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SUBJECT: Annual Military Equipment Report

On May 2, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 989-2022 approving a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Assembly Bill 481. In accordance with AB 481 and the Policy, a military equipment report must be submitted to the City Council annually 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.

In compliance with AB 481, outlined below is the 2023 Annual Military Equipment Report and attached is the updated Policy.

Military Equipment Use

The Department used the Rescue Vehicle (MRAP) and two diversionary device during a critical incident requiring a resolution by the Special Response Team during the reported time. Members of the Special Response Team deployed with standard equipment during this incident. This equipment includes chemical agents and Sig Sauer 516 rifles.

In addition to this incident, the Department's military equipment was used during training exercises and displayed during community events.

New Equipment Purchases

The DJI Mini4 Pro was purchased during this reporting period. This drone cost the Department \$1,348. This purchase was made with Department General funds and in compliance with AB 481. This drone is included in the updated inventory within the Policy.

Complaints or Concerns

Staff reviewed Department records and determined there were no complaints or concerns reported on the use of the military equipment in 2023.

Internal Audit

The Department conducted an internal audit and determined that there were no violations of the Military Equipment use policy. The Military Equipment Policy includes updated quantities of each item possessed by the Department and the cost associated with the items.

Intention to Purchase Additional Equipment in 2024

The Department intends to purchase ammunition and chemical agents to maintain an adequate inventory for 2024. The Department also intends to purchase an additional drone in 2024. The use of drones expedites the response time to calls, aids in the active investigation of a criminal offense, or other calls where an aerial view of an incident can help preserve life and/or property. Furthermore, drones can help personnel determine the best tools, tactics, and resources to safely mitigate a problem. If the purchase is approved, it will be reported as part of the 2024 Report.