



County of San Bernardino  
Office of the District Attorney

# BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## Military Equipment Inventory

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### Less lethal weapons and munitions:

All Bureau of Investigation owned armament and safety equipment is assigned and tracked by the Bureau's armorers and logistics personnel. The Bureau armorers are also responsible for maintaining replacement armament in inventory. Armory inventory includes 13 oz. canisters of Oleoresin Capsicum 10% spray, a 40-millimeter less lethal launcher, 12-gauge bean bag shotguns and associated munitions. The following armament and munitions are in the Bureau of Investigation's inventory.

### 40-millimeter launcher and ammunition:

The 40mm launcher in the Bureau of Investigation inventory is utilized by the Special Response Team (S.R.T.) personnel as a tool to launch less lethal impact munitions during encounters with persons who are violent, potentially violent or are armed with items, other than a firearm, where a safe distance needs to be maintained, or to deter the attack of a vicious animal on a person.

**Item:** Defense Technology LMT, 40mm single-shot launcher  
**Link:** <https://www.defense-technology.com>



**Description:** The 40MM single launcher is a tactical single shot launcher. It will fire standard 40mm less lethal munitions.  
**Quantity:** One (1)  
**Initial Cost:** \$846.15  
**Ongoing Costs:** \$0.00

**Item:** Sage 40mm Foam Sponge Impact Baton  
**Link:** <http://www.sageinternationalltd.com>



**Description:** The Sage foam sponge impact baton is a less lethal munition used in lieu of greater means of force to stop threatening subjects from harming others. Additionally, these munitions can be used to break glass, disable cameras or lighting as needed.  
**Quantity:** Twenty-five (25)  
**Initial Cost:** \$23.12 each  
**Ongoing Costs:** \$100 annually for replacement primers used with reusable practice rounds in training.  
**Training usage:** The Special Response Team fired twenty (20) reusable practice rounds in October of 2024 during training.  
**Live event usage:** No Sage foam sponge impact batons were used this past year in live events.

**Authorized Use:**

The Defense Technology LMT 40mm launcher and Sage sponge impact batons are only used during elevated risk situations involving potentially violent subjects or to deter an attack from a vicious animal. Only operators assigned to the Special Response Team who have been trained and qualified in their use may deploy less lethal munitions. Bureau of Investigation members who operate the Defense Technology LMT 40mm system must complete specialized training and conduct reoccurring training and qualifications as required by policy. It is the policy of the Bureau of Investigation to utilize less lethal munitions only for law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law.

**Life Span:**

All munitions have an estimated shelf life of approximately 5 years. The Defense Technology LMT 40mm launcher has an expected life span of 20-30 years based on usage and maintenance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Annual maintenance and replacement costs are approximately \$100.00

**Firearms:**

All Bureau of Investigation owned armament and safety equipment is assigned and tracked by the Bureau's armorers and logistics personnel. The Bureau armorers are also responsible for maintaining replacement armament in its inventory. Armament includes small caliber rifles and pistols, in select fire and semi-automatic variants. The following firearms are in the Bureau of Investigation's inventory and are considered assault weapons pursuant to Penal Code § 30510 and Penal Code § 30515. This report excludes any sidearms issued to Bureau of Investigation sworn personnel as standard issue equipment.

**Submachine Guns:**

When specialized situations call for a firearm that provides portability and rapid-fire capability in defense of human life, the H&K MP-5 series of submachine guns is a worldwide industry standard firearm.

**Item:** Heckler and Koch MP-5 PDW 9mm submachine gun.

**Link:** [MP5K-PDW - Heckler & Koch \(hk-usa.com\)](http://MP5K-PDW - Heckler & Koch (hk-usa.com))



**Description:** Semi and fully automatic pistol caliber carbine chambered in 9mm Luger designed for use in short range engagements and dignitary/witness protection details.

**Quantity:** One (1)

**Initial Cost:** \$1,500.00

**Ongoing Costs:** \$0.00

**Item:** Heckler and Koch MP-5A2 9mm submachine gun.  
**Link:** [MP5A2 - Heckler & Koch \(hk-usa.com\)](http://hk-usa.com)



**Description:** Semi and fully automatic pistol caliber carbine chambered in 9mm Luger designed for use in short range engagements and dignitary/witness protection details.  
**Quantity:** Two (2)  
**Initial Cost:** \$1,500.00 each  
**Ongoing Costs:** \$0.00

**Authorized Use:**

The above listed select fire 9mm caliber firearms are generally utilized by the Bureau of Investigation Special Response Team for search warrant service and dignitary/witness protection details. These firearms are ideal when a compact, rapid-fire firearm is best suited for the task of defending human life from violent assault. Issuance and deployment of submachine guns are relegated to agency members who have completed P.O.S.T. certified long barrel/short barrel rifle training pursuant to Penal Code § 33220(b). It is the policy of the Bureau of Investigation to utilize submachine guns only for law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law.

**Life Span:**

Frequency of use, proper maintenance and environmental factors can all impact the serviceable life of firearms. Firearms testing standards from The National Institute of Justice indicate crucial mechanisms on a firearm should have a minimum service life of 10 years, however the three MP-5s have been in Bureau of Investigation inventory since 2000.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Annual maintenance, training, and ammunition costs for the above listed 9mm submachine guns is \$0.00.

**Acquisitions:**

For the following calendar year, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation, seeks to maintain the status of its current inventory of military equipment. As such, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation, seeks approval from the Board of Supervisors 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.

**Compliance:**

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation, has no reportable instances of complaints, concerns, or non-compliance concerning its use of military equipment in the preceding calendar year.

**Justification:**

To ensure the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation'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 of Contracting, of San Bernardino County's Policy Manual.