

A close-up photograph of a police officer's uniform, specifically the shoulder area. A star-shaped patch is visible with the text "REDWOOD POLICE CITY". The background is blurred, showing other people in uniform.

Redwood City Police Department May 2022 – April 2023 Annual Military Equipment Use Report

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Background

The Redwood City Police Department (RCPD) is committed to a culture of transparency, community engagement and cooperation, accountability, and compliance with the law, with a focus on building public trust. To this end, the Department has published this Military Equipment Use Report in accordance with state law. On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) into law. California Government Code §§ 7070, 7071, and 7072 codify the requirements established by AB 481 for law enforcement's acquisition, use, and funding of "military equipment." In enacting AB 481, the Legislature stated the public has a right to know about any funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment by state or local government officials to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight. The same applies to the public's right to participate in any government agency's decision to fund, acquire, or use such equipment. The bill required law enforcement agencies that seek to continue the use of military equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022, to receive approval from their governing body, in our case the Redwood City City Council. Council approved Redwood City Police Department Policy 703 – Military Equipment and the Military Equipment Inventory by ordinance (3649) on May 23, 2022. The policy and inventory list are located on the Redwood City Police Department's website at:

<https://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/police-department/about-us/departments-policies/police-department-policy-proposals/>

California Government Code § 7072 requires law enforcement agencies to annually prepare, a Military Equipment Report. The report is required to contain the following information:

1. A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use;
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment;
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response;
4. 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;
5. The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment; and
6. If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.



Definitions

Pursuant to AB 481 and Government Code §7070, the following definitions are applicable to the Department's military equipment inventory:

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 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. 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 assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, except for 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 state;
10. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles;
11. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray;
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. 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.



Equipment Overview

The Redwood City Police Department does not own any equipment received from any branch of the military or Department of Defense and does not participate in the Law Enforcement Support Officer (LESO) 10-33 program. The term “military equipment,” as used in the statute, in fact does not necessarily indicate equipment that has been commonly used by the military or was necessarily designed for a military purpose. Pursuant to 7071(c), items deemed to be “military equipment” include, but are not limited to: unmanned aerial or ground vehicles, armored vehicles, command and control vehicles, pepper balls and launchers, less lethal shotguns, less lethal 40mm projectile launchers, chemical irritants (CS gas) and diversionary devices. With the exception of patrol rifles, the less lethal 40mm launchers firing sponge baton rounds, and the Tahoe command and control vehicle, these tools are used exclusively by members of the Redwood City SWAT Team in controlled operations under close command staff supervisor and subject to strict use of force and de-escalation policies. The full military equipment inventory list can be found on the Department’s web page using the link referenced above.

The Department is authorized to deploy equipment described in the following statutorily defined categories. These include:

Agency Owned Equipment

1. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code
 - 4 Colt LE6945 semi-automatic 5.56mm rifles
 - 15 Colt M4 select fire 5.56mm rifles
 - 23 H&K MP5 select fire 9mm submachine guns
 - 92 semi-automatic 5.56mm patrol rifles, various makes and models (77 Colt LE6920, 8 Daniel Defense DCM4, 3 LWRC M6IC, 2 Noveske N4, 1 BCM BCM4, 1 S&W MP15
 - 2 Accuracy International bolt action .308 Caliber precision rifles
2. Mobile Command Vehicles (MCV)
 - 1 Workhorse / Mattman Truck – Equipment Transport
 - 1 2015 Chevy Tahoe Command Vehicle
3. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature
 - 1 Remington 870 12 Gauge Breaching Shotgun



4. Noise-flash (“flashbang”) diversionary devices
 - 26 Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Devices
 - 47 Expired Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Devices – training only
 - 18 Defense Technology Low Roll Training Distraction Devices – training only
5. Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray
 - 10 Defense Technology Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Model 1032 Grenades
 - 4 Defense Technology Spede Heat CS Model 1072 Grenades
 - 5 Defense Technology Triple-Chased CS Model 1026 Grenades
 - 10 Defense Technology Riot Control CS Model 1092 Grenades
 - 10 Defense Technology Feret 40mm Liquid Penetrator Rounds CS Model 2262
 - 10 Defense Technology Muzzle Blast 40mm Rounds CS Model 6042
 - 5 FTC/VKS Model Pepperball Launchers and pepperball munitions
6. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered ground vehicles
 - 4 RoboteX Avatar Tactical Robots
7. Kinetic energy weapons and munitions
 - 38 Defense Technology 40LMTS 40mm Launchers
 - 2 Remington 870 Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotguns

[Authorized to Use \(Owned by other Public Safety Agencies\)](#)

8. Armored Personnel Carriers with Breaching Capability
 - Lenco Bearcat G3 Armored Rescue Vehicle - operated by San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office (SMCSO)
 - Lenco Beat MARS Armored Rescue Vehicle – operated by Daly City PD
 - Lenco Bear Medevac (MedCat) Armored Medical Transport – owned by San Mateo County Bureau of Emergency Services
 - IAG Sentinel Armored Rescue Vehicle - owned by San Mateo County Bureau of Emergency Services, operated by San Mateo PD.
9. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial vehicles
 - DJI Matrice 300 RTK Drone – operated by SMCSO



- Mavic II Enterprise Dual/Advanced Drone – operated by SMCSO
- DJI Matrice 300 RTK Drone – operated by Redwood City Fire Department (RCFD)
- Mavic II Enterprise Dual/Advanced Drone – operated by RCFD

10. Mobile Command Vehicles

- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Vehicle



Military Equipment Usage

SWAT Activation – Criminal Barricade

July 27, 2022

1100 Block of Adams Street, Redwood City

Redwood City Police Department received a call from family members in their residence reporting their nephew was behaving erratically, making threats to them, and not allowing them to leave. The family members were later able to flee the residence. The subject was believed to be armed and barricaded inside his residence, not responding to police contact attempts. After a 5-hour standoff, which included the use of the Department Crisis Negotiations Unit and multiple attempts to de-escalate the situation, SWAT Team members were able to enter the residence and take the subject into custody. No one was injured over the course of the incident and no use of force occurred.

SWAT Team deployed with:

- Rifles (M4 and MP5)
- 40mm Less Lethal
- CS Gas
- 1 Sniper Rifle
- Armored Rescue Vehicle (SMCSO)
- 1 Drone (SMCSO)
- Tahoe Command and Control Vehicle
- Workhorse/Mattman Equipment Command and Control Vehicle

Note: The SWAT Team did not use/deploy any firearms, CS gas or 40mm baton rounds during this incident. SWAT Team members were merely equipped with these items and able to deploy them if needed.



SWAT Activation - Criminal Barricade

March 26, 2023

Unit Block of Coleman Place, Menlo Park

Menlo Park Police Department received a call regarding a domestic violence incident involving a suspect who choked and kicked the victim. The suspect then barricaded himself in his residence and refused to cooperate with police. The victim reported the suspect had loaded firearms inside the residence. Shortly after the arrival of some SWAT Team members, but before the team had fully deployed, the subject surrendered. Several loaded rifles and handguns were found in the residence. No one was injured during the operation.

SWAT Team Deployed with:

- Workhorse/Mattman Equipment Command and Control Vehicle

SWAT Team Requested:

- Armored Rescue Vehicle (SMCSO)
- MedCat Armored Rescue Vehicle (AMR)

The standoff resolved before the requested items and other SWAT equipment arrived on scene.

Patrol Division - Officer Involved Shooting

November 15, 2022

El Camino Real at Lincoln Avenue, Redwood City

Officers were called to investigate a domestic violence incident that had just occurred on El Camino Real. During the preliminary investigation, an officer contacted the suspect at the scene. As the officer questioned the suspect and investigated the incident the suspect drew a concealed handgun from his waistband, pointed it at the officer, and then retreated to a nearby parked vehicle. The suspect took a woman and two children hostage inside a vehicle, using them to shield his body from officers as they attempted to de-escalate and negotiate his surrender. Officers on scene used deadly force to end the threat when he pointed his pistol at the hostages. Three of the officers on scene engaged the suspect with patrol rifles, two other officers used their handguns. The suspect suffered fatal gunshot wounds. He was armed with a loaded 9mm pistol. The SMCSO Drone was used to record the crime scene.

Equipment used:

- 3 Patrol Rifles
- 1 DJI Mavic Enterprise Drone (SMCSO)



Patrol Division – Unresponsive and Possibly Armed Subject

April 9, 2023

1600 Block of El Camino Real, Redwood City

Patrol officers were dispatched to investigate a subject reportedly passed out in a parked car. The suspect appeared to be holding a handgun in his lap and was unresponsive to officers. At RCPD's request, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office deployed a drone for overhead coverage to provide a safe view of the suspect, assess if he was medical distress, and allow officers to better assess if he was actually armed. The drone helped confirm he was breathing but could not confirm what was the object in his hand. The subject was identified and based on prior contacts, which included fentanyl use, the officers feared he may be suffering from an overdose and in need of medical attention. After many futile attempts to wake the subject up and begin negotiations, officers determined they had to take action and deployed a 40mm launcher and fired 4 shots to break a car window and try to get a response. The suspect did not react. Officers then deployed a single diversionary device next to the driver's side door. This also had no effect on the occupant. After several hours, the suspect responded and was taken into custody. The suspected firearm was determined to be a handheld butane torch. There no injuries to officers or the subject.

Equipment used:

- 1 Defense Technology 40LMTS 40mm Launcher and 4 Technology eXact iMpacT LE 400 sponge baton rounds
- 1 Defense Technology 8933 Low Roll Non-Reloadable Distraction Device
- 1 DJI Mavic Enterprise Drone (SMCSO)

Requested Equipment – The on-scene commander requested use of an ARV from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office but was denied unless there was a full SWAT activation, which the commander deemed unnecessary.

Patrol Division – Area Search with Drone

March 12, 2023

3500 Block of Haven Avenue, Redwood City

Redwood City Police Department officers investigating a stolen vehicle case had two suspects flee on foot. Officers established a perimeter and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office provided a drone to provide overhead coverage during the subsequent search for the suspects. Officers located and arrested two suspects, one of whom was located using the drone's thermal imaging capability.



Equipment used:

- 1 Defense Technology 40LMTS 40mm Launcher and 4 Technology eXact iMpact LE 400 sponge baton rounds.
- 1 Defense Technology 8933 Low Roll Non-Reloadable Distraction Device
- 1 DJI Mavic Enterprise Drone (SMCSO)



Patrol Division – Area Search with Drone

August 5, 2022

Stambaugh Street and Laurel Street, Redwood City

Redwood City Police Department officers stopped a stolen vehicle and the driver fled on foot. Officers established a perimeter and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office provided a drone to provide overhead coverage during the subsequent search for the suspect. Officers located the suspect hiding inside the perimeter and took him into custody.

Equipment used:

- 1 DJI Mavic Enterprise Drone (SMCSO)

Equipment Not Used During the Reporting Period

1. Chemical Agent Munitions

- Defense Technology Flameless Tri-Chamber CS Model 1032 Grenades - **0** Uses
- Defense Technology Spede Heat CS Model 1072 Grenades – **0** Uses
- Defense Technology Triple-Chased CS Model 1026 Grenades – **0** Uses
- Defense Technology Riot Control CS Model 1092 Grenades - **0** Uses
- Defense Technology Ferret 40mm Liquid Penetrator Rounds CS Model 2262 - **0** Uses
- Defense Technology Muzzle Blast 40mm Rounds CS Model 6042 – **0** Uses

2. Kinetic Weapons

- 5 FTC/FKS Model Pepperball Launcher – **0** Uses
- Remington 870 Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotgun – **0** Uses

3. Breaching Apparatus

- Remington 870 12 Gauge Breaching Shotgun – **0** Uses

4. Specialized Firearms

- H&K MP5 select fire 9mm rifles – **0** Uses
- Colt M4 select fire 5.56mm rifles – **0** Uses
- Accuracy International bolt action .308 Caliber precision rifle – **0** Uses

5. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered ground vehicles.

- RoboteX Avatar Tactical Robot – **0** Uses



6. Armored Vehicles with Breaching Capability

- Lenco Beat MARS Armored Rescue Vehicle – 0 Uses
- IAG Sentinel Armored Rescue Vehicle – 0 Uses



Summary of Community Complaints or Concerns

The application and use of Military Equipment may cause questions and/or concerns for members of the community. The Redwood City Police Department is committed to responding to complaints, concerns and/or questions received through any of the below-listed methods in a timely manner.

There were no community complaints made related to the use of military equipment by the Redwood City Police Department during the reporting period.

Pursuant to California Government Code §7070(d)(7), members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military equipment in this policy by any of the following means:

1. Via email to: RCPD@redwoodcity.org
2. Via phone call to: (650) 780-7100
3. Via mail sent to:

Redwood City Police Department
Attn: Military Equipment Compliance Officer
1301 Maple Street
Redwood City, CA 94063



Summary and Responses to Military Equipment Use Policy Violations

Per the San Mateo County Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol, the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office conducted a criminal investigation into the November 15, 2022, officer involved shooting in which three officers discharged their patrol rifles. This is the incident summarized on page 8 of this report. The District Attorney released their criminal investigation on April 11, 2023, and cleared all involved officers of any criminal wrongdoing. As is standard practice for officer involved shootings, a separate administrative internal review of the incident is now underway to ensure the actions of all the officers complied with department policy.

The Department has not found any policy violations related to the use of other military equipment during the reporting period and no other administrative investigations are on-going.



Training Summary and Costs

The safe and proficient use of the equipment outlined by AB481 requires countless hours of initial and on-going training, as well as required certifications. Most training for department personnel is conducted internally by certified department personnel to ensure adherence to law and policy. There are times when department personnel are sent to external training courses to enhance and supplement internal training and to obtain “train the trainer” certifications. Consumable and non-consumable equipment is used during training to ensure proficiency and competency during real-life emergencies.

	Equipment	Consumables Used	External Training	Total Cost
1.	Redwood City Tahoe Command and Control Vehicle	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.	Lenco BearCat GG3	\$0	\$0	\$0
3.	Lenco BearCat/MedCat	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.	Lenco Bear MARs	\$0	\$0	\$0
5.	IAG Sentinel Armored Vehicle	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.	Robotex Robots	\$0	\$0	\$0
7.	Defense Technologies Distraction Devices	\$1,136.00	\$624.00	\$1,760.00
8.	Deftech LMT 40 MM Kinetic Energy Projectiles (Training)	\$685.00	\$0	\$685.00
9.	Accuracy International .308 Precision Rifle	\$696.00	\$0	\$696.00
10.	Remington Breaching Shotgun (Model 870, 12 Gauge)	\$0	\$0	\$0
11.	Patrol Rifle - 5.56 semi-automatic rifle	\$4,955.00	\$2,324.00	\$7,279.00
12.	Colt M4 select-fire 5.56mm rifle	\$3,827.00	\$0	\$3,827.00
13.	MP5 9mm submachine gun	\$787.00	\$0	\$787.00
14.	Pepperball Launchers	\$0	\$0	\$0
15.	Defense Technologies CS Gas Systems (All Types)	\$0	\$1076.00	\$1076.00
	Total:	\$12,086.00	\$4,024.00	\$16,110.00

Training Type	Hours	Total Cost
SWAT Training Personnel Hours	1,273	\$102,718.00 (Overtime)
Other Training Personnel Hours (40mm Launcher/Patrol Rifles)	374	N/A (Straight Time)



Equipment Costs

The following were the equipment related expenditures for May 2022 through April 2023. Also listed is the projection of expenses in calendar year 2023. Equipment expenditures include the acquisition of new equipment, the replacement or repair of damaged equipment, and the ongoing maintenance of our AB 481 military equipment, which are captured in our Annual Maintenance/Replacement column.

	Equipment	Acquisitions	Annual Maintenance	Projections
1.	Redwood City Tahoe Command and Control Vehicle	\$0	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00
2.	Workhorse / Mattman Truck – Equipment Transport	\$0	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
3.	Patrol Rifles	\$5,891.00 (6 Rifles)	\$0	\$0
4.	Colt M4 select-fire 5.56mm rifles	\$3,259.00 (3 Rifles)	\$0	\$0
5.	H&K MP5 select-fire 9mm submachine guns	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.	Accuracy International .308 caliber rifle	\$0	\$0	\$0
7.	Defense Technology Low Roll Distraction Devices	\$1,082.00 (20 Devices)	\$565.00	\$0
8.	Defense Technology 40 MM Kinetic Energy Projectiles	\$1,247.00	\$0	\$0
9.	Accuracy International .308 Precision Rifle	\$0	\$0	\$696.00
10.	Remington Breaching Shotgun (Model 870, 12 Gauge)	\$0	\$0	\$0
11.	RoboteX Avatar Tactical Robots	\$0	\$0	\$0
12.	Pepperball Launchers	\$0	\$0	\$0
13.	Defense Technologies CS Gas Systems (All Types)	\$0	\$0	\$0
14.	5.56mm Ammunition (Patrol and M4 Rifles)	\$4,955.00	\$0	\$2,677.00
15.	9mm Ammunition (MP5)	\$2,660.00	\$0	\$5,320.00
	Total:	\$19,094.00	\$15,865.00	\$23,993.00



Projected Acquisitions for 2023

While some purchases and acquisitions can be anticipated, the unanticipated replacement of existing AB 481 equipment may be necessary due to damage beyond that of repair. Replacement of these items will be handled on a case-by-case basis dependent on operational and departmental needs. These unexpected needs-based acquisitions will be in accordance with department policy and AB 481.

Consumable Military Equipment

Consumable AB 481 military equipment acquisitions in the next 12 months will remain consistent with current department replenishment schedules and policies. Acquisitions and purchasing of these consumables will replenish quantities previously approved by the Department. Categories of consumables are as follows:

- Ammunition - all calibers
- Diversionary Devices
- Chemical Agents
- Specialty Munitions (40mm and Less Lethal Munitions)
- Pepperball Rounds

Projected costs associated with consumables are listed in the chart in the “Equipment Costs” section of this report.

Non-Consumable Military Equipment

- Armored Rescue Vehicle (Lenco BearCat G3 or similar)

Redwood City Police Department Policy 703, approved by City Council, authorizes the department to use armored rescue vehicles owned or operated by other San Mateo County law enforcement agencies as outlined in this report. While the department can make use these vehicles, we do not have priority over other agencies and they are not always available. Additionally, even when they are available, the response time of these vehicles to a Redwood City emergency is always subject to travel time from their storage locations and the availability of personnel from these agencies to bring them to Redwood City. As a result, the Department cannot always rely on the timely availability of these vehicles in an emergency.



In the fall of 2020, the Port of Redwood City received a grant under the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Port Security Grant Program, which authorized funds to cover 75% of the cost of an armored vehicle to be used by Redwood City Police Department to support port security operations. If purchased, this vehicle would be stored at Redwood City Police Department and available for other authorized uses by Redwood City Police Department and other San Mateo County law enforcement agencies. The estimated cost of this vehicle is \$320,000, with the grant covering 75% of the cost and the Port providing the other 25% from its own revenues, resulting in no acquisition cost for Redwood City. Annual maintenance is estimated at \$2,500.00 and would be covered from existing department maintenance budgets.

With respect to port operations, there are two primary cases where the ARV fills a need, both related to port security. As a deep water port that has been earthquake retrofitted, the Port of Redwood City is a FEMA designated logistics hub intended to serve an area that extends from South San Francisco into Santa Clara County in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. This would include the staging of critical fuel, food, and medical supplies. In such an event, the Redwood City Police Department is expected to provide security for the Port and the staged supplies. The mobility, visibility, and protection offered by an ARV would increase the Department's ability to accomplish this mission. The Port also has the potential to be a target for a terrorist attack due to its unique position as the only deep-water port in the South Bay, making it a high value target. The Redwood City Police Department would be the first law enforcement agency in position to respond to any such attack and the ARV has the capability to offer enhanced protection against all known threats, including high order explosives, biological, radiological, or chemical attacks.

In addition to providing increased Port security, armored rescue vehicles increase officer and community safety and are primarily used in three types of events:

- Active Shooter Response – armored rescue vehicles are used in active shooter response situations to provide a safe and secure means of transporting law enforcement, medical personnel and civilians to safety. ARVs are designed to protect occupants from gunfire and other forms of attack, and may be equipped with features such as bullet-resistant glass, doors, and walls, and a roof hatch for observation and communication. ARVs may also be used to evacuate injured civilians from the area, providing a safe and secure means of transport to medical care. In addition to these protective features, ARVs may also be used to move critical equipment, such as breaching tools and medical supplies into hazardous, unsecured areas.
- High Risk Warrant Service/Barricaded Subject – armored rescue vehicles provide protection to the officers inside from any gunfire or other weapons the barricaded subject may have. ARVs are equipped with loudspeakers that allow the police to communicate with the barricaded subject from a closer distance, while remaining protected from threats. This allows the ARV to be used as platform for negotiation to help defuse the situation and bring it to a peaceful resolution.



ARVs also provide improved mobility and extraction options, as they are designed to move through rough terrain and obstacles, allowing officers to position themselves at the target location from any approach. The vehicle also allows for emergency civilian evacuation in the event hostages or other non-involved parties are in or around the target location.

- Natural Disaster Response – an armored rescue vehicle can be used for emergency natural disaster response. Armored rescue vehicles are designed to withstand challenging conditions including natural disasters such as floods, wild fires, and earthquakes. These vehicles can be used to transport emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies to affected areas, as well as to provide shelter and medical care to those who are stranded or injured. In addition, armored rescue vehicles can also be used to clear debris, rescue victims, and provide security in areas that have been affected by a natural disaster. Moreover, in the event of a natural or manmade disaster affecting the entire county or bay area, the currently authorized ARVs available to the Department will almost certainly not be available as they will be in use by their home agencies. This uncertainty regarding availability would be removed if the Department could rely upon an ARV stored locally in its own lot and under its control.

Having an ARV ready to deploy at a moment's notice from the Redwood City Police Department will increase officers' capabilities during a critical incident, minimize response times, and decrease our reliance on mutual aid when heavier mobile protection is required. Time is of the essence when responding to critical incidents and immediate access could make all the difference in saving a life. Under optimal circumstances, the best response time for the closest ARV (staged in Belmont) is 20 to 30 minutes, with a longer time for the other three available ARVs. The Department believes this response time could be cut in half in most cases if the ARV is deploying from our station and operated by our personnel.

The Department plans to request authorization to use a Port owned ARV at the May 22, 2023, City Council meeting where Council will consider the renewal of Redwood City Military Equipment Use Policy 703 and any new equipment requests as outlined in California Government Code section 7071(b).



Conclusion

This Annual Military Equipment Use Report is intended to not only adhere to the law and Redwood City Police Department policy, but also demonstrate our commitment to transparency with the information provided to our community and elected officials. The equipment, resources, and training outlined in this report support the Redwood City Police Department's efforts to protect our community, and enhance the safety of the public and officers. Our police department firmly believes responsible use of the equipment outlined in this report enhances our ability to deliver the highest level of professional, efficient and effective service when faced with incidents requiring a thoughtful law enforcement response. Understanding law enforcement is a partnership between the police and community, we will continue to serve and do all we can to guard against harmful actions of a few individuals, providing our community with "Excellent Service with Integrity and Respect."