

2022 Brisbane Police Department Military Equipment Use Policy

California Government Code §7071(b) requires that law enforcement agencies submit a proposed Military Equipment Use Policy to their governing body for approval. This is further required by Brisbane City Ordinance

California Government Code §7070(d) describes a Military Equipment Use Policy as 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.

California Government Code § 7070(c) defines Military Equipment as any of the following:

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.

Pursuant to California Government Code §7070(d)(6), and in accordance with California Government Code §7072, the Brisbane Police Department will submit to the Brisbane City Council an Annual Military Equipment Report and will make that report publicly available on its internet website. The Annual Military Equipment Report will 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.

The Brisbane City Council will use the Annual Military Equipment Report as a mechanism to ensure the Brisbane Police Department's compliance with this Military Equipment Use Policy, and to help it determine whether to approve, revise, or revoke components of the Military Equipment Use Policy for the subsequent year.

Pursuant to California Government Code §7070(d)(7), members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of Military Equipment in this policy by any of the following means:

1. Via email to: mgarcia@ci.brisbane.ca.us
2. Via phone call to: (415) 508-2178
3. Via mail sent to: Brisbane Police Department
Attn: Commander Mario Garcia
50 Park Place
Brisbane, CA 94005

The Brisbane Police Department is committed to responding to complaints, concerns and/or questions received through any of the above methods in a timely manner.

The remainder this Military Equipment Use Policy is divided into two sections. Section One lists qualifying equipment that is owned and/or utilized by the Brisbane Police Department. Section Two lists qualifying equipment that is not owned or regularly utilized by the Brisbane Police Department, but which is known to be owned and/or utilized by law enforcement units with which the Brisbane Police Department collaborates and/or participates for law enforcement purposes.

Section One: Qualifying Equipment Owned/Utilized by the Brisbane Police Department

Equipment Name: Remington 870 Police Less Lethal Launchers and Kinetic Energy Munitions - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(14)	
Quantity Owned/Sought: 1 owned	Lifespan: Approximately 15 years
Equipment Capabilities: The Less Lethal Remington 870 launcher is capable of firing 12 GA drag stabilized Impact Munitions, which are made a cotton material blend.	
Manufacturer Product Description: The Remington 870 is a single shot pump action shot gun that has the capability of deploying a 12 ga cotton blend impact projectile. The Remington 870 less lethal has been fitted with an orange stock to distinguish it to be a less lethal tool.	
Purpose/Authorized Uses: The Remington 870 Impact Munition are intended for use as a less lethal use of force option.	
Fiscal Impacts: The initial cost of this equipment was approximately \$500.00. The ongoing costs for munitions will vary and maintenance is conducted by departmental staff.	
Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use: All applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force. Various Brisbane Police Department Policies on Use of Force and Crowd Control.	
Training Required: Officers must complete a department certified less lethal course as well as regular training and qualifications as required by law and policy.	
Other Notes: None.	

Section Two: Qualifying Equipment known to be owned and/or utilized by law enforcement units with which the Brisbane Police Department collaborates and/or participates for law enforcement purposes

Equipment Name: Wheeled vehicles that have a breaching apparatus attached - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(3)	
Quantity Owned/Sought: None (outside owned)	Lifespan: Unknown.
Equipment Capabilities: Capable of breaching doors, gates, and other points of entry.	
Manufacturer Product Description: Unavailable.	
Purpose/Authorized Uses: Breaching doors, gates, and other points of entry.	
Fiscal Impacts: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.	
Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use: Breaching vehicles can be deployed any time tactical operators determine that it is necessary to complete a lawful breaching. For a breaching to be lawful, it will generally need to be supported by a search or arrest warrant, or exigent circumstances.	
Training Required: The North County Regional SWAT Team provides internal training for staff members prior to allowing them to drive breaching vehicles.	
Other Notes: The Brisbane Police Department participates in the North County Regional SWAT Team (NCR SWAT). This equipment is owned and operated by NCR SWAT through the San Mateo Police Department. While the Brisbane Police Department does not own or operate this equipment, it could be used in Brisbane by NCR SWAT if they are deployed to an incident within city limits.	

Equipment Name: Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatus that are explosive in nature - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(7)	
Quantity Owned/Sought: None (outside owned)	Lifespan: Unknown.
Equipment Capabilities: Capable of breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry.	
Manufacturer Product Description: Unavailable.	
Purpose/Authorized Uses: Breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry.	
Fiscal Impacts: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.	
Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use: Breaching apparatus that are explosive in nature can be deployed any time tactical operators determine that it is necessary to complete a lawful breaching, and non-explosive breaching methods are not tactically practicable. For a breaching to be lawful, it will generally need to be supported by a search or arrest warrant, or exigent circumstances.	
Training Required: The North County Regional SWAT Team provides internal training for staff members prior to allowing them to use explosive breaching apparatus.	
Other Notes: The Brisbane Police Department participates in the North County Regional SWAT Team (NCR SWAT). This equipment is owned and operated by NCR SWAT through the San Mateo Police Department. While the Brisbane Police Department does not own or operate this equipment, it could be used in Brisbane by NCR SWAT if they are deployed to an incident within city limits.	

Equipment Name: Flashbang grenades, explosive breaching tools, tear gas and pepper balls - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(12)	
Quantity Owned/Sought: None (outside owned)	Lifespan: Unknown.
Equipment Capabilities: Capable of breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry, creating explosive distractions, and/or deploying tear gas or pepper chemical.	
Manufacturer Product Description: Unavailable.	
Purpose/Authorized Uses: breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry, creating explosive distractions, and/or deploying tear gas or pepper chemicals.	
Fiscal Impacts: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.	
Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use: Breaching apparatus that are explosive in nature can be deployed any time tactical operators determine that it is necessary to complete a lawful breaching, and non-explosive breaching methods are not tactically practicable. For a breaching to be lawful, it will generally need to be supported by a search or arrest warrant, or exigent circumstances. Tear gas and pepper balls can only be deployed in accordance with all applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force, crowd control, etc.	
Training Required: The North County Regional SWAT Team provides internal training for staff members prior to allowing them to use any of these items.	
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Equipment Name: Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) - CA Gov't Code §7070(c)(13)	
Quantity Owned/Sought: None (outside owned).	Lifespan: Unknown.
Equipment Capabilities: LRAD systems are a type of Acoustic Hailing Device (AHD) used to send messages over long distances. LRAD systems produce much higher sound levels (volume) than normal loudspeakers or megaphones. Over shorter distances, LRAD signals are loud enough to cause pain in the ears of people in their path.	
Manufacturer Product Description: LRAD systems are a type of Acoustic Hailing Device (AHD) used to send messages over long distances. LRAD systems produce much higher sound levels (volume) than normal loudspeakers or megaphones. Over shorter distances, LRAD signals are loud enough to cause pain in the ears of people in their path.	
Purpose/Authorized Uses: Can be used to disperse unlawful crowds and/or to disrupt the activities of person(s) who represent an immediate threat to others.	
Fiscal Impacts: None. Equipment owned, maintained, and operated by another agency.	
Legal/Procedural Rules Governing Use: LRADs can only be deployed in accordance with all applicable State, Federal and Local laws governing police use of force, crowd control, etc.	
Training Required: The North County Regional SWAT Team provides internal training for staff members prior to allowing them to use any of these items.	
Other Notes: The Brisbane Police Department participates in the North County Regional SWAT Team (NCR SWAT). This equipment is owned and operated by NCR SWAT through the San Mateo Police Department. While the Brisbane Police Department does not own or operate this equipment, it could be used in Brisbane by NCR SWAT if they are deployed to an incident within city limits.	