



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2024
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: 2023 MILITARY WEAPONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Sonora Police Department's military equipment use report as required by Assembly Bill 481.

DISCUSSION

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) relating to law enforcement agencies' use of military equipment. AB 481, codified in California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires that any law enforcement agency seeking to use existing or new military equipment to create a military use policy, present the policy for governing body approval by ordinance, and produce annual reports pertaining to the policy and use of military equipment and to hold public engagement meetings within 30 days of submitting the annual use reports.

The Sonora City Council adopted the Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy in April 2022; and on June 3, 2024, the Sonora Police Department will hold a public discussion during the regular scheduled City Council meeting. The public will have this opportunity to ask questions regarding the military equipment report and the Police Department's funding, acquisition, and use of the equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no budgetary impact for this item.