



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** AB 481 - Military Equipment Annual Inventory and Report; renewal of ordinance #815

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** (1) Renew previously adopted ordinance #815 pursuant to requirements of AB-481; (2) Approve the attached Annual Military Equipment Report and Annual Inventory Report- “Addendum A” and “Addendum B” respectively; (3) Approve the expenditure of \$1824.32 to replenish equipment stock; (4) deem three UAV devices as “surplus personal property”; (5) direct the department head, with approval of the City Manager, to dispose of surplus personal property in accordance with 3.08.220 B,3,c of the municipal code.

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**Prepared by:** Lt. Brian Blakemore, GVPD

**Council Meeting Date:** 04/28/2026

**Date Prepared:** 04/15/2026

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** On 04/26/2022, the City Council heard and adopted its first reading of Ordinance #815 related to the police military equipment use policy (attached), pursuant to the requirements of AB-481, in accordance with Government Code 7070 et al. This was done to ensure the City of Grass Valley and its police department were in compliance with the new legislative changes. Now that we are multiple years into the policy, part of maintaining compliance is an annual report to City Council, updating the military equipment inventory and policy as necessary, making the information public, and holding a meeting to discuss the policy and equipment with members of the public. The goal of this report and action of the Council is to ensure full compliance and transparency with the legislative requirements.

**Analysis / Discussion:**

There have been no legislative changes to Government Code 7070, GVPD Policy 706, and/or City of Grass Valley Ordinance 815 since their adoption.

Government Code Section 7070 (c) defines “Military equipment”. The attached Annual Inventory Report identifies equipment utilized by GVPD that matches those definitions. It also indicates the quantity of any equipment utilized during calendar year 2025, pursuant to the requirement of 7072(a). Additional information is included in the written report (attached).

The governing body shall only approve a military equipment use policy pursuant to this chapter if it determines all of the following:

(A) The military equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

(B) The proposed military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

(C) If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

(D) Prior military equipment use complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the accompanying military equipment use policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.

Staff has reviewed these safeguards and finds that all of them have been met to the best of the police department's knowledge, training, and experience.

The governing body (City Council) shall review any ordinance that it has adopted pursuant to this section approving the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment at least annually and, vote on whether to renew the ordinance at a regular meeting. The governing body shall determine, based on the annual military equipment report submitted pursuant to Section 7072, whether each type of military equipment identified in that report has complied with the standards for approval set forth above. If the governing body determines that a type of military equipment identified in that annual military equipment report has not complied with the standards for approval, the governing body shall either disapprove a renewal of the authorization for that type of military equipment or require modifications to the military equipment use policy in a manner that will resolve the lack of compliance.

The police department believes that the military equipment used by, and in possession of, the police department, as well as the previously adopted policy and ordinance, complies with the standards of the law.

The police department will hold a public meeting no more than 30 days from the approval of this item, where the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment (Government Code 7072(b)). We will also post our annual report and associated documents to the police department webpage (Government Code 7072(a)).

### **New Actions & Reporting Year Purchases:**

#### Military Equipment Section 1-

"Addendum A" (attached) is a true and accurate description of the equipment the police department maintains in this section. In the adopted FY25/26 budget, City Council approved the replacement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), commonly referred to as drones, which had reached end-of-operational-life status. Police department staff identified optimal replacement equipment. At the Regular City Council Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025, Council approved an action to purchase said equipment. A purchase order was placed as indicated on the Annual Inventory Report (attached). GVPD has yet to receive the replacement equipment or invoicing due to supply/lead time issues. Should this extend into FY 26/27 the budgeted funds will be rolled into the next budget and allocated for this purpose - **No Additional Funding Required**

## Military Equipment Section 10, 12, & 14-

“Addendum A” (attached) is a true and accurate description of the equipment the police department maintains in these sections. The Council has approved the police department to maintain a modest stock of equipment in these categories since adoption of Ordinance #815. It is critical to note that this equipment is all designed as non-lethal/less-than-lethal equipment. Maintaining available stock provides the police department with an abundance of options to meet critical needs and aid in avoiding deadly force and provides police personnel with de-escalation options.

Throughout 2025, Police Officers have utilized *expired/expiring* equipment for training purposes, to maintain use-competence, and confirm accuracy. Other equipment has expired in the last year and has been transitioned to strict training-stock-only. This equipment is no longer deployable and must be replenished.

Sections 12.6 and 14.6 of “Addendum A” describes sought purchases. A total purchase amount of \$1824.32 will bring the police department to full operational capability. **No additional funding is requested. The expense, \$1824.32, will be absorbed by existing police budget funds.**

### Surplus Equipment:

As referenced above and detailed at the regular City Council Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Police Department has three drones which no longer serve operational needs and are no longer deployable due to outdated software and hardware. The replacement of which would cost thousands of dollars and exceed the second-hand private party market value based on informal conversations with UAV dealers.

The undeployable equipment is described as:

- (1) DJI Matrice 210, original purchase price \$21,550.00, purchased in December 2018
- (2) DJI Spark, original purchase price \$411.00, purchased in December 2018
- (3) Skydio SDRC2V1, Original purchase price \$2,680.18, purchased in February 2020

No longer meeting an operational need these three drones hold a current value of less than \$100 dollars, per item, and are “surplus personal property” of the City of Grass Valley.

According to Grass Valley Municipal Code 3.80.220 “Surplus Personal Property” shall mean any personal property or equipment owned by the City of Grass Valley which a department head determines, subject to approval of the city manager or the city council, is no longer needed or used for city purposes or which has become obsolete, worn out or past its useful life.

As a new action, the police department is moving to have City Council deem this equipment to be surplus personal property. The police department also moves for council direction to dispose of this property in accordance to 3.80.220 B.3.c. which states, “surplus property with less than one hundred dollars value may be disposed of by the department head, upon written approval of the city manager, in the manner most advantageous to the city considering the value of the property and the cost of sale, including, but not limited to, sale by salvage, recycling or disposal”.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #6 - Exceptional Public Safety

**Fiscal Impact:** This action has a fiscal impact of \$1,824.32 which will be absorbed by the originally adopted police budget

**Funds Available:** Yes

**Account #:** 100-201

**Reviewed by:** Alex Gammelgard, Interim City Manager

**Attachments:**

Addendum A- Annual Military Equipment Report (typed/written document)

Addendum B- Annual Inventory Report (Spreadsheet)

Ordinance #815

Grass Valley Police Department Policy 706