



Interoffice Memo

DATE: February 19, 2026

TO: Kirk DeJesus, Port Director

FROM: Joshua Doberneck, Chief of Police

RE: Annual Report to the Board of Port Commissioners on the Police Department Use of Military Style Equipment

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Government Code Section 7072, this annual report on military style equipment used by the Police Department is submitted for informational purposes. As part of the report, the Police Department is recommending approval to add less-lethal shotguns to the approved list of "military equipment."

BACKGROUND

Per the Police Department's Military Equipment policy and Government Code Section 7072, the Police Department is to provide an annual report to the Board on military equipment used by the Department. Currently, the only equipment used by the Police Department that fits the definition of "military equipment", are patrol rifles.

PATROL RIFLE UPDATE

Summary of Use/Deployment:

In 2025, all six Sig Sauer M400 rifles were routinely deployed in the patrol car with each patrol officer while on duty.

There were zero (0) instances in 2025 where the rifle was used in the field during an actual incident.

Summary of Complaints:

No internal or citizen complaints were received regarding the use of rifles.

Internal Violations or Audits:

There were no violations of policy by Department members on the use of patrol rifles. All sworn patrol personnel successfully passed bi-annual rifle qualifications.

Annual Costs:

- Training = approximately \$0.00

No training costs were incurred that were specific to rifle training. Only routine bi-annual rifle training/qualifications occurred in 2025.

- Supplies = approximately \$1,150.00

Supplies include ammunition (training and duty ammo), spare magazines, gun cleaning supplies, etc.

Current Quantity of Patrol Rifles:

The Department has six (6) Sig Sauer M400, 16-inch, 5.56 caliber NATO style rifles available for use by sworn patrol personnel.

Need for Additional Rifles:

The Department does not anticipate the need to purchase additional rifles.

REQUEST TO ADD LESS-LETHAL SHOTGUNS

Currently, the only less-lethal option carried by Port Police Officers is pepper spray. However, pepper spray is not an ideal less-lethal option for situations where the suspect is armed with items that may be used as a weapon (non-firearm); or where maintaining a greater distance is needed to ensure the safety of officers or others. In such situations, a better option would be the deployment of bean bag rounds discharged from a converted shotgun.

Per Government Code Section 7070 bean bag rounds and their launch platforms are defined as military equipment and require Commission approval prior to purchasing/deploying. The Police Department requests approval to convert six existing patrol shotguns to less-lethal shotguns that would act as launching platforms for bean bag rounds.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be a one-time cost of \$4500.00 for the shotgun conversion kits, initial officer training, and first year's supply of bean bag ammunition. Thereafter, annual ammunition cost will be approximately \$900.00.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the policy and Government Code Section 7072, within 30 days of presenting this report to the Board of Port Commissioners, the Police Department will hold a public meeting to present this annual report and address any citizen/Port tenant questions.

The date and time for this public meeting will be publicized to all Port tenants and posted on the Port website.