

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE

MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY

Authority:

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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the use, acquisition, funding, cataloging, and reporting of "military equipment" as set forth in California Government Code sections 7070 - 7075.

Definitions:

Board of Supervisors: San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

County: San Bernardino County.

Military Equipment: As defined by California Government Code section 7070(c).

Probation Department or Department: The San Bernardino County Department that is responsible for building stronger families and safer communities by improving the lives of those we serve through assessment, treatment, rehabilitative services, and enforcement.

Responsibilities:

I. Annual Military Equipment Report:

- A. The Chief Probation Officer or their designee shall submit an annual military equipment report (annual report) to the Board of Supervisors. The annual report may include written and/or oral components and shall be submitted within one year of initial approval of the military equipment use policy, and annually thereafter, for as long as the military equipment is available for use.
- B. The Department shall make each written portion of the annual report available to the public on the Probation Department website (<https://probation.sbcounty.gov>) for as long as the military equipment is available for use.
- C. The annual report shall, at a minimum, include the following information for the 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 Department intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

- D. Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual military equipment report, the 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 report, and the Department's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment. (Gov. Code section 7072)

II. Use/Maintenance/Acquisition of Military Equipment:

- A. The Probation Department is authorized, subject to any County policies and/or procedures, to engage in the activities described in California Government Code section 7071(a)(1)(A)-(G), which include:
 - 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 Board of Supervisors.
 - 5. Using any new or existing military equipment for a purpose, in a manner, or by a person not previously approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - 6. Soliciting or responding to a proposal for, 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. Acquire military equipment through any means not provided above.
- B. Military equipment shall only be used as authorized by law, County, and Department policies and procedures. The Department's military equipment use will comply with the "authorized use" descriptions as provided for in the Department's annual military equipment report. The Department acknowledges, however, that critical incidents can be unpredictable and dynamic in nature. There may be occurrences wherein a critical incident demands the need for military equipment to be used in a manner not specifically outlined in this policy/procedure. In those instances, the totality of the circumstances, public safety, officer safety, civil rights, information available at the time, etc. should be considered.
- C. Military equipment shall only be used by a Department employee after applicable training has been completed unless exigent or emergency circumstances exist.
- D. The Probation Department may need to participate and/or assist/be assisted by other law enforcement agencies during training exercises, mutual aid requests, operational collaboration, or emergency situations. In these circumstances, sworn Department members are authorized to deploy/utilize military equipment in order to fulfil the training requirements, accomplish the combined assigned mission, or assist in the emergency situation.
- E. The Department is authorized to acquire/test/evaluate military equipment not currently in the approved inventory upon written permission from the Chief Probation Officer or their designee. Military equipment that is being tested/evaluated by the Department shall not be used operationally unless exigent or emergency circumstances exist and permission has been granted by the Chief Probation Officer or their designee. Military equipment items that have been tested/evaluated and are recommended for adoption by the Department must receive prior approval from the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Probation Officer or their designee before being purchased as permanent Department inventory.

- F. In the case of exigent or emergency circumstances and/or application deadlines that do not allow for prior submission to the Board of Supervisors, the Department maintains authority to apply for funding, alone or in conjunction with another County agency, before obtaining Board of Supervisors approval. In such cases, the Department shall obtain Board of Supervisors approval as soon as practicable.
- G. When stock of prior approved military equipment has reached significantly low levels, has been exhausted, has reached the viable life cycle, or has been rendered unusable via accident, usage, etc., the Department is authorized to order replacement stock to maintain essential availability for Department needs.
- H. In order to ensure the Department's military equipment provides the best value to meet the County's needs in comparison to alternatives, if any are available, the Department's acquisition of military equipment will abide by Section 11, Procurement and Contracting, of San Bernardino County's Policy Manual.

III. Compliance:

- A. The Chief Probation Officer or their designee shall ensure all Department employees comply with this policy/procedure and all applicable laws, County, and Department policies/procedures.
- B. The Chief Probation Officer or their designee shall make available, via the Probation Department website, any proposed or final military equipment use policy for as long as the military equipment is available for use.
- C. The Department's Training Division shall conduct an annual catalog/inventory of all military equipment the Department maintains and keep a record of such in accordance with the following:
 - 1. A description of the equipment, including product descriptions from the manufacturer.
 - 2. The expected lifespan of the equipment.
 - 3. The quantity of the equipment.
 - 4. The capability, purpose, and authorized use of the equipment.
 - 5. The fiscal impact of each type of equipment including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and the estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment. This shall include information such as acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs.
 - 6. The training that must be completed before any officer/employee is allowed to use each specific type of military equipment.
- D. The Chief Probation Officer or their designee will be notified of any alleged violations of this military equipment use policy. If deemed necessary, the alleged violations will be referred to the Professional Standards Division for subsequent review pursuant to applicable laws, County, and Department policies/procedures.
- E. All instances of confirmed non-compliance with this military equipment use policy will be reported to the Board of Supervisors in the annual military equipment report.

IV. Public Concerns:

- A. Any member of the public may submit a question/concern/complaint regarding military equipment or personnel using it by contacting the Probation Department's Professional Standards Unit via email at: Director.ProfessionalStandards@prob.sbcounty.gov or Probation.CitizenComplaints@prob.sbcounty.gov.
- B. Information and forms for filing a citizen complaint with the Department can also be found on the Probation Department website, (<https://probation.sbcounty.gov>) under the Public Information/Citizen Complaint tab.

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- C. Questions/concerns/complaints may also be submitted via mail or in person to: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Professional Standards Division, 175 W. 5th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.
- D. All questions/concerns/complaints will be handled in compliance with all applicable laws, County, and Department policies/procedures.

Inspections:

Refer to the Policy and Procedure Inspection Matrix.

Foundation:

California Government Code § 7070 - 7075
10 USC § 2576a

Issued by:

Tracy Reece, Chief Probation Officer

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San Bernardino County Probation Department Annual Military Equipment Report

San Bernardino County Probation Department Annual Military Equipment Report (March 2026)

I. MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

A. Specialty Impact Munitions (SIMs)/Specialty Impact Munition (SIM) barrel conversion kits:

Item:	FX® Marking Cartridges
Description:	Non-lethal training ammunition used by law enforcement agencies to deliver more realistic close-range firearms training. These rounds allow for officers to obtain a visual assessment of placement in live person training environments. They come in six colors and the cartridges are patented, reduced-energy, and non-lethal, leaving a detergent-based, water-soluble, color-marking compound. No special ballistic facilities are required. They meet the need for a force-on-force and man-to-man training system that is realistic, effective, inexpensive, adaptable, and fully portable.
Quantity:	22,700 rounds.
Initial Cost:	Approximately \$11,850 (\$261 per case/500 count).
Ongoing Costs:	Approximately \$1,800 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
Manufacturer:	General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems: https://simmunition.com/en/products/fx_marking_cartridges .
Capability:	When utilized in a pistol caliber barrel training platform (9mm), SIMs have an effective range of 25 feet.
Lifespan:	5 years.
Purpose/Authorized Use:	For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are non-operational rounds only used in non-operational weapon systems. These munitions provide for realistic close quarters firearms training while allowing the officer to visually assess shot placement and accuracy in force-on-force training scenarios.
Legal/Procedural Rules:	All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
Training:	In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety

instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.

Item:	SecuriBlank® Quiet Cartridges
Description:	A soundless blank cartridge used for training scenarios in the classroom, for firearms familiarization, safe weapon handling, and realistic handgun retention drills with 360 degree freedom of movement. This round also allows for extreme close proximity, dynamic force-on-force training exercises, and interactive scenarios without effects such as muzzle blast and excessive noise levels. This environmentally friendly cartridge, free of any heavy metals, is safe for people and the environment. With no gas discharge, the round can be shot at very close range without damaging human tissue or even paper.
Quantity:	11,000 rounds.
Initial Cost:	Approximately \$4,356 (\$198 per case/500 count).
Ongoing Costs:	Approximately \$11,250 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
Manufacturer:	General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems: https://simunition.com/en/products/securi_blank_cartridges .
Capability:	When utilized in a pistol caliber barrel training platform (9mm), SecuriBlank Quiet Cartridges do not have a projectile and have no range.
Lifespan:	5 years.
Purpose/Authorized Use:	For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are non-operational rounds only used in non-operational weapon systems. These munitions provide for realistic close quarters firearms training.
Legal/Procedural Rules:	All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
Training:	In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.

Item:	SecuriBlank® Loud Cartridges
Description:	A reduced-energy cartridge featuring a reduced propellant charge. These cartridges are designed for law enforcement and approved range programs. They are used for training scenarios in the classroom, for firearms familiarization, safe weapon handling, K9 teams, realistic handgun retention drills, and reality-based force-on-force interactive scenarios. They are non-toxic, produce realistic recoil, and are safer because they virtually eliminate unburnt propellant and ejected particles. They provide for increased flash and sound signature over the quiet cartridges.
Quantity:	6250 rounds.
Initial Cost:	Approximately \$2,475 (\$198 per case/500 count).
Ongoing Costs:	Approximately \$500 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
Manufacturer:	General Dynamics Ordinance and Tactical Systems: https://simunition.com/en/products/securi_blank_cartridges .
Capability:	When utilized in a pistol caliber barrel training platform (9mm), SecuriBlank Loud Cartridges do not have a projectile. They should not be fired within 3 feet of a person due to gas discharge coming from the barrel.
Lifespan:	5 years.
Purpose/Use:	For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are non-operational rounds only used in non-operational weapon systems. These munitions provide for realistic close quarters firearms training.
Legal/Procedural Rules:	All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
Training:	In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.
Item:	Greenshield®
Description:	A frangible (brittle), lead-free, full-energy training ammunition, designed to reduce health and safety hazards by eliminating exposure to lead and other heavy metals. It is composed of a patented polymer compound that disintegrates into powder upon

impact with hard surfaces such as steel targets or backstop materials, virtually eliminating splash back and ricochet. It is a safe alternative to other training rounds. Greenshield® frangible cartridges deliver equivalent accuracy and ballistic match with service ammunition out to tactical ranges, and function without any weapon modifications. The environmentally-friendly rounds generate similar recoil and noise levels to duty ammunition and are available in 9 mm for training on indoor and outdoor ranges. They provide for reduced safety/danger zones; reduced barrel wear; and significant savings in range construction and maintenance.

- Quantity:** 16,000 rounds.
- Initial Cost:** Approximately \$8912 (\$557 per case/1000 count).
- Ongoing Costs:** Approximately \$500 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
- Manufacturer:** General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems: <https://www.gd-otscanada.com/product/9mm-x-19-ammunition/>.
- Capability:** When utilized in a pistol caliber barrel training platform (9mm), Greenshield® rounds have an estimated maximum range of 1258 yards/1150 meters.
- Lifespan:** 5 years.
- Purpose/Authorized Use:** For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are non-operational rounds. These cartridges are used indoors, on steel targets, as using ball ammunition on steel targets increases the risk of ricochet and shrapnel to the user. These cartridges do not damage the surrounding area as they disintegrate on impact.
- Legal/Procedural Rules:** All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
- Training:** In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.
- Item:** **Simunition Glock 17 Barrel and Slide Assembly (9mm) (PN# 5312600)**
- Description:** The Simunition conversion kit, conversion bolt, bolt carrier assembly, and safety-ring insert allow the FX Marking Cartridges

and the SecuriBlank to be fired safely from a converted service weapon. These easy-to-install kits help preclude the inadvertent chambering of live ammunition and ensure the proper operation and cycling of the weapons. They are an integral part of the FX training system along with the FX marking cartridges and the FX protective equipment.

- Quantity:** 6
- Initial Cost:** Approximately \$1800 (\$300 each).
- Ongoing Costs:** Approximately \$300 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
- Manufacturer:** General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems: https://simunition.com/en/products/conversion_kits.
- Capability:** These are used with non-operational firearms only. The conversion kits have been used to convert non-operational service weapons specifically for simunition use. The converted weapons are used for training purposes only.
- Lifespan:** 24-month limited warranty. No lifespan indicated by manufacturer. Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear.
- Purpose/Authorized Use:** For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are only used with non-operational firearms. The conversion kits have been used to convert non-operational service weapons specifically for simunition use. The converted weapons are used only for training purposes.
- Legal/Procedural Rules:** All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
- Training:** In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.
- Item:** **Simunition Glock 19 Barrel and Slide Assembly (9mm) (PN# 5312610)**
- Description:** The Simunition conversion kit, conversion bolt, bolt carrier assembly, and safety-ring insert allow the FX Marking Cartridges and the SecuriBlank to be fired safely from a converted service weapon. These easy-to-install kits help preclude the inadvertent chambering of live ammunition and ensure the proper operation and

cycling of the weapons. They are an integral part of the FX training system along with the FX marking cartridges and the FX protective equipment.

- Quantity:** 2
- Initial Cost:** Approximately \$600 (\$300 each).
- Ongoing Costs:** Approximately \$300 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
- Manufacturer:** General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems: https://simunition.com/en/products/conversion_kits.
- Capability:** These are used with non-operational firearms only. The conversion kits have been used to convert non-operational service weapons specifically for simunition use. The converted weapons are used for training purposes only.
- Lifespan:** 24-month limited warranty. No lifespan indicated by manufacturer. Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear.
- Purpose/Authorized Use:** For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes. These are only used with non-operational firearms. The conversion kits have been used to convert non-operational service weapons specifically for simunition use. The converted weapons are used only for training purposes.
- Legal/Procedural Rules:** All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.
- Training:** In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.
- Item:** **Glock 17T Gen4 9mm FX@/9mm FoF – (PN# D702308)**
- Description:** The Glock Training pistols were developed for the purpose of enabling reality-based tactical operations training with color marking or plastic bullet ammunition. The slide with polymer inserts reduces its weight to comply with the increasing diversity of modern training ammunition. These pistols use the popular FX or FoF ammunition, which are used by military and law enforcement units around the world.
- Quantity:** 26

Initial Cost: \$13,000 (\$500 each).

Ongoing Costs: Approximately \$12,600 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.

Manufacturer: Glock: <https://us.glock.com/en/pistols/g17t-gen4-fx-fof>.

Capability: These are non-operational firearms. These firearms are used for training purposes only.

Lifespan: 24-month limited warranty. No lifespan indicated by manufacturer. Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear.

Purpose/Authorized Use: For In-Service training and Probation Officer Academy training purposes only. These are used with non-operational rounds and are non-operational weapon systems.

Legal/Procedural Rules: All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedures and Training Division processes, including, but not limited to: Arming, Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Training Guidelines, and Training Policy.

Training: In-Service Training staff, In-Service Training attendees, Probation Officer Academy staff, and Probation Officer Academy recruits are given extensive firearms handling courses and weapons safety instruction, including, but not limited to: the use of SIMs for training purposes, PC 832, Arrest and Control and Basic and Advanced Firearms, and quarterly qualifications.

B. Command Vehicles:

Item: Lincoln Navigator/Ford Expedition

Description: These are standard Ford vehicles that were upfitted with Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), lights/sirens, a shot gun, breaching tools (single person, non-explosive ram and pick), ladder, shield, handheld radios, handheld battery chargers, generator, printer, rear monitor, white boards, heat flare gun, LED lights, etc.

Quantity: 3

Initial Cost: Approximately \$75,000 each.

Ongoing Costs: \$0. There is no special maintenance to be done or required for these vehicles other than the standard maintenance done on all County vehicles.

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Cars.

Capability: As a mobile base of operation, these vehicles contain specialized command, control, and communications equipment to assist with the required mission.

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Lifespan:	Standard life of a vehicle based on County/Department assessment. These 3 vehicles will be repurposed in the coming months, as the Department currently has 2 new replacement command vehicles that are in the process of being upfitted.
Purpose/Authorized Use:	Command vehicles are primarily utilized by Field Commanders responding to an incident involving a multiple unit response. The main purpose is to allocate resources when there are multiple units responding to an incident. The command vehicle will also be utilized for any emergency response where the use of a mobile command post is required. The command vehicles are outfitted with many items necessary for a mobile command post such as: handheld radios, handheld battery chargers, breaching tools, generator, printer, rear monitor, white boards, heat flare gun, shot gun, LED lights, and other miscellaneous items. Designated Field Commanders are authorized to use the vehicles, but all Supervising Probation Officers are allowed to utilize them in articulated circumstances.
Legal/Procedural Rules:	All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedure and Training Division processes including, but not limited to: Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Field Commander, Training Guidelines, Training Policy, Transporting in County Vehicles, and Use of County Vehicles.
Training:	There is no specific training required to operate these vehicles. Per SB587, however, Probation Officers are required to attend a 4-hour training in order to activate emergency lights in vehicles. All Probation Officers, including Field Commanders, have and/or will attend this training. Field Commanders also attend a 24-hour driving class.
Item:	Ford Expedition Max SSV
Description:	These are standard Ford vehicles that are equipped with Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), lights/sirens, a shot gun, breaching tools (single person, non-explosive ram and pick), ladder, shield, handheld radios, handheld battery chargers, generator, printer, rear monitor, white boards, heat flare gun, LED lights, etc.. These vehicles have been purchased, but are not currently in use, as they are still being upfitted.
Quantity:	2
Initial Cost:	2021 Ford Expedition Max SSV - \$44,918.15 each (includes tax and tire fees); Upfitting by West Coast Lights & Sirens: \$38,932.71 each; Approximate total for each vehicle: \$83,850.86.

- Ongoing Costs:** \$0. There is no special maintenance to be done or required for these vehicles other than the standard maintenance done on all County vehicles.
- Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Cars.
- Capability:** As a mobile base of operation, these vehicles contain specialized command, control, and communications equipment to assist with the required mission.
- Lifespan:** Standard life of a vehicle based on County/Department assessment. These 2 new command vehicles have already been purchased by the Department and are currently being upfitted and will replace the 3 current command vehicles now in use.
- Purpose/Authorized Use:** Command vehicles are primarily utilized by Field Commanders responding to an incident involving a multiple unit response. The main purpose is to allocate resources when there are multiple units responding to an incident. The command vehicle will also be utilized for any emergency response where the use of a mobile command post is required. The command vehicles are outfitted with many items necessary for a mobile command post such as: handheld radios, handheld battery chargers, breaching tools, generator, printer, rear monitor, white boards, heat flare gun, shot gun, LED lights, and other miscellaneous items. Designated Field Commanders are authorized to use the vehicles, but all Supervising Probation Officers are allowed to utilize them in articulated circumstances.
- Legal/Procedural Rules:** All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedure and Training Division processes including, but not limited to: Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, Field Commander, Training Guidelines, Training Policy, Transporting in County Vehicles, and Use of County Vehicles.
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C. Chemical Agents:

- Item:** SABRE Phantom MK-9 (SKU SEC-92PTM60)
- Description:** PHANTOM OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) uses a high volume, evaporating delivery system. Increased propellant causes the microscopic OC droplets to disappear only a few feet from the

canister's nozzle, leaving very little residue on the subject and surrounding areas. With PHANTOM clean-up is simplified by removing the subject from the contaminated area. Fresh air assists with the remaining decontamination. PHANTOM delivers up to 5, 3 second deployments or 4, 3 second blasts of SABRE Red. At 10% OC, measuring 1.33% Major Capsaicinoids, PHANTOM's Evaporating Delivery provides a Level III contamination. Incorporated with built-in safety systems, light weight portability for ease of use, backed by independent health studies and cost effectiveness, PHANTOM can assist in quickly ending dangerous situations with less staff involvement.

- Quantity:** 22
- Initial Cost:** Approximately \$25 each.
- Ongoing Costs:** Approximately \$100 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
- Manufacturer:** Security Equipment Corporation.
- Capability:** PHANTOM delivers up to 5, 3 second deployments or 4, 3 second blasts of SABRE Red. At 10% OC, measuring 1.33% Major Capsaicinoids, PHANTOM's Evaporating Delivery provides a Level III contamination.
- Lifespan:** Current stock expires August 2025.
- Purpose/Authorized Use:** These are only utilized in the Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers/Treatment Facilities under limited circumstances. All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors are authorized to use them. The canisters are stored in several different locations throughout the facilities and replacement canisters are located at the Training Division with the quartermaster. A Probation Corrections Supervisor can give permission to a Probation Corrections Officer to hold/carry/utilize the canister in articulable circumstances. The canisters are primarily reserved for situations that involve mass youth altercations where there is concern regarding the inability to control the incident sufficiently using staff's individual issued OC spray canisters.
- Legal/Procedural Rules:** All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedure, Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center/Treatment Facility processes, and Training Division processes including, but not limited to: Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, O.C. Spray, Training Guidelines, Training Policy, and Use of Force and Reporting Requirements for the JDACs/TFs.
- Training:** All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors have knowledge of the location of each large OC spray canister stored

throughout the facilities. All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors have been given instruction on the use, deployment, and securing of the large OC spray canister. All staff are required to attend general OC training. Staff routinely participate in use of force scenario training, crisis intervention training, de-escalation training, and defensive tactics training.

Item:	SABRE Cell Buster with Hose and Wand (SKU SEC-920060-W)
Description:	The Cell Buster consists of a large but highly portable MK-9 canister that can be equipped with a hose and wand attachment. This device delivers up to 6, 3 second bursts of SABRE Red fog. The fog provides a powerful Level III contamination, delivering 10% OC, measuring 1.33% major capsaicinoids. The SABRE Red Cell Buster's Level III capsaicinoid content combined with its heavy fog delivery does not require a direct facial application to incapacitate. Incorporated with built-in safety systems, light weight portability, and backed by independent health studies and cost effectiveness, the Cell Buster can assist in quickly ending dangerous situations with less staff involvement. It can assist in the reduction of injuries and hard entries. It is specifically designed to permit passive entries into cells, rooms, attics, storage areas, and buildings. Cell Buster will deploy OC underneath doors or through windows, food slots, and vents.
Quantity:	20
Initial Cost:	Approximately \$76 each.
Ongoing Costs:	Approximately \$100 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from Probation Department budget.
Manufacturer:	Security Equipment Corporation.
Capability:	Device delivers up to 6, 3 second bursts of SABRE Red fog. The fog provides a powerful Level III contamination, delivering 10% OC, measuring 1.33% major capsaicinoids.
Lifespan:	Current stock expires November 2026.
Purpose/Authorized Use:	These are only utilized in the Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers/Treatment Facilities under limited circumstances. All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors are authorized to use them. The canisters are stored in several different locations throughout the facilities and replacement canisters are located at the Training Division with the quartermaster. A Probation Corrections Supervisor can give permission to a Probation Corrections Officer to hold/carry/utilize the canister in articulable circumstances. The canisters are primarily reserved for situations

Corrections Officer to hold/carry/utilize the canister in articulable circumstances. The canisters are primarily reserved for situations that involve mass youth altercations where there is concern regarding the inability to control the incident sufficiently using staff's individual issued OC spray canisters.

Legal/Procedural Rules: All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedure, Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center/Treatment Facility processes, and Training Division processes including, but not limited to: Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility, O.C. Spray, Training Guidelines, Training Policy, Use of Force and Reporting Requirements for the JDACs/TFs, etc.

Training: All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors have knowledge of the location of each large OC spray canister stored throughout the facilities. All Probation Corrections Supervisors/Acting Supervisors have been given instruction on the use, deployment, and securing of the large OC spray canister. All staff are required to attend general OC training. Staff routinely participate in use of force scenario training, crisis intervention training, de-escalation training, defensive tactics training, etc.

II. ACQUISITIONS

Within the next year, the Probation Department seeks to maintain the status of its current inventory of military equipment and add to its inventory the acquisition of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). As such, the Probation Department seeks the Board of Supervisors' approval to (1) make in-kind replacements when stock of approved military equipment has reached significantly low levels, has been exhausted, has reached the viable life cycle, or has been rendered unusable via accident, usage, etc.; and (2) purchase two drones and supporting software. The intended drone purchase and support software will follow County Policy for unmanned aircraft systems to ensure proper review, training, and compliance. The items are described as follows:

Item:	Skydio X10 UAS with supporting software
Description:	The Skydio X10 UAS is a fully integrated Drone as First Responder (DFR) solution built for public safety. It combines advanced drone technology with real-time intelligence into the Skydio software. It allows the Department to get a real-time visual of the Central Valley Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center to assist with the safety and security of the facility
Quantity:	2
Initial Cost:	Approximately \$305,000 for a five-year contract, including the two drones, accessories, software, maintenance, and replacement.

Ongoing Costs: No ongoing cost, paid upfront.

Manufacturer: Skydio.

The Probation Department seeks to maintain the status of its current UAS inventory considered military equipment. As such, the Probation Department seeks the Board of Supervisors' approval to make in-kind replacements when stock of approved military equipment has reached significantly low levels, has been exhausted, has reached the viable life cycle, or has been rendered unusable via accident, usage, etc. The items are described as follows:

Item: **DJI Mini 3 Pro with supporting software**

Description: The DJI Mini 3 Pro serves as a fully integrated UAS training platform for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107–certified remote pilots, which consists of Department personnel. It enables Department UAS personnel to accumulate flight hours, sustain pilot proficiency, and maintain operational readiness, while reinforcing familiarity with FAA regulatory compliance requirements.

Quantity: 10

Initial Cost: Approximately \$5,000

Ongoing Costs: Approximately \$100 annually for replacement parts, training, documentation of use, etc. Funded from the Probation Department budget.

Manufacturer: DJI

Capability: Designed for portability and ease of use, the aircraft weighs under 249 grams and is built for aerial photography and videography. Up to approximately 34 minutes of flight time with the stand battery.

Lifespan: Approximately two to five years.

Purpose/Authorized Use: These will be utilized to accumulate flight hours, maintain and enhance pilot proficiency, and sustain operational readiness. In addition to its training value, UAS will be used to enhance field visibility across different Department facilities and Probation-related activities to support officer safety by enabling aerial situational awareness and delivering visual intelligence. Probation personnel who have been trained and certified are authorized to use them.

Legal/Procedural Rules: All applicable laws and San Bernardino County policy/procedure. In addition, San Bernardino County Probation Department Procedure, Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center/Treatment Facility processes, and Training Division processes including, but not limited to: Employee Responsibility, Equipment Responsibility,

Training Guidelines, Training Policy, and FAA regulatory compliance requirements.

Training:

All Probation certified personnel have been given instruction on the use, deployment, and securing of UAS. All staff are required to attend monthly training sessions lasting approximately two hours. Staff training emphasizes flight instruction covering basic, intermediate, and advanced maneuvering to ensure continued pilot proficiency and operational readiness, completion of required tracking documentation, including preflight checklist, operational plans, and accurate recording of flight and maintenance hours in official logbooks.

III. COMPLIANCE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Probation Department has no reportable instances of complaints regarding the use of military equipment in the preceding year.

On January 13, 2026, and January 23, 2026, the Probation Department acquired 10 DJI Mini 3 Pro drones and used them on approximately 2 occasions. These drones are also classified as military equipment under Government Code section 7070, subdivision (c)(1), however, their acquisition and use should have also received pre-approval from the Board. This error constitutes a non-compliance with Government Code section 7070, subdivision (d), County Ordinance No. 4429, and Probation Military Equipment Use Policy section II., which the Probation Department hereby reports.

The following actions have been taken in light of the above error:

- Immediately cease all use, deployment, training, and collaborations involving this equipment, effective April 8, 2026.
- Implement additional Probation Department-wide training on the acquisition and use of military equipment.
- Create additional internal protocols to avoid the erroneous purchase and use of military equipment.

IV. JUSTIFICATION

In order to ensure the Probation Department's military equipment provides the best value to meet the County's needs in comparison to alternatives, if any were available, to achieve officer and civilian safety, the Department's past and future acquisitions of military equipment abide by Section 11, Procurement and Contracting, of San Bernardino County's Policy Manual.