



STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT P O L I C E D E P A R T M E N T

**AB 481 MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 30, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom approved Assembly Bill 481, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from the applicable governing body (School District Board of Trustees) for the adoption of a military equipment use policy. The Stockton Unified School District Police Department is required to seek the Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees' approval of their Military Equipment Use Policy at a regular open meeting before taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment.

Assembly Bill 481 allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards. The Military Equipment Use Policy is subject to the Board of Trustees' review to determine whether the standards outlined in Assembly Bill 481 have been met, based on an Annual Military Equipment Use Report.

Requirements of AB 481

Assembly Bill (AB) 481 requires each law enforcement agency's governing body to adopt a written military use policy by ordinance, in addition to other requirements in the bill. The following are required:

- Publish the draft military equipment use policy to the Police Department's website 30 days ahead of a public hearing to approve the policy.
- Obtain approval by the applicable governing body (School District Board of Trustees) by adopting a military equipment use policy before taking certain actions related to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined.
- Publish an annual report by the law enforcement agency that includes each type of military equipment approved by the governing body.
- Conduct an annual review of the military equipment use ordinance by the governing body and provide an option to disapprove a renewal or amend the military equipment use policy if the military equipment does not comply with the established standards.

Hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual military equipment report.

INTRODUCTION

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department maintains a specialized inventory of military equipment to support its mission of creating a safe, just, and thriving community while enhancing overall quality of life. However, the mere possession of such equipment does not justify its use in every situation.

Incident commanders, supervisors, officers, and specialized units must exercise sound judgment in determining when deployment is appropriate, ensuring that decisions prioritize public and officer safety while effectively managing critical incidents.

This Annual Military Equipment Use Report provides a comprehensive overview of usage guidelines, inventory details, financial impact, and any reported complaints or concerns from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (Government Code § 7070):

- **Governing body** – The Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees.
- **Military equipment** – Includes but is not limited to the following (Government Code § 7070(c)(1)(16)):
 - Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
 - Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
 - 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.
 - Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants.
 - Command and control vehicles built or modified to facilitate operational control and direction of public safety units.
 - Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
 - Battering rams, slugs, and explosive breaching apparatuses.
 - Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and shotgun ammunition.
 - Specialized firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and § 30515.
 - Any firearm designed to launch explosive projectiles.
 - Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
 - Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard-issued handheld pepper spray.
 - TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
 - Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.

SUMMARY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT USAGE

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department operates as one of the specialized K-12 police agencies in California, with a primary focus on the safety and security of students, staff, and schools. The Department serves a significant population, encompassing over 40,000 students, faculty, and staff across more than 60 schools in the greater Stockton community. In 2024, officers from the SUSD Police Department responded to 4,320 calls for service. Out of these interactions, force was employed on 8 occasions. Notably, military equipment, specifically projectiles, was not utilized in any of these instances. These statistics underscore the infrequent use of military equipment within our department.

While our inventory of military equipment is diverse, its possession does not justify its utilization in every situation. The SUSD Police Department acknowledges the unpredictable and dynamic nature of critical incidents. Various options for military equipment can significantly aid incident commanders, officers, and specialized units in swiftly and safely resolving such incidents. However, the use of military equipment is strictly regulated and limited to specific instances and, in some cases, to designated units only.

This section of the report provides an overview of military equipment usage from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. It is important to note that certain military equipment items, particularly consumables like ammunition, are regularly used for training purposes throughout the year to maintain proficiency. However, this section focuses solely on operational usage data captured within this Annual Military Equipment Use Report.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department places a strong emphasis on fostering trust and confidence between the Department and the community it serves. This commitment is rooted in the Department's continuous efforts to improve community relationships and maintain its status as a progressive leader among law enforcement agencies nationwide. Central to this endeavor is ensuring transparency in the Department's operations and interactions with the public.

One of the tools regularly utilized by the Stockton Unified School District Police Department is the School Emergency Mobile Communications Vehicle. This specialized military equipment is a vital asset for emergency response and serves as a valuable resource during community events. By deploying this vehicle during public gatherings, the Department creates a safe and secure environment for community members to partake in various activities and enjoy the amenities provided by the SUSD Police Department.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following list outlines qualifying equipment for the department categorized by equipment type from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024:

School Emergency Mobile Communications Vehicle

An unarmored vehicle equipped with specific communication and audio-visual devices to assist in the command and control of critical incidents. The School Emergency Mobile Communications Vehicle was utilized zero (0) times from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, as the vehicle was out of operation.

Purpose:

To be used as a mobile computer lab and command center in circumstances involving, for example, a critical incident or emergency, large crowds of people, or a natural disaster.

Authorized Usages:

There have been zero (0) reported usages.

Unauthorized Usages:

There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Specialized Firearms

Guns that are fired from shoulder level, have a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance.

Purpose:

To be used as precision weapons that are capable of addressing threats with more precision and/or over a greater distance than handguns, if present and feasible in accordance with Department Policy 312.

Authorized Usages:

Rifles were utilized zero (0) times between January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Unauthorized Usages:

There have been zero (0) reported violations of the military equipment use policy between January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, spanning January 31, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the Stockton Unified School District Police Department operated with a workforce of 38 full-time equivalent (FTE) sworn officers, 7 dispatchers, and 6 professional staff members. The department’s budget for FY 2024 was \$7,986,433, with 80.24% allocated to personnel salaries.

Notably, the department did not allocate any funds for military equipment in FY 2024, nor did it purchase new military equipment or ammunition.

Budget Breakdown

Category	Allocation (\$)	Percentage (%)
Personnel Salaries	\$6,409,319	80.24%
Dispatch & Operations	\$1,577,114	19.76%
Military Equipment Expenditure	\$0	0.00%
New Military Equipment Purchases	\$0	0.00%

Key Fiscal Insights

- **Personnel Investment:** The majority of the budget (80.24%) supports salaries for officers, dispatchers, and professional staff.
- **Operational Costs:** The remaining 19.76% covers dispatch operations, equipment maintenance, and other essential expenses.
- **Military Equipment:** No funds were allocated for military equipment, and no new purchases were made.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** The department remains committed to financial transparency, prioritizing personnel and operational efficiency while ensuring resources align with community safety priorities.

This data underscores the department’s focus on personnel and operational efficiency while maintaining fiscal accountability.

2025 MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION

Overview

For Fiscal Year 2025 (January – December 31, 2025), the Stockton Unified School District Police Department is prioritizing the replacement and acquisition of essential equipment to enhance officer preparedness and ensure the safety of students, staff, and the school community.

Planned Acquisitions

Consumable Military Equipment – Ammunition Replenishment

To maintain operational readiness, the department will replenish its ammunition inventory according to standard replenishment schedules. The planned purchases include:

- Speer Gold Dot .223 Caliber 62 Grain Rifle Round Ammunition
- Winchester 9mm Luger Auto 147 Grain Full Metal Jacket Flat Point Practice Ammunition
- Federal 9mm Luger Grain HST Duty Ammunition
- 9mm 147gr. Ranger T-Series JHP

These purchases will be funded from the department's existing budget, ensuring officers have the necessary training and duty-grade ammunition for campus security incidents.

Non-Consumable Military Equipment – Rifle & Optics Acquisition

2025 Rifle & Optics Purchase with Buy-Back Trade-In Credit

To modernize department-issued equipment, the department plans to acquire:

- 30 Sig Sauer M400 Rifles – \$49,170
- 30 Red Dot Sights – \$13,500
- Total (Before Trade-In Credit): \$68,310.31

To reduce costs, the department will participate in a buy-back trade-in program, receiving credit for outdated or surplus equipment. The final expenditure will be adjusted based on trade-in valuation, ensuring a cost-effective approach to equipment modernization while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

2025 MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION REPORT

Projected Annual Cost/Maintenance (Fiscal Year 2025)

CATEGORY	FY-23	FY-24	FY-25
School Emergency Mobile Communications Vehicle	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sig Sauer MCX Semi-Automatic 16" Rifle	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colt AR-15 Semi-Automatic Rifle	\$0	\$0	\$0
Speer Gold Dot .223 Caliber 62 Grain Rifle Round Ammo	\$0	\$0	\$0
Winchester 9mm Luger Auto 147 Grain FMJ Practice Ammo	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal 9mm Luger Grain HST Duty Ammo	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sig Sauer M400 Rifles	-	-	\$49,170
Red Dot Sights	-	-	\$13,500
(Trade-in credit)	-	-	TBD
Winchester 9mm Luger (147) Ranger T-Series JHP	-	-	\$14,911.32
PROJECTED TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$83,221.60

Strategic Equipment Modernization

By utilizing trade-in credits, the Stockton Unified School District Police Department is implementing a cost-effective approach to modernizing its equipment while maintaining its mission to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

- As a school-based law enforcement agency, ensuring officers have modern, reliable, and well-maintained equipment is critical to:
- Enhancing rapid emergency response to active threats or high-risk situations on school campuses.
- Improving officer proficiency and accuracy through updated, duty-appropriate optics and firearms.
- Aligning with national best practices in school safety and law enforcement readiness.

All acquisitions and equipment replacements will be conducted in compliance with the Board of Trustees' approved policy on military equipment procurement, ensuring fiscal responsibility and operational transparency.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT TRAINING AND COST

2024 – Military Equipment Use Training Costs

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department acknowledges that the use of military equipment and specialized tactics requires ongoing training to maintain proficiency. While the department conducts regular internal training, participation in external courses provides officers with enhanced tactical insight and expanded skill sets. These structured courses offer hands-on exercises and scenario-based instruction, ensuring officers remain well-prepared for real-world applications. Training costs are funded through the department's existing budget.

2024 Internal Military Equipment Training

The following department-led training sessions were conducted in 2024, with costs covered in the annual equipment budget:

- ❖ Annual Department Rifle Qualification
 Course Content: A 4-hour course
 Description: This mandatory annual training session ensures that all qualified staff members maintain proficiency in rifle use.
 Cost: Not Applicable (In-house training for all qualified staff members)

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department remains committed to continuous skill development, ensuring officers have the training necessary to effectively and responsibly use specialized equipment. All training is conducted in alignment with department policies, California P.O.S.T. standards, and best practices in school safety and law enforcement.

DEPARTMENT TRANSPARENCY

Community Complaints/Concerns/Comments

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department recognizes that the deployment and use of military equipment may raise questions or concerns within the community. Open communication is essential in fostering trust and transparency, ensuring the community remains informed about the department's operations.

The department is committed to conducting thorough, impartial, and timely investigations into all community complaints. Adhering to established internal procedures, the department ensures fairness and accountability in every investigation, maintaining the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

Review of Formal Investigations (January 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

Complaints and Concerns: The Military Equipment Coordinator conducted a comprehensive review of all reported complaints related to the use of military equipment within the department. No complaints or concerns were reported during this period.

Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS): A review of all officer-involved shootings involving military equipment between January 31, 2024, and December 31, 2024, found zero (0) incidents.

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department remains dedicated to transparency, accountability, and continuous engagement with the community to uphold public trust and ensure responsible and ethical use of all department resources.

INTERNAL AUDIT

California Assembly Bill 481 mandates that all local law enforcement agencies incorporate the results of internal audits and inspections, along with any responsive actions, in their annual Military Equipment Use Report. These audits must adhere to the department's Military Equipment Use Policy, ensuring compliance with established guidelines on the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment.

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department has designated the Military Equipment Coordinator as the responsible party for conducting audits related to military equipment use.

Internal Audit Results (January 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

Audit Details: The Military Equipment Coordinator conducted an audit of the department's military equipment inventory, which included:

- Inspecting equipment types and quantities
- Verifying serial numbers
- Ensuring compliance with the Military Equipment Use Policy

Audit Findings: The audit found no discrepancies in equipment types, quantities, or serial numbers. The department's inventory remains in full alignment with the Military Equipment Use Policy, confirming accurate documentation and adherence to operational standards.

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department remains committed to transparency, accountability, and responsible oversight in the management and use of military equipment.

CONCLUSION

The acquisition and use of military equipment in our communities can have a significant impact on public safety and welfare. Recognizing the importance of public awareness and engagement, local government officials are required to disclose any funding, procurement, or utilization of military equipment. The public has the right to participate in these decisions to ensure they align with community safety, welfare, and civil liberties.

As part of its commitment to transparency and public trust, the Stockton Unified School District Police Department values meaningful public input regarding the use of military equipment in our community. This collaboration enhances public safety and ensures accountability.

Community members are encouraged to submit questions or concerns about military equipment use via email at susdpolice@stocktonusd.org. The Department is committed to providing timely and informative responses to all inquiries.

If a complaint is received, it will be processed in accordance with Stockton Unified School District Police Department General Order 220.01 (Personnel Complaints). The Department takes all complaints seriously and encourages members of the public to submit concerns in person, by phone, or via email.

To ensure a thorough and fair investigation, individuals filing a complaint should provide as much detailed information as possible. This allows the Department to effectively address concerns, uphold accountability, and maintain the highest standards of integrity.