



2022 AB 481 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is committed to maintaining public safety by providing the highest quality police and fire services to the communities we serve. We have an obligation to our communities never to let those who would engage in violent criminal behavior dictate the path of life for our city. We know violent crime does not thrive when our available resources and equipment, education, and enforcement are strong and do not allow for an environment where violent criminals are tempted and emboldened.

The equipment items listed in this annual report are essential tools that may be required to de-escalate intense situations or bring volatile conditions and critical incidents to a safe resolution. The mere possession of this equipment does not warrant its use in every circumstance. However, having this equipment and adequate resources available makes our Department more capable to effectively address violence and threats to the safety to our Rohnert Park communities.

Military Equipment Use

Compliance Requirements:

- Approval of the Military Equipment Use Policy (Completed 2022, Policy 706)
- Approval of the Military Equipment Use Ordinance (Completed 2022, Ordinance No. 964)
- Publishing the Policy (Completed 2022)
- Annual Report (see below)

Annual Report

AB 481 requires on an annual basis the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (RPDPS) seek and obtain City Council approval for future acquisition and funding of new military equipment and provide City Council and the public a report outlining how the military equipment was used to ensure RPDPS is adhering to the policy (RPDPS Policy 706) and the city ordinance (Ordinance No. 964).

Ordinance No. 964 – Military Equipment Use Policy

As required by AB 481, the City Council adopted an ordinance to approve a military equipment use policy. Within a year of the initial approval, and at least annually thereafter, the City Council is required to review the ordinance and policy. The City Council may make amendments, modifications or revisions to the military equipment use policy adopted by the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety.

Current Inventory

40MM Launchers and Rounds

40mm Launchers are utilized by department personnel as a less lethal tool to launch impact rounds.

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost

DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY

40MM SINGLE SHOT LAUNCHER, #1325

Cost: \$1000 each

Quantity: 6

The 40mm Single Launcher is a tactical single shot launcher that features a fixed stock and an Integrated Front Grip (IFG). It will fire standard 40mm less lethal ammunition, up to 4.8 inches in cartridge length. It will launch a 40mm less lethal round up to 131 feet and is authorized to be used by officers trained in its use.

COMBINED TACTICAL SYSTEMS

40MM SPONGE, #4557

Cost: \$21 each

Quantity: 400

A less lethal 40mm lightweight foam projectile fired from a single 40mm grenade launcher with a rifled barrel at 240-260 FPS. The 40mm Sponge Round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not less than five (5) feet and as far as 131 feet from the target.

Purpose

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

Authorized Use

Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to:

- Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals
- Riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents
- Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained
- Potentially vicious animals
- Training exercises or approved demonstrations

Training

Sworn members utilizing the 40mm launcher and the less lethal 40mm impact rounds shall be trained in the use of such items by attending a POST-certified course, (4180-30995-XX), by POST-certified less lethal instructors.

Lifespan

- Defense Technology #1325 – 25 years
- Model 4557 Sponge – 5 years

Fiscal Impact

Annual maintenance is approximately \$50 for each launcher.

Legal and Procedural Rules

Use of the 40mm launcher and 40mm sponge rounds is subject to requirements of Policy 306 (Firearms), Policy 303.8 (Kinetic Energy Projectile Guidelines) and Policy 300 (Use of Force). It is the policy of the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety to utilize the 40mm only for official law enforcement purposes, in accordance with all requirements under State and Federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

Less Lethal Shotgun and Rounds

Less Lethal Shotgun is used to deploy the less lethal 12-gauge Super-Sock Beanbag Round.

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost

REMINGTON
870 LESS LETHAL SHOTGUN
Cost: \$946 each
Quantity: 86

The Remington 870 Less Lethal Shotgun is used to deploy the less lethal 12-gauge Super-Sock Beanbag Round up to a distance of 75 feet. The range of the weapon system helps to maintain space between officers and a suspect reducing the immediacy of the threat which is a principle of de-escalation.

12-GAUGE SUPER-SOCK BEANBAG ROUND
Cost: \$5 each
Quantity: 850

A less lethal 2.4-inch 12-gauge shotgun round firing a ballistic fiber bag filled with 40 grams of lead shot at a velocity of 270-290 feet per second (FPS). CTS Super-Sock rounds are discharged from a dedicated 12-gauge shotgun that is distinguishable by an orange butt stock and fore grip. This round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not fewer than five (5) feet. The maximum effective range of this munition is up to 75 feet from the target. The Model 2581 Super-Sock is in its deployed state immediately upon exiting the barrel. It does not require a minimum range to "unfold" or "stabilize." The Super-Sock is an aerodynamic projectile. However, accuracy is relative to the shotgun, barrel length, environmental conditions, and the operator. The Super-Sock is very accurate. However, effectiveness depends on many variables, such as distance, clothing, stature, and the point where the projectile impacts.

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- Potentially vicious animals
- Training exercises or approved instructors.

Lifespan

- Remington 870 Less Lethal Shotgun – 25 years
- Super Sock Round – No listed expiration date

Fiscal Impact

Annual maintenance is approximately \$50 per shotgun.

Training

Sworn members utilizing the 12 gauge less lethal shotgun and beanbag rounds shall be trained in the use of such items by attending a POST-certified course, (4180-30995-XX), by POST-certified less lethal instructors.

Legal and Procedural Rules

Use of the less lethal shotgun and beanbag rounds is subject to Policy 306 (Firearms), Policy 303.8 (Kinetic Energy Projectile Guidelines) and Policy 300 (Use of Force). It is the policy of the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety to utilize the less lethal shotgun only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

Summary for 2022

40MM Launchers and Rounds

- Equipment usage: None
- Complaints or concerns received: None
- Violations of RPDPS Policy 706: None
 - Internal audits: N/A
 - Actions taken: N/A

Less Lethal Shotgun and Rounds

- Equipment usage: None
- Complaints or concerns received: None
- Violations of RPDPS Policy 706: None
 - Internal audits: N/A
 - Actions taken: N/A

Associated Less Lethal Training Hours

- Total Training Hours: 184

Approval Request for New Equipment

In an effort to utilize increased de-escalation techniques, including the availability of equipment that will support de-escalation efforts, it is important that our personnel be properly equipped in the field when responding to incidents where that equipment may be used. As a result, a request for approval to purchase three additional 40mm Launchers is forthcoming.