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# Assembly Bill 481

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## Military Equipment Use Policy

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## AB 481 - Overview

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- Enacted January 1, 2022; requires implementation by November 1, 2022
- Designed to increase community awareness surrounding local police agency possession of certain types of specialized police equipment
- Requires City Council to adopt a Use Policy that contains equipment inventory, authorized uses, fiscal impact, rules for use, training, and compliance measures
- Requires annual City Council re-authorization and oversight
- PAPD is *not* seeking to acquire any new qualifying equipment
- PAPD is providing an inventory of qualifying equipment it already possesses or uses (in most cases for many years or even decades)



## AB 481 – Qualifying Equipment

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- PAPD possesses law-enforcement specific equipment, designed for the resolution of critical incidents:
  - Mobile Emergency Operations Center
  - Less Lethal Munitions and Chemical Agents
  - Diversionary Devices
  - Long-Range Acoustic Device
  - Sniper Rifle
- Qualifying equipment is only deployed by specially-trained officers
- PAPD does *not* possess:
  - Large caliber or automatic weapons
- PAPD seeks approval to use allied agency equipment if necessary:
  - Armored vehicle
  - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) and Robots



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- PAPERD will produce an annual report to Council including:
  - A description of any uses of qualifying equipment during the prior 12 months
  - A summary of complaints received concerning the use of the equipment
  - Any internal audits or violation of the policy and actions taken in response
  - Annual cost of equipment program and what source funds support the program
  - An updated inventory of qualifying equipment
  - Request for new equipment for the following year
    - New qualifying equipment must be authorized by Council
  
- PAPERD’s dedicated website ([www.cityofpaloalto.org/PAPERDequipment](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/PAPERDequipment)) displays:
  - The applicable draft proposed policy and associated informational materials (current)
  - A community input form (current)
  - An archive of annual reports to Council (future)

