

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING A MILITARY USE  
POLICY FOR POLICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Coronado Police Policy 706 sets forth a military equipment use policy that is consistent with the Police Department's current practices, has been posted on the Department's website for at least thirty (30) days, complies with all the requirements of AB 481, will ensure ongoing regulation and compliance with the law going forward and will provide a means of community engagement and transparency regarding use of military equipment by the Department; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the use of military equipment as set forth in Coronado Police Policy 706 is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety. The acquisition and use of military equipment as set forth in Coronado Police Policy 706 is part of the Police Department's overall approach to critical incident management, use of force, de-escalation, and public safety. The equipment will enable department members to properly respond to both planned and unplanned events efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Coronado Police Policy 706 will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties by ensuring required reporting, the opportunity for community engagement and feedback, and transparency and oversight regarding the acquisition and use of the specified military equipment in the City of Coronado; and

WHEREAS, for the equipment purchases set forth in the annual report, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety

WHEREAS, prior military equipment use by the Coronado Police Department complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time of the use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City OF Coronado as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Coronado hereby adopts and approves the findings set forth above in support of this Resolution.
2. That the City Council hereby extends Coronado Police Policy 706 and approves annual report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, at a regular meeting thereof this fifteenth day of April 2025 by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

APPROVED:

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JOHN D. DUNCAN, Mayor of the  
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:

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KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the  
City of Coronado, California

# Coronado Police Department

## Military Equipment

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#### **Compliance Requirements**

##### **Adoption of a Military Equipment Use Ordinance and Policy**

As required by Government Code § 7071, the Coronado Police Department obtained approval from the City Council authorizing the use of certain military equipment through the City Council's adoption of CMC 3.68.030 (Ord. 2022.01§ 3, 2022).

The City Council's approval remains effective for a period of one year, during which approval may be revoked, extended, renewed, modified, or amended by resolution of the City Council.

At least annually after initial approval, the City Council will review this section and related resolutions. The City Council may, by resolution, make amendments, modifications, or revisions to the military equipment use policy adopted by the Coronado Police Department

##### **Publishing the Policy**

Coronado Police Department Policy 706 was adopted and published in January 2022.

##### **Annual Report**

Government Code §7072 requires the Coronado Police Department (CPD) to seek and obtain city Council approval for future acquisition and funding of new military equipment. Additionally, the CPD must provide the City Council and the public with an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the City Council to ensure the Coronado Police Department adheres to policy and the city ordinance.

The annual report shall contain:

- A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment, the results of any internal audits, any information about violation of the military use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.

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- If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.

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**Current Inventory**

| Item        | Quantity |  |
|-------------|----------|--|
| Command Van | One (1)  |  |

The Command Van (CV) is a mobile office that provides shelter, access to Police Department computer systems, police radios, and telephones on extended events.

**Manufacturer's Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost**

Freightliner Chassis (custom built) vehicle, cost: \$193,070.00. The CV can also be utilized for critical incidents, preplanned large events, searching for missing persons, natural disasters, and community events.

**Purpose**

To be used based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident, large event, natural disaster, or community event that is taking place.

**Authorized Use**

The CV shall be used by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy and training.

**Lifespan**

The CV has a 15–20-year lifespan on chassis and vehicle structure. Upgrades are needed every three to four years to maintain IT systems.

**Fiscal Impact**

The annual maintenance cost is approximately \$3,000.00.

**Training**

The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling of the vehicle on a closed training

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course. Once the operator has shown competence in vehicle handling, the driver/operator will drive the vehicle throughout the city with an experienced driver.

**Legal and Procedural Rules**

The CV is only to be used for official law enforcement purposes, and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

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| Item                     |  | Quantity |  |
|--------------------------|--|----------|--|
| Field Supervisor Vehicle |  | Two (2)  |  |

A vehicle that is used to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.

**Manufacturer's Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost**

One (1) 2019 and one (1) 2022 Chevrolet (custom built) vehicle, cost: \$115,000.00 each vehicle, quantity: 2. The FSV is primarily utilized for day-to-day patrol operations, critical incidents, preplanned large events, and searching for missing persons and natural disasters.

**Purpose**

To be used based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident, large event, natural disaster, or community event that is taking place.

**Authorized Use**

The FSV shall be used by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy and training.

The FSV has a ten to twelve-year lifespan on chassis and vehicle structure.

**Fiscal Impact**

The annual maintenance cost is approximately \$3,000.00.

**Training**


The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling and operation of the vehicle from an experienced operator before use.

**Legal and Procedural Rules**

The FSV is only to be used for official law enforcement purposes and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

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| Item                       | Quantity      |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| 40 mm launchers and rounds | Eighteen (18) |  |

40MM Launchers are utilized by department personnel as a less lethal tool to launch impact rounds.

**Manufacturer's Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost**

Defense Technology, 40mm Single Shot launcher, #1425; cost: \$1000 each, quantity: 18.

The (16) 40mm Single Launcher is a tactical single-shot launcher that features an adjustable stock and an adjustable Integrated Front Grip (IFG) with light rail. The (2) 40mm Multiple Launcher is a tactical four-shot launcher that features an adjustable stock and an adjustable Integrated Front Grip (IFG) with light rail. They will fire standard 40mm less lethal ammunition, up to 4.8 inches in cartridge length. It will launch a 40MM less lethal round up to 131 feet and is only authorized to be used by trained personnel.

Defense Technology, 40mm Exact Impact Sponge, #6325; cost: \$24 each, quantity: 100.

A less lethal 40mm lightweight plastic and foam projectile fired from a single shot or from a multiple shot 40mm grenade launcher with a rifled barrel at 325 FPS. The 30-gram foam projectile delivers 120 ft/lbs. of energy on impact. The 40mm Exact Impact Sponge Round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not less than five (5) feet and as far as 131 feet from the target.

Defense Technology, 40mm Direct impact OC, #6320, cost: \$30 each, quantity: 40.

A less lethal 40MM lightweight plastic and crushable foam projectile fired from a single or multiple shot 40mm grenade launcher with a rifled barrel at 295 FPS. The 39-gram crushable foam projectile delivers 120 ft/lbs. of energy upon impact in addition to the dispersion of 5 grams of OC irritant. The 40mm Direct Impact OC (Oleoresin Capsicum aka "Pepper Spray") Round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not less than five (5) feet and as far as 120 feet from the target.

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#### **Purpose**

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force may not be authorized, or other force options may be ineffective.

#### **Authorized Use**

Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to:


- Self-destructive, dangerous, and/or combative individuals
- To control riotous, violent criminal unrest incidents
- Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained. Potentially vicious animals
- Training

#### **Training**

Sworn members utilizing 40MM less-lethal chemical agents or impact rounds are trained in their use by POST-certified less-lethal instructors.

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| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Quantity</b>   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| Patrol Rifles | Colt: 30<br>Bushmaster: 13*<br>Daniel Defense: 1<br>Stag Arms: 1<br>Mega: 1<br>Smith & Wesson: 1* | <br>*Colt and the Smith & Wesson were converted to be used with Simunition for training. |

Guns that are fired from shoulder level and have a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance.

Colt Rifle, BushMaster, Daniel Defense, Stag Arms, Smith & Wesson, and Mega 223 caliber Patrol Rifles, cost \$1,000 each, quantity: 47.

Gold Dot ® Duty Rifle Ammunition 223 Rem. (5.56x45mm), cost: \$170 per case of 500, quantity: 8,000.

SPEER LE® Gold Dot® Duty Rifle brings proven bullet technology to the rifle platform. The Gold Dot® bullet was the first high-performance, bonded-core bullet available in handgun ammunition and has since set the bar for duty ammunition.

**Purpose**

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat consistent with Coronado Police Department policy 300 with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

**Authorized Use**

Only members who are trained by POST-certified instructors are authorized to use a rifle.

**Lifespan**

No expiration: patrol rifles are repaired/replaced as needed.

**Fiscal Impact**

Annual maintenance is approximately \$50 for each rifle.

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**Training**

Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members who operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification once a year.

**Legal and Procedural Rules**

Use is established under department policy 305. It is the policy of the Coronado Police Department to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law, including regarding the use of force.

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**Equipment usage for 2024**

The Command Van was used for multiple special events throughout the year including, but not limited to, Fourth of July events, motorcycle safety presentations, and the Navy Bay Bridge Run/Walk.

The Field Supervisor Vehicle was used as a command post at multiple scenes and critical incidents throughout the year.

The 40MM Single Shot launchers were used in the field multiple times in the field the past year, primarily as part of a team to safely effect an arrest. 40MM Single Shot launchers were fired on only one occasion in 2024, when they were used by two officers in an attempt to subdue a subject who made credible threats to harm himself and others.

Patrol rifles were used in the field multiple times in the past year as a precautionary measure to give officers tactical advantages when an armed encounter was reasonably anticipated or where long-range shots, out of the range of a handgun, might have been required. No patrol rifle was fired in an enforcement situation this year.