- Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:

### **DJI Mavic Mini drone, Quantity 4, Cost \$400 each**

- The Mavic Mini was specifically built to serve enthusiasts. This small UAS is a battery powered, remote operated device with a mounted camera and lights. This UAS has proven to be useful to public safety agencies in firefighting, search and rescue, pre-operational surveillance, and other tactical situations where aerial views enhance the safety and efficiency of public safety personnel. This UAS has a flight time of 30 minutes.

### **DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced drone, Quantity 2, Cost \$6,500 each**

- The Mavic 2 Enterprise was specifically built to serve industries and applications in public safety, inspection, search & rescue, fire response, and law enforcement. This Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) is a battery powered, remote operated device with a mounted camera, light and thermal imaging device. This UAS has proven to be useful to public safety agencies in firefighting, search and rescue, pre-operational surveillance, and other tactical situations where aerial views enhance the safety and efficiency of public safety personnel. This UAS has a flight time of 30 minutes.

### **iFlight Alpha A85 drone, Quantity 3, Cost \$300 each**

- The iFlight Alpha A85 is a micro UAS designed to be flown in first person view (FPV). This UAS is a very small battery powered, remote operated device with a mounted camera and lights. This UAS was built and designed to be a surveillance tool used to enter structures prior to sending public safety personnel. This UAS has a flight time of 6 minutes.

### **DJI Avata Pro-View drone, Quantity 3, Cost \$3,200 each**

- The Avata Pro-View is a micro UAS designed to be flown in first person view (FPV). This UAS is a very small battery powered, remote operated device with a mounted camera and lights. This UAS was built and designed to be a surveillance tool used to enter structures prior to sending public safety personnel. This UAS has a flight time of 10 minutes. The Avata has a self-righting capability. Multiple aircraft can be deployed at the same time to check the interior of larger structures or in sequence to increase flight time.



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### **DJI Matrice M30T drone, Quantity 2, Cost \$14,700 each**

- Designed to travel wherever the mission takes you, the DJI Matrice 30 Series-including the Matrice 30 (M30) and Matrice 30T Thermal (M30T) – allows users to easily adapt and perform in any environment. With unmatched aerial intelligence designed to capture everything, the M30 series pairs portability with the flight power and features found only in the most advanced commercial drones, including an enhanced Enterprise flight interface, redundancies and backup systems, enhanced transmission, and superior image quality.

### **Skydio X10 drone, Quantity 1, Cost \$20,000 each**

- The Skydio X10 is a quadcopter weighing less than 5 pounds and is 31 inched by 26 inches in size. The general platform utilized by a variety of industries to include public safety. The X10 includes advanced features such as autonomous flight, 4K video, 40-min flight time, and IP55 weather resistance. The platform features redundant communication and can be controlled via a wireless or cellular connection. The X10 has the capability to be housed in a docking station allowing for remote flights. It will meet Federal regulations requiring U.S. made UAS systems for government use.

### **DJI Neo drone, Quantity 4, Cost \$200 each**

- The DJI Neo is an ultra-small, ultra lightweight, UAS platform equipped with a high quality 4K camera. The Neo and its software are designed for first time drone pilots and focuses on ease of use. The Neo excels in interior flight situations due to its stability, size, rapid deployment speed, and no need for costly advanced pilot training and licensing. Additionally, its low cost (approx. \$200), make it ideal to send into situations where damage is likely (ie. hostile subjects or HazMat incidents) rather than our other UAS platforms which can cost well over \$1000. The DJI Neo seamlessly integrates with our other current UAS hardware and software. This platform would supplement and enhance the capabilities and services provided by the UAS team.



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### **DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise drone, Quantity 1, Cost \$5,000 each**

- The Mavic 3 Enterprise is a UAS designed to be flown within sight of the operator or spotter. The aircraft is equipped with a high-resolution camera. The drone will be used to create maps of crime scenes and evidence to assist in the investigation and prosecution of crimes.
- **Purpose:** May be deployed when an aerial view would enhance situational awareness and assist officers or incident commanders during, but not limited to, the following occurrences:
  - Arrest/Search Warrant
  - CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives)
  - Crowd Control/Special Events
  - Dignitary Protection Detail
  - Disaster Management
  - Ongoing Criminal Investigation
  - Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Investigation
  - Fire
  - Forensic/Crime Scene
  - Missing Persons Investigations
  - Perimeter Search and Security
  - Search and Rescue
  - SWAT Operation
  - Traffic Collision
  - Training
  - Public Relations/Multimedia Productions
  - Assisting outside agencies in any of the above situations
  - Assisting other City of Chico departments with carrying out their mission of better serving Chico residents and visitors
- **Authorized Use:** UAS may be utilized to enhance the department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. Any use of a UAS will be in strict accordance with constitutional and privacy rights and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. The use of UAS shall not be used in the following circumstance:
  - To conduct random surveillance.
  - To target a person based solely on actual or perceived characteristics, such as race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic status, age, cultural group, or disability.



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- To harass, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual or group.
- To conduct personal business of any type.
- UAS shall never be weaponized.
- **Expected Lifespan:** 5 – 10 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** \$500 - \$1000 battery replacement
- **Training Requirements:** All UAS Pilots have FAA Part 107 Commercial UAS Pilot License and go through Chico Police Department initial training and competency testing prior to operating any UAS in the field. This training includes but is not limited to, Federal rules and regulations, State rules and regulations, CPD Policy, Flight training (day and night), and CPD Obtained FAA Authorizations.

## 2. Unmanned Ground Systems (Remote Control Cars)

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Manufacturer: DIY build by UAS Team members, from Hobbyist Parts, Quantity (4), Estimated Cost \$2,500**

- A remote-controlled, uncrewed car that operates on the ground. Modified and equipped with a camera.

- **Purpose:**

- Remotely gain visual-only data (color video), deliver Crisis Negotiations Team phone or other items, move objects, deploy equipment, and check on a person or identify hazards before entry into an area.

- **Authorized Use:**

- These vehicles are to be utilized at the direction of the Watch Commander, Incident Commander, UAS team, in parallel with the use of UAS systems.

- **Expected Lifespan:**

- Dependent on Vehicle Type.

- **Fiscal Impact:**

- Minimal maintenance

- **Training Requirements:** These systems would not require special operator training, but would be part of ongoing training by UAS team members.



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### 3. Robots

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Transcend Robotics Vantage with Hot Gas Delivery System, Quantity 1, Cost \$48,000**

- This equipment is an unmanned, battery powered, remote operated device. The light-duty robot is equipped with a camera and can be remotely operated from hundreds of feet away, providing protection and safety to the operator. Its stair climbing ability and overall maneuverability allows the robot to search condensed areas. The hot gas delivery system allows for deploying hot gas safely inside a house or building. This equipment is generally used during high-risk incidents.

**Transcend Robotics Breacher, Quantity 1, Cost \$65,000**

- The Breacher Robot is the first robot capable of remotely breaching bolt-locked doors without explosives or projectiles. This game-changing tool can breach up to 10 doors on a single charge removing the need to send officers behind a door or into an interior hallway with two-way audio, and up to 600 ft. non-line-of-sight or 2,500 ft. line-of-sight communication signal.
- **Purpose:** To be used to provide protection from suspected and known explosive hazards. They are also used in tactical support of special operations and can be used to gain visual/audio data, deliver a Crisis Negotiation Team phone, open doors, and clear buildings.
- **Authorized Use:** Support of SWAT and Patrol during high-risk, tactical, or other public safety life-preservation missions (e.g., opening doors to clear buildings, interior visual assessments of structures or outdoor areas to gain intelligence prior to officers entering a dwelling or contacting a potentially armed, or resistive subject that may be hiding).
- **Expected Lifespan:** 10 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Capital Improvement Project set-aside for replacement of \$10,000 annually
- **Training Requirements:** Bomb Squad Robot operators (PackBot, Remote Andros F6-A) must complete FBI Hazardous Devices School to deploy robotic platforms on explosive threat related incidents. Members of the bomb squad, who are not certified by FBI HDS, may operate robotic platforms after training and demonstration of proficiency.



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### 4. Armored Rescue Vehicle

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Lenco Bearcat Armored Rescue Vehicle, Quantity 1, Cost \$216,801\***

- The armored rescue vehicle (ARV) is designed to provide ballistic protection during tactical events (designed to withstand multiple bullet strikes from small arms fire as well as low level explosions). It is equipped with emergency lights/siren and a public address system. The ARV is equipped with a chemical agent delivery system that allows CS gas or smoke to be delivered into barricades from the safety of the ARV. Commons uses for the ARV include citizen and officer rescues, evacuations, and deployment of officers and chemical agents. The ARV is a regional mutual-aid asset that is also used by the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

\*The first ARV was destroyed by fire. This price reflects the replacement cost for the current ARV.

- **Purpose:** To be used in response to critical incidents to enhance officer and community safety, improve scene containment and stabilization, and assist in resolving critical incidents.
- **Authorized Use:** The Chief of Police, Watch Commander, Crisis Response Unit Commander, or Incident Commander may authorize the use of the ARV for the following circumstances:
  - Recovery and/or evacuation of person(s) who are injured or stranded in a high-risk area, to assist with riots and violent breaches of the peace, natural or other disasters, assist with barricaded subjects, service of high-risk search warrants or arrest warrants, or the movement of personnel into a hostile or unsafe areas to effect an arrest or render aid.
  - Law Enforcement training, public relations display, mutual aid assistance and other uses deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or sworn members of command staff.
  - When law enforcement action requires a response beyond the capabilities of uniformed patrol staff or investigative personnel.
  - Patrol Supervisors may authorize the use of the ARV in emergency situations with an immediate notification to the on duty or on call Watch Commander.
- **Expected Lifespan:** 20 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Annual maintenance cost of approximately \$1,500



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- **Training Requirements:** All driver/operators shall attend formalized instruction and be trained in vehicle operations and practical driving instruction.

## 5. Long Range Acoustic Device

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**LRAD 100X, Quantity 1, Cost \$16,455**

- The LRAD 100X is a portable hailing system able to extend voice broadcast range out to 600 meters. This ensures voice messages are clearly heard and understood. The battery operated and remote operation of the LRAD allow the operator to communicate from secure area.
- **Purpose:** To be used to issue dispersal orders during crowd and riot control situations or to address the public in the event of civil emergencies, natural disasters, evacuations, and police incidents (e.g., missing persons, perimeters for wanted suspects. K9 deployments, etc.). The LRAD may also be used to issue a warning tone.
- **Authorized Use:** The LRAD should only be used by officers trained in its deployment and used in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.
- **Expected Lifespan:** 20 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** None
- **Training Requirements:** The LRAD should only be used by officers trained in its deployment and used in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.

## 6. 37mm/40mm Launchers and Munitions

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Defense Technology 37mm Single Shot Launcher, Quantity 1, Cost \$850**

- The 37mm single shot launcher is a tactical single shot launcher that fires a standard 37mm less lethal ammunition up to 50 yards. This launcher is breach loaded and must be reloaded after each use.

**Federal Laboratories 37mm Single Shot Launcher, Quantity 1, Cost \$ 850**

- The 37mm single shot launcher is a tactical single shot launcher that fires a standard 37mm less lethal ammunition up to 50 yards. This launcher is breach loaded and must be reloaded after each use.



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### **Penn Arms 37mm 6 Shot Launcher, Quantity 1, Cost \$1,975**

- The 37mm 6 shot launcher is a tactical 6 shot launcher that fires a standard 37mm less lethal ammunition up to 131ft. This launcher provides multi-shot capability before having to reload.

### **Defense Technology 40 mm Single Shot Launcher, Quantity 22, Cost \$1,000**

- The 40mm single launcher is a tactical single shot launcher that fires a standard 40mm less lethal ammunition up to 131ft. This launcher is breach loaded and must be reloaded after each use.

### **Defense Technology 40 mm 4 Tactical Shot Launcher, Quantity 2, Cost \$ 1,975**

- The 40mm 4 shot launcher is a tactical 4 shot launcher that fires a standard 40mm less lethal ammunition up to 131ft. This launcher provides multi-shot capability before having to reload.

### **Defense Technology 37mm Ferret CS Barricade Penetrating Projectile, Quantity (50), Cost \$37**

- A less lethal 37mm round used to penetrate barriers, such as windows, hollow core doors, wallboard, and thin plywood. Upon impacting the barrier, the nose cone ruptures and instantaneously delivers a small chemical payload inside of a structure or vehicle. These rounds are never discharged at a person.

### **Defense Technology 37mm Ferret OC Barricade Penetrating Projectile, Quantity (50), Cost \$37**

- A less lethal 37mm round used to penetrate barriers, such as windows, hollow core doors, wallboard, and thin plywood. Upon impacting the barrier, the nose cone ruptures and instantaneously delivers a small chemical payload inside of a structure or vehicle. These rounds are never discharged at a person.

### **Combined Tactical Systems 40mm Sponge Baton Projectile (#4557), Quantity (240), Cost \$30**

- A less lethal 40mm munition, the Sponge Baton is a spin-stabilized projectile delivering blunt trauma effect. Although it is extremely accurate and consistent, accuracy is dependent on the launcher, using open sights vs. an improved sight, environmental



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conditions, and the operator. Effectiveness depends on many variable; such as distance, clothing, stature, and the point where the projectile impacts.

### **Combined Tactical Systems 40 mm Frangible Impact OC Projectile (#4556), Quantity (115), Cost \$40**

- A less lethal 40mm, spin-stabilized projectiles that deliver multi-effects of blunt trauma and dispersal of irritant powder on and around the target. Although it is extremely accurate and consistent, accuracy is dependent on the launcher, using open sights vs. an improved sight environmental conditions, and the operator. Effectiveness depends on many variable; such as distance, clothing, stature, and the point where the projectile impacts.
- **Purpose:** 37mm/40mm launchers can fire a variety of ammunition with a maximum effective range of one hundred thirty-one feet (131).
- **Authorized Use:** 37mm/40mm launchers and munitions may be deployed to limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. The range of the weapon system helps to maintain space between officers and a suspect and reduce the immediacy of the threat, which is the principle of de-escalation. This system has additional uses which include but are not limited to:
  - Self-destructive, dangerous, and/or combative individuals
  - Riot/crowd control and in civil unrest incidents
  - Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained, against potentially vicious animals
- **Expected Lifespan:**
  - All shotguns – 10 years
  - All munitions – 5 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Replace stock as needed (varying cost) and maintenance cost of launchers/shotguns (\$100 annual)
- **Training Requirements:** Sworn members utilizing 40MM less lethal chemical agents or impact rounds are trained in their use by POST-certified less lethal and chemical agent instructors in an in-house, POST-certified Chico Police Department Less Lethal Course.

## **7. Less Lethal Shotgun and Munitions**

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Remington 870 Less Lethal Shotgun, Quantity 21, Cost \$946 each**



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- The Remington 80 Less Lethal Shotgun is used to deploy the less lethal 12-gauge Super-Sock Beanbag Round up to 75 feet. The range of the weapon system helps to maintain space between officers and a suspect reducing the immediacy of the threat which is a principle of de-escalation.

### **12-Gauge Super-Sock Beanbag Round, Quantity 1,310, Cost \$5 each**

- A less lethal 2.4 inch 12-gauge shotgun round firing a ballistic fiber bag filled with 40 grams or lead shot at a velocity of 270-290 feet per second. These rounds are discharged from a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun that is distinguishable by an orange butt stock and fore grip. This round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not fewer than 5 feet. The maximum effective range of this munition is up to 75 feet.
- **Purpose:** Less Lethal munitions can be used to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation, with a reduced potential for death or serious physical injury.
- **Authorized Use:** Less lethal munitions may be used by those officers trained in their use in the following type of situations, but are not limited to these situations:
  - Persons armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of the approved munitions
  - Persons making credible threats to harm themselves or others.
  - Persons engaged in riotous behavior such as throwing rocks, bottles, or other dangerous projectiles at people or officers.
- **Expected Lifespan:**
  - All less lethal shotguns – 10 years
  - All munitions – 5 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Replace stock as needed (varying cost) and maintenance cost of launchers/shotguns (\$100 annual)
- **Training Requirements:** Sworn members utilizing less lethal shotguns trained in their use by POST-certified less lethal and chemical agent instructors in an in-house, POST-certified Chico Police Department Less Lethal Course.

## **8. Rifles and Munitions**

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:** Rifles are firearms that are fired from shoulder level, having a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance. Rifles are magazine fed and either bolt-action or semi-automatic. Rifles can be



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configured for different purposes such as patrol, traffic motorcycle, or SWAT. The cost of the weapon greatly depends on the configuration. The below costs are averages. Submachine guns are magazine fed automatic carbines designed to fire handguns cartridges. All submachine guns and sniper rifles are exclusively used by the SWAT team.

**Remington 700 .308, Quantity 2, Cost \$1,400 each**

- The Remington Arms 700 is a bolt action, shoulder fired rifle, which fires a .308 caliber bullet.

**MPA Law Enforcement Bolt Action Rifle .308, Quantity (4), Cost \$2,440 each**

- The Masterpiece Arms LE Bolt Action rifle is a bolt action, shoulder fired rifle, which fires a .308 caliber bullet.

**Sionics SAR-15 Patrol, Quantity 73, Cost \$1,400 each**

- Semi-automatic gas-operated gun, indirect gas piston system.

**Sig Sauer 716 G2 .308, Quantity 2, Cost \$1,600 each**

- Semi-automatic gas-operated gun, indirect gas piston system

**Speer Gold Dot LE .223 REM, Quantity 22,000, Cost \$260/case**

- 62 gr ammunition for duty carbine rifles

**Hornady TAP Precision .308 WIN ELD Match, Quantity 2,500, Cost \$3 each**

- 168 gr. specialized duty ammunition for the SWAT sniper team
- *This ammunition is being phased out for the Federal-brand ammunition.*

**Hornady TAP Heavy Barrier .308 WIN GMX, Quantity 500, Cost \$3 each**

- 165 gr. specialized duty ammunition for the SWAT sniper team
- *This ammunition is being phased for the Federal-brand ammunition.*

**Federal Frangible Ammunition .223 REM, Quantity 20,000, Cost \$329/case**

- 50 gr. frangible rounds used for training in the live fire shoot house

**Federal TRU Ammunition .308 Winchester, Tactical Tip, Quantity 7,500, Cost \$639/case**

- 168 gr. specialized ammunition for the SWAT sniper team.



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### **Federal Tactical Bonded Tip Ammunition .308 Winchester, Quantity 2,000, Cost \$394/case**

- 168 gr. specialized ammunition for the SWAT sniper team.

### **Federal Rifle Ammunition .223 Winchester, Quantity 190,000 Cost \$220/case**

- 55 gr. range practice ammunition for patrol rifles.

### **Federal 12g. Slug 1oz, Quantity 750, Cost \$3 each**

- 1oz slug used by Explosive Ordnance Technicians and the SWAT team
- **Purpose:** To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and desirable.
- **Authorized Use:** Only POST certified and department trained officers may use rifles. Only POST certified and department trained SWAT officers may use submachine guns. All personnel who are authorized to use a rifle must demonstrate proficiency annually. SWAT members must demonstrate proficiency monthly with both rifles and submachine guns.
- **Expected Lifespan:** Lifespans vary and some have none as parts can be changed.
- **Fiscal Impact:** Annual maintenance is approximately \$50 for each weapon.
- **Training Requirements:** Prior to using a rifle, officers must attend POST certified training in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members that operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification once a year.

## **9. Distraction/Diversionary Devices**

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

### **Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Device, Quantity (40), Cost \$89**

- Reusable non-bursting canister that limits movement and rolling once deployed.

### **Combined Tactical Systems Multi 9 Flashbang Device (7209-9), Quantity (36), Cost \$189**

- Patented multi-bangs feature top and bottom non-fragmenting, minimal movement devices that perform with high reliability incorporating CTS Superior fuse components with the patented and US Army adopted Confidence Clip and pin shroud.



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### Defense Technology Fuse, Quantity (40), Cost \$52

- A non-bursting, non-fragmenting reusable device that produces a loud noise with an intense bright light. These distraction devices are commonly referred to as “flashbangs” and they are extremely useful for distracting dangerous persons during assaults, hostage rescues, and other high-risk arrest situations. The devices are re-usable up to 25 times by replacing the fuse.

### ALS Technology ALS 1209 Aerial Warning Bang, Quantity 12, Cost \$6

- 12-gauge aerial distraction/diversionary device. This munition is designed to be deployed as a stand-off diversion, capable of being launched out to 46 meters.
- **Purpose:** To produce a distraction with a loud noise and bright light in order to provide a tactical advantage for officers.
- **Authorized Use:** Distraction devices shall only be used by officers who have been trained in their use during hostage or barricaded subject situations, situations that pose a high risk of death or serious bodily injury to officers, or during training exercises.
- **Expected Lifespan:** 5 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Replace fuses and bodies as needed. Currently about 15 replaced a year for an average cost \$600 annually.
- **Training Requirements:** SWAT personnel receive training internally when they transfer to the unit as well as POST certified in-class training. Additional training will be completed annually to re-certify members of the SWAT team in the use and deployment of the Flash-Bang devices. Non-SWAT personnel attend a POST-certified class in the use and deployment of the Flash-Bang device.

## 10. Chemical Agents

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:** Chemical Agents munitions, which are commonly referred to as “tear gas,” can be used by the Chico Police Department as a non-lethal tool to disperse rioting suspects or barricaded subjects. The Chico Police Department uses chemical agents which are used by law enforcement agencies across the United States: CS (2-Chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile) and OC (Oleoresin Capsicum). CS is an irritating agent and lachrymator (irritates the eyes and causes tears to flow). CS has been medically tested in the UK and the US, specifically by the US Army. There are no known allergic reactions to CS. OC was de-regulated in California in 1996, is endorsed by the FBI, and is available to civilians to legally possess (2.5 oz or less).



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OC is an inflammatory agent which causes involuntary closure of eyes (open in 2-5 minutes) and respiratory inflammation (subsides in approximately 2 minutes).

### **Defense Technology Pocket Tactical Grenade CS, Quantity (60), Cost \$35 each**

- This CS grenade is a flameless design primarily used for indoor tactical situations to detect or dislodge a barricaded subject. These CS grenades are deployed by hand and not designed to be launched from a 40mm or any other launch platform. The CS grenade will deliver approximately .70 ounces of agent during its 20-25 second burn time. These CS grenades could be used in riot situations as well as indoor use.

### **Defense Technology Riot Control Continuous Discharge CS, Quantity (10), Cost \$37 each**

- The Riot Control CS Grenade is designed specifically for outdoor use in crowd control situations with a high-volume continuous burn that expels its payload in approximately 20-40 seconds through four gas ports located on the canister. This grenade dispels smoke as well as CS which allows for concealed tactical movement as well as crowd displacement.

### **Combined Tactical Systems Baffled Riot CS Smoke, Quantity (60), Cost \$67 each**

- Pyrotechnic grenade designed for indoor use delivering a maximum amount of irritant smoke throughout multiple rooms with minimal risk of fire.

### **Combined Tactical Systems OC Vapor 6340, Quantity (20), Cost \$57 each**

- This unique grenade delivers an invisible OC vapor and renders an intense respiratory effect to a non-compliant subject.
- **Purpose:** To de-escalate a potentially deadly situation, with a reduced potential for death or serious physical injury to all persons, when a decision has been made to restrain or arrest a violent or threatening subject(s).
- **Authorized Use:** Chemical Agents may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal, or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Watch Commander, Incident Commander, or Tactical Commander may authorize the delivery and use of tear gas, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.
- **Expected Lifespan:** All chemical agents have a life span of 5 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** Replace expired or used chemical agents- \$500 annually



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- **Training Requirements:** SWAT operators who utilize these munitions have been through and successfully completed a POST approved gas school and/or trained in-house by POST certified chemical agent instructors. Non-SWAT personnel attend a POST certified class in the use and deployment of chemical agents and smoke.

### 11. Launching Cup

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Combined Tactical Systems LC5 Launching Cup, Quantity 4, Cost \$349 each**

- The Combined Tactical Systems LC5 Launching Cup is capable of being attached to almost any 12-gauge shotgun, including CPD's Remington 870 12-gauge less lethal shotguns, and firing all Combined Tactical Systems 5 series munitions.
- **Purpose:** The use of the Combined Tactical Systems LC5 Launching Cup may be deployed to limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. The range of the weapon system helps to maintain space between officers and a suspect and reduce the immediacy of the threat, which is the principle of de-escalation. This system has additional uses which include but are not limited to self-destructive, dangerous, and/or combative individuals, riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents, circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained, potentially vicious animals, and training exercises or approved demonstrations.
- **Authorized Use:** Covered under 37mm/40mm Launchers and Munitions
- **Expected Lifespan:** 20 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** None
- **Training Requirements:** SWAT operators who utilize these tools have been through and successfully completed training in-house.

### 12. Explosive Breaching Tools

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Royal Arms Remington 870 Express 12g Breaching Shotgun, Quantity 2, Cost \$500**

- This weapon allows breachers to safely utilize shotgun breaching rounds in order to destroy deadbolts, locks, and hinges. The stand-off that is attached to the end of the barrel allows for positive placement of the gun into the correct position and vents gases to prevent



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overpressure. This weapon can also defeat windows and sliding glass doors with a flash bang round. A less lethal 2.4-inch 12-gauge shotgun round firing a ballistic fiber bag filled with 40 grams of lead shot at a velocity of 270-290 feet per second (FPS).

**Royal Arms Tesar Black Cap 12g 425 Grain Copper Frangible Breaching Round, Quantity 90, Cost \$5**

- The round is fired from a breaching shotgun and is used to destroy deadbolts, locks, and hinges.
- These will be phased out by use in training environment, to be replaced by TESAR-1 and TESAR-SF rounds.

**Defense Technology 12g TKO Compressed Zinc Breaching, Quantity 38, Cost \$7**

- The TKO is capable of defeating door lock mechanisms, doorknobs, hinges, dead bolts, safety chains, and pad locks on both wooden and hollow core doors. Upon impact with the target, the zinc slug disintegrates into a fine powder eliminating fragmentation.
- These will be phased out by use in training environment, to be replaced by TESAR-1 and TESAR-SF rounds.

**Royal Arms TESAR-1 Orange Cap 275 grain, copper frangible round, Quantity (100), Cost \$5**

- The round is fired from a breaching shotgun and is used for hollow doors, solid wood doors, locks and hinges (residential settings). Avoiding overpenetration.

**Royal Arms TESAR-SF Green Cap 400 grain metal alloy (zinc) frangible round, Quantity (100), Cost \$5**

- The round is fired from a breaching shotgun and is used for locks, cross-bolts and hinges, hollow core doors-light steel doors (commercial settings).
- **Purpose:** Utilized by SWAT operators and are capable of breaching glass, metal doors, wood doors, deadbolts, locks and hinges.



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- **Authorized Use:** The listed equipment is used by SWAT operators to safely gain entry into a structure during high-risk operations.
- **Expected Lifespan:** 20 years
- **Fiscal Impact:** None
- **Training Requirements:** SWAT operators who utilize these tools have been through and successfully completed training in-house.

### 13. PepperBall Launchers and Projectiles

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

#### PepperBall FTC Launcher, Quantity 7, Cost \$1,300 each

- This is a commercial paintball gun that uses compressed air to fire a non-lethal projectile that contains OC, or pepper spray. The launcher is fed by a large hopper that holds about 100 projectiles.

#### PepperBall LIVE-X PROJECTILE, Quantity 2,525, Cost \$4 each

- The LIVE-X Projectile contains a concentrated amount of PAVA pepper powder. One round of LIVE-X contains the equivalent of 10 PepperBall rounds. Discharged from a PepperBall Launcher, the projectile has a velocity of 280-350 FPS. The projectile has a direct impact range of 60 feet and an area of saturation of 150+ feet. The projectile contains 5% PAVA powder.
- **Purpose:** To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include but are not limited to:
  - Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.
  - Riot/Crow control and civil unrest incidents.
  - Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.
  - Potentially vicious animals.
  - Training exercises or approved demonstrations.
- **Authorized Use:** Only those officers who have been trained in the use of PepperBall system are authorized to use the PepperBall system.
- **Expected Lifespan:**
  - Pepperball FTC Launcher – 15 years
  - PepperBall Live-X Projectile – 3 year
- **Fiscal Impact:**
  - Pepperball FTC Launcher – \$50 annually
  - PepperBall Live-X Projectile - \$1200 annually



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- **Training Requirements:** Sworn members utilizing Pepper ball Launchers are trained in their use by POST-certified less lethal instructors in an in-house Less Lethal Course.

### **PROPOSED EXPANSION ACQUISITIONS**

*These are additions to the inventory of existing equipment.*

#### 1. Unmanned Aerial Systems

Request to purchase (3) additional Skydio X10 drones for building a Drone as First Responder Program. Funding for the program will be requested for the 26-27 budget. The total new Skydio 10 inventory, if approved, would be (4). \$20,000 each.

#### 2. Rifles

Request to purchase (7) additional Sionics SAR-15 Patrol Rifles. The new inventory would be (80). \$1400 each.

### **PROPOSED NEW ACQUISITIONS**

*These would be additions of equipment that is not currently in inventory.*

#### 1. **Incident Command Vehicles**

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**Unknown Manufacturer, Proposed Quantity 3, Cost \$355,000-522,000**

*These were approved during the 2024 request, but funding was not available. We are seeking approval should funding be obtained; pricing has changed.*

The Incident Command Vehicles provide a mobile on-site platform for command, control, and communications during major incidents. The proposed model for the Chico Police Department will involve 3 smaller vehicles vs. a large single command vehicle: (1) Incident Command vehicle (\$380,000), (1) Unmanned



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Aerial System vehicle (\$522,000), and (1) Crisis Negotiations Team command vehicle (\$354,800).

- **Purpose:** These mobile command vehicles will provide a comfortable and climate-controlled environment for command and control of critical incidents such as hostage situations, active shootings, Crisis Response Unit deployments, large events, or natural disasters. They will allow the proper deployment of UAS and allow for the integration of communications and intelligence necessary for critical decision-making during these incidents.
- **Authorized Use:** These vehicles are to be utilized at the direction of the Watch Commander, Incident Commander, UAS team, or CNT Team as necessary for the command and control of critical incidents or during the deployment of the respective teams. These vehicles are not utilized during routine patrol or transportation
- **Expected Lifespan:**
  - Dependent on Vehicle Type.
- **Fiscal Impact:**
  - Annual Maintenance: \$2000 (estimate)
- **Training Requirements:** These vehicles would not require special operator permits or licenses and operators would need to operate these vehicles in accordance with any DMV requirements.

## 2. PepperBall Launchers and Projectiles

- **Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost:**

**PepperBall FTC Pro Launcher with folding stock, Quantity 6, Cost \$812 each**

- This is a commercial paintball gun that uses compressed air to fire a non-lethal projectile that contains OC, or pepper spray. The launcher is fed by a large hopper that holds about 160 projectiles.

**PepperBall Marking Projectile, Quantity 750, Cost \$1 each**

- The Marking Projectile contains a paint solution that can be used to mark suspects for later apprehension and/or marking doors, openings, or objects for identification. The projectile is waterproof, non-flammable, and can travel at a velocity of 280-300 feet per second.



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- **Purpose:** To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include but are not limited to:
  - Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.
  - Riot/Crow control and civil unrest incidents.
  - Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.
  - Potentially vicious animals.
  - Training exercises or approved demonstrations.
- **Authorized Use:** Only those officers who have been trained in the use of PepperBall system are authorized to use the PepperBall system.
- **Expected Lifespan:**
  - Pepperball FTC Launcher – 15 years
  - PepperBall Marking Projectile – 2 year
- **Fiscal Impact:**
  - Pepperball FTC Launcher – \$50 annually
  - PepperBall Marking Projectile - \$670 annually