

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING A MILITARY USE
POLICY FOR POLICE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Coronado Police Policy 706 sets forth a military equipment use policy that is consistent with the Police Department's current practices, has been posted on the Department's website for at least thirty (30) days, complies with all the requirements of AB 481, will ensure ongoing regulation and compliance with the law going forward and will provide a means of community engagement and transparency regarding use of military equipment by the Department; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the use of military equipment as set forth in Coronado Police Policy 706 is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety. The acquisition and use of military equipment as set forth in Coronado Police Policy 706 is part of the Police Department's overall approach to critical incident management, use of force, de-escalation, and public safety. The equipment will enable department members to properly respond to both planned and unplanned events efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Coronado Police Policy 706 will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties by ensuring required reporting, the opportunity for community engagement and feedback, and transparency and oversight regarding the acquisition and use of the specified military equipment in the City of Coronado; and

WHEREAS, for the equipment purchases set forth in the annual report, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety

WHEREAS, prior military equipment use by the Coronado Police Department complied with the military equipment use policy that was in effect at the time of the use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Coronado hereby adopts and approves the findings set forth above in support of this resolution.
2. That the City Council hereby approves Coronado Police Policy 706 and annual report hereto attached as Exhibit A.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, at a regular meeting thereof this twenty-first day of April, 2026 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

JOHN D. DUNCAN, Mayor of the
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:

KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the
City of Coronado, California

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Compliance Requirements

Adoption of a Military Equipment Use Ordinance and Policy

As required by Government Code § 7071, the Coronado Police Department obtained approval from the City Council authorizing the use of certain military equipment through the City Council’s adoption of CMC 3.68.030 (Ord. 2022.01§ 3, 2022).

The City Council’s approval remains effective for a period of one year, during which approval may be revoked, extended, renewed, modified, or amended by resolution of the City Council.

At least annually after initial approval, the City Council will review this section and related resolutions. The City Council may, by resolution, make amendments, modifications, or revisions to the military equipment use policy adopted by the Coronado Police Department

Publishing the Policy

Coronado Police Department Policy 706 was adopted and published in January 2022.

Annual Report


Government Code §7072 requires the Coronado Police Department (CPD) to seek and obtain City Council approval for future acquisition and funding of new military equipment. Additionally, the CPD must provide the City Council and the public with an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the City Council to ensure the Coronado Police Department adheres to policy and the city ordinance.

The annual report shall contain:

- A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment, the results of any internal audits, any information about violation of the military use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of equipment.

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Current Inventory

Item	Quantity	
Command Van	One (1)	

The Command Van (CV) is a mobile office that provides shelter, access to Police Department computer systems, police radios, and telephones on extended events.

Manufacturer’s Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost

One 2018 (1) Freightliner Chassis (custom built) vehicle, cost: \$193,070.00. The CV can also be utilized for critical incidents, preplanned large events, searching for missing persons, natural disasters, and community events.

Purpose

To be used based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident, large event, natural disaster, or community event that is taking place.

Authorized Use

The CV shall be used by officers trained in its deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy and training.

Lifespan

The CV has a 15–20-year lifespan on chassis and vehicle structure. Upgrades are needed every three to four years to maintain IT systems.

Fiscal Impact

The annual maintenance cost is approximately \$3,000.00.

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Training

The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling of the vehicle on a closed training course. Once the operator has shown competence in vehicle handling, the driver/operator will drive the vehicle throughout the city with an experienced driver.

Legal and Procedural Rules

The CV is only to be used for official law enforcement purposes, and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

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Item	Quantity	
Field Supervisor Vehicle	Two (2)	

Field Supervisor Vehicles (FSV) are vehicles used to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.

Manufacturer's Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost

One (1) 2019 and one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe (custom built) vehicle, cost: \$115,000.00 each vehicle, quantity: 2. The FSV is primarily utilized for day-to-day patrol operations, critical incidents, preplanned large events, and searching for missing persons and natural disasters.

Purpose

To be used based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident, large event, natural disaster, or community event that is taking place. When not used for the above events, it is operated daily in a patrol capacity by the supervisor of the shift.

Authorized Use

The FSV shall be used by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with department policy and training. The FSV has a ten to twelve-year lifespan on chassis and vehicle structure.

Fiscal Impact

The annual maintenance cost is approximately \$3,000.00 for each vehicle.


Training

The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling and operation of the vehicle from an experienced operator before use.

Legal and Procedural Rules

The FSV is only to be used for official law enforcement purposes and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

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Item	Quantity	
40 mm launchers and rounds	Eighteen (18)	

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

Manufacturer's Description, Quantity, Capabilities, and Purchase Cost

Defense Technology, 40mm launcher; cost: \$1000 each, quantity: 18.

The (16) 40mm Single Launcher is a tactical single-shot launcher that features an adjustable stock and an adjustable Integrated Front Grip (IFG) with light rail. The (2) 40mm Multiple Launcher is a tactical four-shot launcher that features an adjustable stock and an adjustable Integrated Front Grip (IFG) with light rail. They 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 only authorized to be used by trained personnel.

Defense Technology, 40mm Exact Impact Sponge, #6325; cost: \$27 each, quantity: 173.

A less lethal 40mm lightweight plastic and foam projectile fired from a single shot or from a multiple shot 40mm launcher with a rifled barrel at 325 FPS. The 30-gram foam projectile delivers 120 ft/lbs. of energy on impact. The 40mm Exact Impact 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.

Defense Technology, 40mm Direct Impact OC, #6320, cost: \$30 each, quantity: 19.

A less lethal 40mm lightweight plastic and crushable foam projectile fired from a single or multiple shot 40mm grenade launcher with a rifled barrel at 295 FPS. The 39-gram crushable foam projectile delivers 120 ft/lbs. of energy upon impact in addition to the dispersion of 5 grams of OC irritant. The 40mm Direct Impact OC (Oleoresin Capsicum aka "Pepper Spray") Round provides accurate and effective performance when fired from the approved distance of not less than five (5) feet and as far as 120 feet from the target.

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Purpose

To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force may not be authorized, or other force options may be ineffective.

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
- To control riotous, violent criminal unrest incidents
- Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained
- Training


Fiscal Impact

When required, maintenance is approximately \$50 per 40 mm launcher. The cost per round is approximately \$27. Rounds for the 40mm launcher are purchased as needed for replacement due to training needs and as a result of any use in the field, in order to maintain a reasonable supply.

Training

Sworn members utilizing 40mm less-lethal chemical agents or impact rounds are trained in their use by POST-certified less-lethal instructors.

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Item	Quantity	
Patrol Rifles	Colt: 30 BushMaster: 13 Daniel Defense: 1 Stag Arms: 1 Mega: 1 Smith & Wesson: 1	 <p>*3 rifles have been converted to be used with Simunition for training.</p>

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

Colt Rifle, BushMaster, Daniel Defense, Stag Arms, Smith & Wesson, and Mega 223 caliber Patrol Rifles, cost \$1,000 each, quantity: 47.

Gold Dot ® Duty Rifle Ammunition 223 Rem. (5.56x45mm), cost: \$330 per case of 500, quantity: 18,500.

SPEER LE® Gold Dot® Duty Rifle brings proven bullet technology to the rifle platform. The Gold Dot® bullet was the first high-performance, bonded-core bullet available in handgun ammunition and has since set the bar for duty ammunition.

Purpose

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat consistent with Coronado Police Department policy 300 with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

Authorized Use

Only members who are trained by POST-certified instructors are authorized to use a rifle.

Lifespan

No expiration: patrol rifles are repaired / replaced as needed.

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Fiscal Impact

Annual maintenance is approximately \$50 for each rifle. Ammunition is purchased as needed for replacement due to training needs and as a result of any use in the field, in order to maintain a reasonable supply.

Training

Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members who operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification once a year.

Legal and Procedural Rules

Use is established under Department policy 300 and 305. It is the policy of the Coronado Police Department to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law, including regarding the use of force.

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Equipment Usage for 2025

The Command Van was used as a command post for long investigative scenes, such as a suspicious death investigation, and for multiple special events throughout the year including, but not limited to, motorcycle safety presentations, and the Art and Wine Festival.

The Field Supervisor Vehicle was used as a command post at multiple scenes and critical incidents throughout the year.

The 40mm Single Shot launchers were used in the field multiple times in the field the past year, primarily as part of a team to safely effect an arrest. No 40mm Single Shot or Four Shot launcher was fired in an enforcement situation this year.

Patrol rifles were used in the field multiple times in the past year as a precautionary measure to give officers tactical advantages when an armed encounter was reasonably anticipated or where long-range shots, out of the range of a handgun, might have been required. No patrol rifle was fired in an enforcement situation this year.

Anticipated Equipment Acquisition for 2026

As stated, ammunition rounds for the 40mm launcher and rifles are purchased as needed for replacement due to training needs and as a result of any use in the field, in order to maintain a reasonable supply.

The Department did purchase 60 rounds of the lightweight plastic and foam projectiles (non-OC) for the 40mm launchers due to training at the end of last year in November of 2025.

In 2026 The Department anticipates purchasing 30 additional rounds of the lightweight plastic and foam projectiles (non-OC) due to rounds set to expire. Also, 15 of the rounds that contain OC due to not having any backup supply.

The Department will need to purchase at least 24 cases of rifle ammunition for anticipated training this year. Part of this purchase will be to begin transitioning to lead free ammunition, which is now required at some firearm ranges in the County. The Department will consider additional rifle ammunition purchases to increase inventory due to current global conflicts. These potentially lead to ammunition shortages or reduced allocations available for law enforcement purchase.