

Annual Military Equipment Report



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INTRODUCTION

The El Centro Police Department employs a wide range of equipment to manage critical situations and ensure the public's safety. Some of this equipment is classified as "military equipment" under Government Code section 7070. In line with our commitment to public safety, transparency, community engagement, and legal compliance, the El Centro Police Department presents the 2024 Annual Military Equipment Report. This report is submitted in compliance with the annual reporting requirements of California Government Code section 7072. This report includes guidelines for military equipment usage, an inventory of equipment, fiscal impact, complaints, and concerns raised from October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2024.

This equipment plays a vital role in helping our department fulfill its mission. The El Centro Police Department's mission is: "We are dedicated to serve our community through partnerships, professionalism, and uncompromising excellence. Quality of life, protection, and service is our commitment."

The El Centro Police Department acknowledges that critical incidents can be highly unpredictable and dangerous for officers and the community. The deployment of military equipment is limited to specific situations and, in some cases, is restricted to designated officers or units. The use of such equipment is continuously reviewed and guided by the totality of the circumstances, public and officer safety, civil rights, state law, and the information available at the time.

Incident commanders, supervisors, individual officers, and specialized units are responsible for assessing when military equipment is necessary to safeguard the public and officers and resolve critical incidents safely.

The department's military equipment inventory is diverse and subject to regular changes, particularly regarding consumable items like ammunition, chemical agents, or less-lethal systems. These changes can result from factors such as training use, maintenance, expiration, deployment, or manufacturer recommendations for replacement. Although the department strives for accuracy in its inventory reports as required by law, this report reflects approximate figures for certain consumable military equipment items at the time of publication.

The department understands that critical incidents can be highly dynamic, and simply possessing military equipment does not justify its use in every situation. Various military equipment options can assist incident commanders, officers, and specialized units in safely and effectively resolving these incidents.

DEFINITIONS

Pursuant to AB 481, the following definitions apply only to the department's current military equipment inventory and potential future military equipment acquisitions for operational needs. (For a detailed list, refer to Government Code section 7070 for "military equipment.")

"Governing body" means the El Centro City Council and Mayor.

"Military equipment" means the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached. However, unarmored all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and motorized dirt bikes are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
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 in nature. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
8. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard-issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
9. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard-issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.
10. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
11. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.

12. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
13. Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD).
14. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
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.

UNMANNED REMOTELY PILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE

Section 1

Skydio X10 Drone



Purpose:

To be deployed when its view would assist officers or incident commanders with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:

- Major collision investigations
- Search for missing or wanted persons
- Fires
- Major incidents
- Calls for service
- Natural disaster management
- Crime scene photography
- SWAT, tactical, or other public safety and life preservation missions
- In response to specific requests from local, state, or federal fire authorities for fire response and/or prevention

Special Training:

- All Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS Operation. In addition, each operator must attend monthly ongoing training.

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost: \$63,096.80
- Basic Pilot Course: \$2000.00 X 7 = \$14,000.00

Initial cost: \$ 77,096.80

- Annual maintenance cost of \$500.00

Total annual cost: \$500.00

Lifespan:

- All UAS equipment, three (3) - five (5) years.

Amount:

- Two (2)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 606 – UAS Operations and FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 107. ECPD utilizes UAS only for official law enforcement purposes and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to the City’s policies, State, and Federal Laws.

Operational Use

- Our UAS program has had a total of nine (9) operational deployments during this reporting period. Seven (7) of the deployments were to assist officers in clearing large commercial properties, and one (1) deployment was to locate a wanted suspect who fled from officers. The UAS program deployed one (1) time to provide social media content.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using drones during this reporting period.

ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS

Section 2

Lenco Four-Wheeled Drive Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counterattack Truck (BEARCAT)



Purpose:

- The Bearcat is a commercially produced wheeled personnel carrier used for law enforcement purposes. It is primarily used to offer protection in dangerous scenarios, including active shooters, barricaded suspects, and to serve high-risk warrants. The Bearcat also provides armored protection to rescue victims, citizens, and officers during dangerous tactical enforcement operations.

Training:

- Class C driver's license
- Department in-house training

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost: \$226,127.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$1500.00

Total annual cost: \$1500.00

Lifespan:

- The projected lifespan of the Bearcat is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan is twenty-five (25) years.

Quantity:

- One (1)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- All drivers/operators shall be sworn personnel and possess a valid class C driver's license. The vehicle shall be operated in accordance with State Law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

Operational Use:

- The armored personnel vehicle was used nine (9) times during this reporting period: two (2) times for SWAT missions, two (2) times for high-risk search warrants, two (2) times for outside agency assistance, one (1) time for a security detail, and two (2) times for community events.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Bearcat during this reporting period.

SPECIALIZED FIREARMS & AMMUNITION LESS THAN .50 CALIBER

Section 10

*Heckler and Koch MP5A2 9mm equipped with full/semi-auto capabilities
(SWAT standard issued).*



Purpose:

- The Heckler and Koch MP5A2 9mm firearm is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun if present and feasible. This firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department firearms.
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$1500.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$450.00

Total annual cost: \$450.00

Lifespan:

- The projected lifespan of the firearm is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Heckler and Koch MP5A2 9mm firearm is fifty (50) years.

Amount:

- Nine (9)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Heckler and Koch MP5A2 9mm firearm during this reporting period.

Colt AR-15/M4 5.56 Short Barreled Rifle (standard issued)



Purpose:

- The Colt AR-15/M4 5.56 rifle is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun, if present and feasible. It is generally used in high-risk tactical situations. Some scenarios may include but are not limited to, where a suspect is possibly armed or has body armor.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Short Barrel Rifle Course (In-house, CA POST approved course)

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost \$865.00 per unit
- Annual maintenance cost of \$2350.00

Total annual cost: \$2350.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use, and the manufacturer does provide a limited warranty. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Colt AR-15/M4 5.56 rifle is ten (10) years.

Amount:

- Forty-seven (47)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Colt AR-15/M4 5.56 rifle during this reporting period.

2024 Acquisitions:

- 11 new patrol rifles will replace older rifles for approximately \$12,000.00. The expected arrival of the new rifles is November or December of 2024.

Heckler and Koch G36 5.56 equipped with full/semi-auto capabilities



Purpose:

- The Heckler and Koch G36 rifle is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun, if present and feasible. Unless exigent circumstances exist, this firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Short Barrel Rifle Course (In-house, CA POST approved course)
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$ 1000.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$50.00

Total annual cost: \$50.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Heckler and Koch G36 rifle is fifty (50) years.

Amount:

- One (1)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Heckler and Koch G36 rifle during this reporting period.

Colt SMG 9mm with full/semi-auto capabilities



Purpose:

- The Colt SMG 9mm is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun, if present and feasible. Unless exigent circumstances exist, this firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$ 800.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$50.00

Total annual cost: \$50.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Colt SMG 9mm is fifty (50) years.

Amount:

- One (1)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Colt SMG 9mm firearm during this reporting period.

Heckler and Koch 91A .308 rifle in semi-auto capability



Purpose:

- The Heckler and Koch 91A .308 is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun. This firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial Cost: Seized Weapon
- Annual maintenance cost of \$50.00

Total annual cost: \$50.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Heckler and Koch 91A .308 is fifty (50) years.

Amount:

- One (1)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using this firearm during this reporting period.

HS Precision Pro Series 2000 .308



Purpose:

- The HS Precision Pro Series 2000 .308 rifle is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun. This firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators assigned as snipers and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy
- Completion of the basic Sniper Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial Cost: \$11,000.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$100.00

Total annual cost: \$100.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the HS Precision Pro Series 2000 .308 rifle is twenty-five (25) years.

Amount:

- Two (2)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the HS Precision Pro Series 2000 .308 rifle during this reporting period.

Remington 700 .308



Purpose:

- The Remington 700 .308 rifle is to be used as a precision weapon to address threats with more accuracy and/or greater distance than a handgun. This firearm is only issued to certified SWAT operators assigned as snipers and is generally used, but not limited to, high-risk tactical situations where SWAT is deployed.

Special Training:

- Sworn department members are required to complete annual training and qualifications to operate department rifles.
- Completion of the basic SWAT Academy
- Completion of the basic Sniper Academy

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial Cost: \$1,100.00
- Annual maintenance cost of \$50.00

Total annual cost: \$50.00

Lifespan:

- The projected firearm lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Remington 700 .308 rifle is twenty-five (25) years.

Amount:

- One (1)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. ECPD policy is to only utilize firearms for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the Remington 700 .308 rifle during this reporting period.

FLASHBANG DEVICES

Section 12

Low Roll Reloadable Distraction Device (Flashbang)Purpose:

- To produce atmospheric overpressure, a loud report, heat, and brilliant light may cause short-term physiological and psychological sensory effects on suspects, providing a tactical advantage during high-risk incidents.

Special Training:

- Before use, SWAT team members must attend a POST-certified SWAT academy or equivalent training. SWAT team members who have not yet completed an academy may use diversionary devices if trained by an ECPD SWAT team member who has completed a diversionary device instructor school. The SWAT team conducts diversionary device training annually.

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$55.00 per unit
- Annual replacement due to training and deployments. Consumable items, replace as needed.

Lifespan:

- All DTC devices have a 5-year manufacturer warranty from their shipment date. Devices that have passed the manufacturer warranty date should not be used except in a training environment

Amount:

- Reusable Steel Bodies: Four(4)
- Reloads: Fifty-two (52)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Sworn personnel shall only utilize diversionary devices for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using flashbangs during this reporting period.

PROJECTILE LAUNCHERS

Section 14

Defense Technology 40MM LMT LauncherPurpose:

- The Defense Technology 40mm single-shot launcher deploys high and low-impact rubber, chemical, and smoke munitions. Authorized use for certified officers and SWAT personnel. It's intended to limit the escalation of conflict where the employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable

Special Training:

- Sworn members utilizing 40mm less lethal chemical agents or impact rounds are trained in their use by POST-certified less lethal or chemical agent instructors. SWAT personnel receive additional training annually. SWAT operators who utilize these munitions have successfully completed a POST-approved chemical agent school, SWAT academy, and/or have been trained by POST-certified chemical agent instructors.

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$1000.00 per unit
- Annual maintenance cost of \$150.00

Total annual cost: \$150.00

Lifespan:

- The projected equipment lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Defense Technologies 40 mm LMT launcher is twenty-five (25) years.

Amount:

- Three (3)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 303—Control Devices and Techniques and ECPD policy 300—Use of Force. The ECPD only utilizes less lethal Impact Munitions for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal Laws, including those regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using The Defense Technology 40mm single-shot launcher during this reporting period.

Remington 870 pump-action Less Lethal shotgun



Purpose:

- The less-lethal 12 Gauge shotgun with an orange-colored stock and foregrip for quick identification deploys less-lethal Bean Bag Impact Rounds. It's intended to limit the escalation of conflict where the employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

Special Training:

- All officers are trained by in-house certified less-lethal instructors to use the 12-gauge, less-lethal shotgun.

Fiscal Impact:

- Initial cost of \$550.00 per unit
- Annual maintenance cost of \$850.00

Total annual cost: \$850.00

Lifespan:

- The projected equipment lifespan is determined by frequency of use. Based on current use, the estimated lifespan of the Remington 870 Less Lethal Shotgun is ten (10) years.

Amount:

- Seventeen (17)

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 303 - Control Devices and Techniques and ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. It is the policy of ECPD to only utilize the less lethal shotgun for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal Law, including those regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- The less lethal shotgun was deployed one time during this reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using the less-lethal 12 gauge shotgun during this reporting period.

MUNITIONS

Section 14

Device Launched Projectiles

DTC #2292 40mm Ferret CS Powder

- Initial cost of \$23.50 per unit
- Amount: Eleven (11)



DTC #2290 40mm Ferret OC Powder

- Initial cost of \$23.50 per unit
- Amount: Nine (9)



DTC #2260 40mm Ferret OC Liquid

- Initial cost of \$23.50 per unit
- Amount: Eight (8)



DTC #6040 40mm Muzzle Blast OC Powder

- Initial cost of \$32.50 per unit
- Amount: Fifteen (15)



DTC #6042 40mm Muzzle Blast CS Powder

- Initial cost of \$32.50 per unit
- Amount: Thirty (30)



#3028 12-Gauge Drag Stabilized Bean Bag Round

- Initial cost of \$5.18 per Round
- Amount: One hundred and nine (109)

Hand Launched Projectiles



DTC #1032 Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Grenade

- Initial cost of \$31.89 per unit
- Amount: Nineteen (19)



DTC #1040 Instantaneous Blast OC Grenade

- Initial cost of \$22.89 per unit
- Amount: Fifteen (15)



DTC #1019 Pocket Tactical OC Grenade

- Initial cost of \$21.46 per unit
- Amount: Fifteen (15)



DTC #1043 Instantaneous Blast Inert Grenade

- Initial cost of \$22.89 per unit
- Amount: Fifteen (15)



DTC #1016 Pocket Tactical CS Grenade

- Initial cost of \$21.46 per unit
- Amount: Fifteen (15)



DTC #1063 Military-Style SAF-SMOKE Grenade (White)

- Initial cost of \$22.89 per unit
- Amount: Sixteen (16)

Purpose:

- Used to minimize risk to all parties through the temporary distraction or disorientation of potentially violent or armed suspects to achieve tactical advantage.

Special Training:

- Sworn members utilizing chemical agent canisters are certified by POST less lethal and chemical agent instructors.

Fiscal Impact:

- Annual replacement due to training and deployments: Consumable items, replace as needed

Lifespan:

- All DTC devices have a 5-year manufacturer warranty from their shipment date. Devices that have passed the manufacturer warranty date should not be used except in a training environment

Amount:

- See information above

Legal and Procedural Rules:

- Use is established under ECPD policy 430 – First Amendment Assemblies and ECPD policy 300 - Use of Force. It is the policy of ECPD only to utilize the less lethal munitions for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal Law, including those regarding the use of force.

Operational Use:

- There was no operational use of this equipment during the reporting period.

Complaints/Policy Violations:

- There were no complaints or policy violations related to using this equipment during this reporting period.

CONCLUSION

The El Centro Police Department is committed to serving and protecting our community. With the dynamic nature of critical incidents, the Department employs a variety of military equipment to assist in the swift and safe resolution of these incidents. As the Department's inventory of military equipment varies, the possession of the equipment does not warrant its use for every incident. The Department strives to effectively protect the public using the latest advancements in technology and equipment while also being transparent with the military equipment use and inventory.

Disclaimer: Some photographs included in this report are stock photographs and not actual ECPD equipment. The pictures depicted in this report represent a close depiction of the actual ECPD equipment.