



**TRUCKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 03/09/2023
TO: Chief Danny Renfrow
FROM: Lieutenant Kyle Vickers
SUBJECT: CA Government Code 7072 – Military Equipment Usage

In compliance with California Government Code Section 7072, this memorandum will supplement the attached Military Equipment (ME) matrix by providing information regarding the following items pertaining to ME usage from May 2022, to May 2023:

- Summary of Usage
- Complaints Received
- Internal Audits and Policy Violations

Summary of Usage:

UAV/Drones – During this time period our UAV's were deployed on several occasions during calls for service pertaining to missing persons, search and rescue operations, as well as for traffic collision scene mapping. Additionally, UAV's were deployed for individual operator training, as well as for social media images and other internal media purposes (recruitment photos).

Pepperball Launchers and Munitions – A strategic redeployment plan for this equipment occurred during this time period. As a result, our previous inventory of nine outdated launchers were reduced to three newer models. This equipment is no longer issued to each patrol officer's vehicle, and now solely resides with each shift's supervisor. As a result, usage has decreased and was limited to in-service training and wildlife diversion.

Beanbag Shotguns and Munitions – The above-mentioned redeployment resulted in beanbag shotguns replacing Pepperball launchers in each officer's patrol vehicle. These shotguns and their munitions were used during in-service training functions and non-lethal wildlife diversion situations. These shotguns were also deployed as less lethal force options during numerous criminal events in the past year involving suspect(s) with the potential for violence. However, no rounds were ever fired due to successful de-escalation efforts during each incident.

Simunition Firearms and Sim-Rounds – This equipment and accompanying munitions are solely reserved for training and has no authorized field use. Therefore, these items were only used within a training environment during this timeframe.

Complaints:

During this time period no complaints were received regarding use of military equipment.

Internal Audits & Policy Violations:

During this time period all items were inventoried and confirmed as being accounted for. All equipment usage by department personnel was found to be within policy. As a result, there are no violations to report.

Sincerely,

Kyle Vickers
Police Lieutenant