

AB 481

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Department

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ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT

Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) annually mandates the following from SFPD regarding the use of military grade equipment:

- Summarize how the equipment was used at its purpose.
- Summarize any complaints or concerns regarding the equipment.
- Report any violations of the equipment use policy.
- Report the total annual cost for each type of equipment.
- Announce the quantity possessed for each type of equipment.
- Announce any intention to acquire additional equipment subject to the provisions of AB 481
- Hold at least one well-publicized community engagement meeting within 30 days of releasing the annual report.

The Department publicly released the 2025 annual report on January 22, 2026.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS AND NEXT STEPS

The Department announced (via press release, Instagram and X) two community engagement meetings to present the findings of the annual report.

- The first community meeting was held virtually **Monday, February 9th at 6:00PM** via Teams.
- The second meeting was held in person at the Southern Station Captain's Community Meeting on **Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00PM.**

No public feedback was received at either community meeting.

After this informational presentation to the Police Commission, the Department will submit a resolution to the Board of Supervisors requesting approval of the annual report and authorization to continue using the equipment as described AB 481 policy.

A. UNMANNED, REMOTELY PILOTED, POWERED GROUND VEHICLES

- The Department currently has 17 unmanned, remotely piloted ground vehicles.
- The only type of vehicle deployed in 2025 were the department's Throwbots (pictured below), a total of 7 times.
 - Throwbots have been utilized during high-risk tactical operations and search warrant service.
- All other robots listed under this section were used for training purposes.
- No complaints, injuries or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$1445.
- In 2026, the Department does not intend to acquire any additional equipment in this section.



B. MINE-RESISTANT AMBUSH-PROTECTED VEHICLES (MRAP) OR ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APCS)

- The Department currently has one vehicle.
- The Lenco BearCat (pictured below) equipped with a Liberator 3 ramp system can seat about 10-12 personnel and is utilized for high-risk tactical operations and high-risk search warrant service.
- In 2025, the Department deployed the BearCat 42 times.
- No injuries, complaints or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$1500.
- In 2026, the Department may acquire a new BearCat in 2026, should it be determined fiscally possible.
- This section also applies to Section C.



D. COMMAND AND CONTROL VEHICLES

- The Department currently has five command and control vehicles.
- These vehicles were deployed in 2025 for safe shopper operations, crime prevention, public safety operations, pre-planned city events and DUI checkpoint operations.
- No injuries, complaints or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$100,279.88.
- In 2026, the Department intends to acquire one additional command vehicle with grant funding.

E. BATTERING RAMS, SLUGS, AND BREACHING APPARATUSES THAT ARE EXPLOSIVE IN NATURE

- The Department currently has 14 breaching tools.
- These tools are utilized during training exercises, high-risk tactical operations and high-risk search warrants to breach doors.
- No injuries, complaints or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$13,252.26.
- In 2026, the Department intends to maintain stock levels based on need and usage.



F. FLASHBANGS, TEAR GAS, EXPLOSIVE BREACHING TOOLS AND PEPPER BALLS

- The Department currently has flashbangs and pepper balls.
- Flashbangs were utilized 31 times in 2025 during high-risk tactical operations and high-risk warrant service. Pepper ball systems were used one time for the same purposes.
- Non-life-threatening injuries were sustained by suspects during deployment.
- There is one pending investigation regarding the use of pepper balls.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$15,292.67.
- In 2026, the Department intends to maintain stock levels based on need and usage.



G. TASER SHOCKWAVE, MICROWAVE WEAPONS, WATER CANNONS AND LONG RANGE ACOUSTIC DEVICE (LRAD)

- The Department currently has four long range acoustic devices (LRAD).
- The LRAD was used approximately 52 times in 2025, only as a public address system during high-risk warrant service, tactical operations and for crowd control.
- No injuries, complaints or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$59,660.97.
- In 2026, the Department does not intend to acquire any new equipment in this section.

H. SPECIALIZED FIREARMS & AMMUNITION CLASSIFIED AS ASSAULT WEAPONS BUT LESS THAN .50 CALIBER EXCLUDING STANDARD ISSUE SERVICE WEAPONS

- The Department currently has 16 sub-machine guns and 80 fully automatic short barrel tactical rifles.
- There was one incident where a full-auto tactical short barrel rifle was used in an officer involved shooting (OIS) that resulted in the death of a suspect.
 - OIS incidents trigger a multi-department investigation.
- All uses were in line with the Department's use of force policy, and no complaints or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$17,831.88.
- In 2026, the Department intends to acquire additional full auto short barrel rifles for newly assigned officers to the Tactical, SWAT and Specialist Teams.

I. PROJECTILE LAUNCH PLATFORMS AND ASSOCIATED MUNITIONS: 40MM, BEAN BAGS, RUBBER BULLETS AND SPECIALTY IMPACT MUNITIONS (SIM)

- The Department currently has 40mm launchers and six non-lethal ammunition types.
- These launchers and munitions were utilized 38 times in 2025, during critical incidents, high-risk tactical operations, service of search warrants and incidents involving armed or dangerous subjects.
- Non-life-threatening injuries were sustained by suspects during these incidents but no other injuries to civilians and officers were noted.
- There is one pending investigation regarding the misuse of 40mm foam batons.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$562,513.30.
- In 2026, the Department intends to acquire additional 40MM launchers and to maintain stock levels based on need and usage.



J. UNMANNED, REMOTELY PILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES)

- The Department currently has 98 aerial drones.
- Drones were deployed approximately 1122 times for patrol, training, criminal investigations, critical incidents and planned operations.
 - Flight logs are available publicly on the Department's website.
- No complaints, injuries or use violations were reported or discovered.
- The total annual cost of the equipment in this section in 2025 was \$5,277,107, funded through a donation approved by the Commission and Board of Supervisors.
- In 2026, the Department intends to explore acquiring additional drones.

EQUIPMENT NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

The following items are not included in the Department's report as we currently do not maintain them in our inventory nor intend to acquire them in the new year.

- Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels or vehicles of any kind.
- Firearms or ammunition of .50 caliber or greater.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.

Questions?

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