

Military Equipment

709.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment (Government Code § 7070; Government Code § 7071; Government Code § 7072).

709.1.1 DEFINITIONS

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

Governing body – The elected or appointed body that oversees the Department.

Military equipment – Includes but is not limited to the following:

- 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 that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. This does not include a handheld, one-person ram.
- Firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, excluding standard-issue shotguns and standard-issue shotgun ammunition.
- Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including firearms and accessories identified as assault weapons in Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515, with the exception of standard-issue firearms.
- Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools.
- Munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices (LRADs).
- Kinetic energy weapons and munitions.
- Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.

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709.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Lake Shastina Police Department that members of this department comply with the provisions of Government Code § 7071 with respect to military equipment.

709.3 MILITARY EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The Chief of Police should designate a member of this department to act as the military equipment coordinator. The responsibilities of the military equipment coordinator include but are not limited to:

- (a) Acting as liaison to the governing body for matters related to the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Identifying department equipment that qualifies as military equipment in the current possession of the Department, or the equipment the Department intends to acquire that requires approval by the governing body.
- (c) Conducting an inventory of all military equipment at least annually.
- (d) Collaborating with any allied agency that may use military equipment within the jurisdiction of Lake Shastina Police Department (Government Code § 7071).
- (e) Preparing for, scheduling, and coordinating the annual community engagement meeting to include:
 1. Publicizing the details of the meeting.
 2. Preparing for public questions regarding the department's funding, acquisition, and use of equipment.
- (f) Preparing the annual military equipment report for submission to the Chief of Police and ensuring that the report is made available on the department website (Government Code § 7072).
- (g) Establishing the procedure for a person to register a complaint or concern, or how that person may submit a question about the use of a type of military equipment, and how the Department will respond in a timely manner.

709.4 MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

The following constitutes a list of qualifying equipment for the Department:

1. Four M-16A1 rifles.
2. One Mag Tactical AR-15 rifle.
3. Two Bushmaster AR-15 rifles.

709.5 APPROVAL

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall obtain approval from the governing body by way of an ordinance adopting the military equipment policy. As part of the approval process, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure the proposed military equipment policy

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is submitted to the governing body and is available on the Lake Shastina Community Service's website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue (Government Code § 7071). The military equipment policy must be approved by the governing body prior to engaging in any of the following (Government Code § 7071):

- (a) Requesting military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC § 2576a.
- (b) Seeking funds for military equipment, including but not limited to applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
- (c) Acquiring military equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.
- (d) Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of military equipment within the jurisdiction of this department.
- (e) Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body.
- (f) Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of military equipment.
- (g) Acquiring military equipment through any means not provided above.

709.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Military equipment used by any member of this jurisdiction shall be approved for use and in accordance with this department policy. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are providing mutual aid to this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment use policies in rendering mutual aid.

Military equipment used by other jurisdictions that are serving search warrants in this jurisdiction shall comply with their respective military equipment policies in serving search warrants.

709.7 ANNUAL REPORT

Upon approval of a military equipment policy, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee should submit a military equipment report to the governing body for each type of military equipment approved within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use (Government Code § 7072).

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should also make each annual military equipment report publicly available on the department website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The report shall include all information required by Government Code § 7072 for the preceding calendar year for each type of military equipment in department inventory.

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709.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual report, the Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the Department should discuss the report and respond to public questions regarding the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

ORDINANCE *-22
MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE

- 1. Introduction and First Reading – April 20, 2022**
- 2. Second Reading and possible Adoption by Board**



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ORDINANCE NO. *-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REGARDING POLICE ACQUISITION AND USE OF “MILITARY EQUIPMENT”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1. Title and Scope

Sec. 1.01. Title: This ordinance shall be known as the Lake Shastina Community Services District (LSCSD) Military Equipment Use Ordinance.

Sec. 1.02. Application and Scope: The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated area of the County known as the Lake Shastina Community Services District (LSCSD).

Article 2. Definitions

Sec. 2.01. “Military Equipment” includes all of the following (Per CA Gov. Code §7070):

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
2. Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
3. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached. However, unarmored all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and motorized dirt bikes are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
4. Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
5. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
6. Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
7. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this subdivision.

8. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this subdivision.
9. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this subdivision.
10. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
11. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
12. "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
13. Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD).
14. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag," rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
15. Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
16. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (15), "Military Equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

Sec. 2.02. "District" means any department, agency, bureau, and/or subordinate division of the Special District of Lake Shastina Community Services District.

Sec. 2.03. "Police Department" means any division, section, bureau, employee, volunteer and/or contractor of the Lake Shastina Police Department.

Sec. 2.04. "Board" means the governing body that is the Board of Directors of Lake Shastina Community Services District.

Sec. 2.05. "Military Equipment Use Policy" means a publicly released, written document that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of Military Equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the Military Equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the law enforcement agency or the state agency proposes to use each type of Military Equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of Military Equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment.
4. The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.
5. The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, that must be completed before any officer, agent, or

employee of the law enforcement agency or the state agency is allowed to use each specific type of Military Equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the Military Equipment use policy.

6. The mechanisms to ensure compliance with the Military Equipment use policy, including which independent persons or entities have oversight authority, and, if applicable, what legally enforceable sanctions are put in place for violations of the policy.
7. For a law enforcement agency, the procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of Military Equipment, and how the law enforcement agency will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.
8. This policy is currently listed in the Lake Shastina Police Department Policy Manual as Policy 709, commencing on page 592.

Sec. 2.06. "Exigent Circumstances" means a law enforcement agency's good faith belief that an emergency involving the danger of, or imminent threat of death or serious physical injury to any person is occurring, has occurred, or is about to occur.

Sec. 2.07. "State Agency" means the law enforcement division of every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, and commission or other state body or agency, except those agencies provided for in Article IV (except Section 20 thereof) or Article VI of the California Constitution.

Sec. 2.08. "Type" means each item that shares the same manufacturer model number.

Article 3. Military Equipment Use Policy Requirement

Sec. 3.01. Military Equipment Use Policy Requirement: The Lake Shastina Police Department shall obtain approval of the Board, by an ordinance adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy (MEUP) at a regular meeting of the Board held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2) or the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), as applicable, prior to engaging in any of the following:

1. Requesting Military Equipment made available pursuant to Section 2576a of Title 10 of the United States Code.
2. Seeking funds for Military Equipment, including, but not limited to, applying for a grant, soliciting or accepting private, local, state, or federal funds, in-kind donations, or other donations or transfers.
3. Acquiring Military Equipment either permanently or temporarily, including by borrowing or leasing.

4. Collaborating with another law enforcement agency in the deployment or other use of Military Equipment within the territorial jurisdiction of the District of Lake Shastina.
5. Using any new or existing Military Equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the governing body pursuant to this chapter.
6. Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, or entering into an agreement with, any other person or entity to seek funds for, apply to receive, acquire, use, or collaborate in the use of, Military Equipment.
7. Acquiring Military Equipment through any means not provided by this section.

Sec. 3.02. Approval Process Start Date: No later than May 1, 2022, if seeking to continue the use of any Military Equipment that was acquired prior to January 1, 2022, the Lake Shastina Police Department shall commence a Board approval process in accordance with this section. If the Board does not approve the continuing use of Military Equipment, including by adoption pursuant to a Military Equipment Use Policy submitted pursuant to this code, within 180 days of submission of the proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to the Board, the Lake Shastina Police Department shall cease its use of the Military Equipment until it receives the approval of the Board in accordance with this code.

Sec. 3.03. Policy Availability: In seeking the approval of the Board, the Lake Shastina Police Department shall submit a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to the Board and make those documents available on the LSCSD internet website at least 30 days prior to any public hearing concerning the Military Equipment at issue.

Sec. 3.04. Governing Body Consideration of Military Equipment Use Policy: The governing body shall consider a proposed Military Equipment Use policy as an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting and provide for public comment in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2) or the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), as applicable.

Sec. 3.05. Approval of Military Equipment Use Policy: The governing body shall only approve a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to this chapter if it determines all of the following:

1. The Military Equipment is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
2. The proposed Military Equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.
3. If purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.
4. Prior Military Equipment use complied with the Military Equipment Use Policy that was in effect at the time, or if prior uses did not comply with the

accompanying Military Equipment Use Policy, corrective action has been taken to remedy nonconforming uses and ensure future compliance.

Sec. 3.06. Policy Shall be Publicly Available: In order to facilitate public participation, any proposed or final Military Equipment Use Policy shall be made publicly available on the internet website of the LSCSD for as long as the Military Equipment is available for use.

Sec. 3.07. Review of Ordinance: The Board shall review any ordinance that it has adopted pursuant to this ordinance approving the funding, acquisition, or use of Military Equipment at least annually and vote on whether to renew the ordinance at a regular meeting held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2) or the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5), as applicable.

Article 4. Use in Exigent Circumstances

Sec. 4.01. Use in Exigent Circumstances: Notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance, the Police Department may acquire, borrow and/or use Military Equipment in Exigent Circumstances without following the requirements of this code.

Sec. 4.02. Acquire, Borrow, and/or Uses of Military Equipment: If the Police Department acquires, borrows, and/or uses Military Equipment in Exigent Circumstances, in accordance with this section, it must take all of the following actions:

1. Provide written notice of that acquisition or use to the Board within 30 days following the commencement of such Exigent Circumstance, unless such information is confidential or privileged under local, state or federal law.
2. If it is anticipated that the use will continue beyond the Exigent Circumstance, submit a proposed amended Military Equipment Use Policy to the Board within 90 days following the borrowing, acquisition and/or use, and receive approval, as applicable, from the Board.
3. Include the Military Equipment in the Police Department's next annual Military Equipment Report.

Article 5. Reports on the Use of Military Equipment

Sec. 5.01. Annual Military Equipment Report: The Police Department shall submit to the Board an annual Military Equipment Report for each type of Military Equipment approved by the Board within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the Military Equipment is available for use.

Sec. 5.02. Annual Military Equipment Report Shall be Publicly Available: The Police Department shall also make each annual Military Equipment Report required by this section publicly available on the LSCSD website for as long as the Military Equipment is available for use.

Sec. 5.03. Annual Military Equipment Report Requirements: The annual Military Equipment Report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the immediately preceding calendar year for each type of Military Equipment:

1. A summary of how the Military Equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
2. A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the Military Equipment.
3. The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the Military Equipment Use Policy, and any actions taken in response.
4. 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.
5. The quantity possessed for each type of Military Equipment.
6. If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional Military Equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of Military Equipment.

Sec. 5.04. Community Engagement Meeting: Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual Military Equipment Report pursuant to this section, the Police Department shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual Military Equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of Military Equipment.

Sec. 5.05. Review of Annual Military Equipment Report by Board: The Board shall determine, based on the annual Military Equipment Report submitted pursuant to this section, whether each type of Military Equipment identified in that report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in this code and the Military Equipment Use Policy. If the Board determines that a type of Military Equipment identified in that annual Military Equipment Report has not complied with the standards for approval, the Board shall either disapprove a renewal of the authorization for that type of Military Equipment or require modifications to the Military Equipment Use Policy in a manner that will resolve the lack of compliance.

Article 6. Enforcement

Sec. 6.01. Remedies for Violations of this Ordinance:

1. This ordinance does not provide a private right of action upon any person or entity to seek injunctive relief against the District or any employee unless that person or entity has first provided written notice to the General Manager, regarding the specific alleged violations of this ordinance.
2. If a specific alleged violation is not remedied within 90 days of that written notice, a person or entity may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

3. If the alleged violation is substantiated and subsequently cured, a notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner on the District's website that describes, to the extent permissible by law, the corrective measures taken to address the violation.
4. If it is shown that the violation is the result of arbitrary or capricious action by the District or an employee or agent thereof in his or her official capacity, the prevailing complainant in an action for relief may collect from the District reasonable attorney's fees in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 if they are personally obligated to pay such fees.

Article 7. Whistleblower Protection

Sec. 7.01. Whistleblower Protections: All provisions of Lake Shastina's Protection of Whistleblowers Workplace Policy, and including any updates or replacements thereto, shall apply.

Article 8. Severability

Sec. 8.01. Severability:

1. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this ordinance.
2. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

It is hereby certified that the forgoing Ordinance No. *-22 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the Lake Shastina Community Services District on the 20th of April 2022 and adopted at a regular meeting of the Lake Shastina Community Services District on _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Lake Shastina Community Services District by:

Paula Mitchell, President

ATTEST

Robert Moser, Secretary