

## **Military Equipment Use Policy**

### **706.1 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).

The Capitola Department (CPD) does not possess any tactical equipment that it has obtained from the military, nor does it possess any equipment that was designed for military use. Notwithstanding, California Government Code § 7071(b) requires that law enforcement agencies submit a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to their governing board for approval.

California Government Code § 7070 provides a list of equipment types that are considered to be "military equipment" for purposes of this policy requirement, and this Military Equipment Use Policy includes information for any such equipment types that are possessed by the Capitola Police Department, or reasonably likely to be deployed in Capitola by other law enforcement partners.

#### **706.1.1 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:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
3. 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.
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
5. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
6. Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
7. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
8. Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
9. 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, except for standard-issue firearms.
10. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
11. Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.

12. Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
13. TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
14. Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
15. Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
16. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (15), "Military Equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

#### **706.2 POLICY**

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

#### **706.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Chief of Police designates the Police Captain to act as the Military Equipment Coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as a 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 Capitola 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) Coordinating the process for a person to register a complaint, concern, or question about the use of a type of military equipment. The Department will respond promptly.
  1. A complaint, concern, or question related to Military Equipment utilization by the Capitola Police Department can be made:
    - (a) Via email to: [policechief@ci.capitola.ca.us](mailto:policechief@ci.capitola.ca.us)

(b) Via phone call to: 831.475.4242 and request to speak to the Military Equipment Coordinator.

(c) Via mail sent to Capitola Police Department; Attn: Military Equipment Coordinator; 422 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

#### **706.4 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 presented to the governing body by May 1, 2022, for approval by the governing body within 180 days of the presentation (Government Code § 7071(2)) for continuing use of military equipment currently being utilized by the Department. Thereafter, the following must be approved by the governing body, prior to engaging in (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.

#### **706.5 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

Military equipment used by any member of this Department shall be approved for use and in accordance with this Departmental policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this Department, or otherwise engaged in a law enforcement operation in this jurisdiction, shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid as defined by Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; and Government Code § 7072.

#### **706.6 ANNUAL 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 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.

#### **706.7 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.

#### **706.8 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

The attached list is divided into three sections.

- Section One - lists qualifying equipment that is owned and/or utilized by the Capitola Police Department.
- Section Two - lists qualifying equipment that is not owned or regularly utilized by the Capitola Police Department, but which is known to be owned and/or utilized by law enforcement agencies which the Capitola Police Department collaborates and/ or participates for law enforcement purposes.
- Section Three - lists qualifying equipment that the Capitola Police Department will be procuring, with anticipated dates of procurement.