

Novato Police Department



Military Equipment Annual Report 2023

INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) requiring law enforcement agencies to have a military equipment policy approved by the City Council prior to requesting, seeking funding, acquiring, or using military equipment. Assembly Bill 481 allows the governing body – the City Council – to approve the policy within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment, as defined by AB 481 meets specific standards. In 2022, City Council adopted an Ordinance No. 1703 establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy per AB 481.

The Military Equipment policy requires the Novato Police Department to publish an Annual Military Equipment Usage Report. Per Government Code §7072, the annual report must include the following information:

- A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- The results of any internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy. This includes any actions taken in response.
- 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.
- The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.
- A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.

WHAT IS DEFINED AS MILITARY EQUIPMENT:

As defined by AB 481 and Government Code §§ 7070, “Military equipment” means 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.

CONCERNS AND AUDITS

All use of force incidents are promptly and thoroughly reviewed by assigned supervisors and Watch Commanders. Reviews and audits provide opportunities to reflect on conduct, policies and procedures, legislation, and best practices within the policing profession. Audits may also highlight opportunities for future improvements and can assist in evaluating practices related to training and daily operations.

During the 2023 reporting period, no violations were discovered. Officers were found to be operating in a manner which met or exceeded department and community expectations. Additionally, the Novato Police Department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of this equipment.

PROJECTED MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION

Currently, the Novato Police Department does not intend to acquire any new military equipment as defined by AB 481. The only related purchase will be the acquisition of additional ammunition to replenish stock used during training. Any future attempt to obtain new equipment will include adhering to procedures set forth in the Government Code and our Military Equipment policy; this includes a public hearing and City Council approval prior to acquisition. Department inventory and all costs associated with the use of this equipment is consistent with the Military Equipment inventory list, policy, and department budget previously approved by the City Council.

CONCLUSION

The Novato Police Department takes great care to regularly evaluate our equipment needs and only retain tools deemed as military equipment that help safeguard our community and employees. In addition, we frequently train with these tools to maintain proficiency and understanding of capabilities. We recognize the importance of using the most appropriate tool under evolving circumstances, always with the intent to bring the situation to peaceful resolution and significantly reduce the likelihood of injury to those involved.

Any member of the public can submit a question or concern regarding military equipment use by contacting the Novato Police Department via the City's website or by calling 415-897-4361. The Novato Police Department strives to provide a timely response to our community's questions and concerns regarding the use of military equipment.

SUMMARY OF USE:

The table illustrated below includes use of military equipment, as defined by AB 481, by the Novato Police Department during seven incidents.

1. Novato Police Department Case # NPD23-948
Summary of Incident: Domestic Violence/ Assault with a Deadly Weapon On March 17, 2023, patrol officers responded to the report of a domestic violence incident involving a weapon. The victim was able to flee the residence. The suspect, who had a criminal history and possibly armed with a machete was initially not located. ARV was used to safely approach the residence.
Type of Military Equipment Utilized and Purpose: Armored Rescue Vehicle and Patrol rifle - Sig Sauer M400
Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.
Internally Known Violations: None.
2. Novato Police Department Case # AAR23-01
Summary of Incident: Outside Agency Assist (Sonoma County Sheriff's Department) On March 31, 2023, Crisis Response Unit served a search warrant at a residence in Novato in relation to a homicide which took place in Sonoma County. The suspect was taken safely into custody and the residence was searched.
Type of Military Equipment Utilized During this Operation: Armored Rescue Van, DRONE (UAS), Sig Sauer MCX.
Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.
Internally Known Violations: None.
3. Novato Police Department Case # NPD23-2258
Summary of Incident: Suicidal Subject On June 17, 2023, patrol officers responded to the report of a suicidal subject who had seriously injured himself with a knife. The subject had several firearms registered to him. Officers convinced the subject to exit the residence and took him to get the help he needed. The ARV was used to safely approach the residence.
Type of Military Equipment Utilized During this Operation: Armored Rescue Van, Patrol rifle - Sig Sauer M400

Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.
Internally Known Violations: None.
4. Novato Police Department Case # NPD23-2624
<p>Summary of Incident: Homicide</p> <p>On July 14, 2023, patrol officers responded to the report of a shooting at a residence. Officer determined a subject had been shot multiple times and was deceased. The suspect was initially outstanding. The ARV was used to safely approach the residence and take the homicide suspect into custody without incident.</p>
Type of Military Equipment Utilized During this Operation: Armored Rescue Van, Patrol rifle - Sig Sauer M400
Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.
Internally Known Violations: None.
5. Novato Police Department Case # AAR23-03
<p>Summary of Incident: CRU Activation for Arrest of Attempted Murder Suspect</p> <p>On September 13, 2023, Crisis Response Unit was activated to assist with the arrest of suspects wanted in connection with an attempted homicide in San Rafael. CRU-SWAT located and apprehended the suspects without incident. SWAT then conducted a search warrant at the suspect's residence. The ARV was used during the arrest.</p>
Type of Military Equipment Utilized and Purpose: Armored Rescue Vehicle and Sig Sauer MCX.
Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.
Internally Known Violations: None.

6. Novato Police Department Case # NPD23-3631

Summary of Incident: CRU Crisis Negotiations Team Activation for Arrest of Barricaded Assault with a Deadly Weapon suspect

On September 27, 2023, Crisis Response Unit was activated to assist with arrested an assault with a deadly weapon suspect who threatened an on-duty Novato Fire District Battalion Chief with an axe. The subject barricaded himself in a residence. The CRU-Crisis Negotiations Team successfully negotiated his safe surrender with no injuries to the officers or subject involved. No force was used. The ARV was used to safely approach the residence.

Type of Military Equipment Utilized and Purpose: Armored Rescue Vehicle and Sig Sauer MCX

Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.

Internally Known Violations: None.

7. Outside Agency Assist- SRPD# 23-8089

Summary of Incident: ARV used to arrest suspects involved in vehicle pursuit

On December 29, 2023, San Rafael PD and CHP initiated a vehicle pursuit of a stolen RV. The vehicle initially fled, but eventually stopped at the entrance to Novato Community Hospital. The driver and occupants refused commands to exit the vehicle, but eventually came out of the vehicle and taken into custody without incident. The ARV was used to protect officers which they convinced the subjects to exit the vehicle.

Type of Military Equipment Utilized and Purpose: Armored Rescue Vehicle and Sig Sauer MCX.

Complaints Related to this Deployment: None.

Internally Known Violations: None.

The table illustrated below includes use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) by the Novato Police Department in response to calls for service in 2023:

#2301090032: UAS deployed during heavy storms to assess damage to levee system near Highway 37.
NP23-1109: UAS deployed to provide aerial footage during the service of a search warrant.
NP23-1643: UAS deployed to obtain mapping video of a crime scene with a deceased person.
NP23-3267: UAS deployed to conduct an area check for a wanted suspect involved in felony crime.
NP23-4203: UAS deployed to obtain mapping of a residential fire.

INVENTORY:

7071(c)(1)	Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles
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Type	Small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS)
Description	Grey DJI branded small unmanned aerial system, publicly available model, <249 g weight, four rotor remotely operated airframe with video and photo capability
Quantity	4
Capabilities	28-minute flight time per battery, maximum transmission distance 3-10 km based on surroundings
Expected lifespan	3 years
Manufacturer's description	See Description above
Purpose and authorized uses	The sUAS may support first responders in all-hazards incidents which would benefit from an aerial perspective. Requests for sUAS support are prioritized as Life Safety, Preservation of Property, and Evidence/Documentation. Authorized uses are varied with specific restrictions in Policy 613.
Fiscal impact	\$2,500 approximate initial cost in 2021; \$500 annual maintenance
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 613. Refer to sUAS Program Manual.
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; Monthly individual training; Quarterly team training. Must successfully pass FAA PART 107 certification exam.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use minimally requires Watch Commander authorization

Type	Unmanned Wheeled Robotic System
Description	Compact robotic consisting of two main tracks, four track flipper arms, antenna, top mounted Pan-Tilt Zoom Camera, and remote control
Quantity	1
Capabilities	Operational range 10-75 ft.
Expected lifespan	15 years
Manufacturer's description	Quickly and easily deployable, navigates various terrain including stairs, sand, clothing, grass, etc., two-way audio, and Video recording capability.
Purpose and authorized uses	To quickly and safely inspect dangerous situations without sending personnel in and to communicate with subjects from a safe distance.
Fiscal impact	\$27,627.68 initial cost in 2010. \$500 average yearly maintenance costs
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to SWAT procedure manual
Required training	Agency authorized orientation course
Compliance mechanisms	none

7071(c)(2)	Armored personnel carriers.
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Type	Armored Rescue Vehicle
Description	White armored, wheeled vehicle. Black, reflective, and conspicuous Agency Name markings and red/blue lights. Equipped with a siren. Configured for one driver and nine passengers.
Quantity	1
Capabilities	Range 300 mi. Armor rated to .50 cal.
Expected lifespan	10 years
Manufacturer's description	Four-wheeled, automatic transmission, gasoline engine-powered personnel carrier with ballistic glass and armor rated to .50 cal.
Purpose and authorized uses	To provide for the safe transport, security, and rescue of agency personnel and citizens in high-risk incidents.
Fiscal impact	\$150,272.50 initial cost (Grant funded); \$1,000 annual maintenance
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to Policies 704, 706 and Procedure C-12. Refer to SWAT procedures.
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; annual refresher.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use authorized by Watch Commander or Tactical Commander during high-risk incidents

7071(c)(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.
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Type	Patrol rifle - Sig Sauer M400
Description	.223 caliber semi-automatic rifle with red dot
Quantity	29
Capabilities	Semi-automatic
Expected lifespan	10 years or 20,000 rounds through barrel
Manufacturer's description	The M400 is an air-cooled, direct impingement gas-operated, magazine-fed carbine that is based on the earlier AR-15 rifle
Purpose and authorized uses	Officers may use deadly to protect themselves or others from what they reasonably believe is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.
Fiscal impact	\$26071 approximate initial cost in 2013
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations
Required training	16-hour POST rifle course. Annual rifle qualification
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team rifle- Sig Sauer MCX
Description	.223 caliber semi-automatic rifle with suppressor and 4X scope
Quantity	11
Capabilities	Semi-automatic
Expected lifespan	10 years or 20,000 rounds through barrel
Manufacturer's description	AR platform rifle, semi-automatic rifle, gas operated, 11.5 inch barrel
Purpose and authorized uses	Officers may use deadly force to protect themselves or others from what they reasonably believe is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.
Fiscal impact	\$16075 initial cost in 2018
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit, CRU policy manual.
Required training	16-hour POST rifle course. Annual rifle qualification
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team rifle- H&K 33
Description	.223 caliber select fire rifle
Quantity	2
Capabilities	Select Fire - Semi-automatic and fully-automatic
Expected lifespan	Until deemed unserviceable by qualified armorer
Manufacturer's description	Select fire, roller-delayed blowback system
Purpose and authorized uses	In service only for training/familiarization.
Fiscal impact	\$0
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit, CRU policy manual.
Required training	16-hour POST rifle course. Annual rifle qualification
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team rifle- Colt AR-15
Description	.223 caliber semi-automatic rifle
Quantity	1
Capabilities	Semi-automatic
Expected lifespan	Until deemed unserviceable by qualified armorer
Manufacturer's description	Semi-automatic rifle, gas operated, 16-inch barrel
Purpose and authorized uses	In service only for training/familiarization.
Fiscal impact	\$0

Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit, CRU policy manual.
Required training	16-hour POST rifle course. Annual rifle qualification
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team precision rifle - Accuracy International AT308
Description	.308 bolt action long range rifle, with a 3.5 - 15 power Night Force scope.
Quantity	2
Capabilities	Bolt action single shot
Expected lifespan	10 years or 5000 rounds through barrel
Manufacturer's description	.308 short action Accuracy Tactical rifle, 24-inch plain barrel
Purpose and authorized uses	Deployed to positions of greatest advantage during critical incidents, while recognizing this weapon may be required to be utilize for deadly force under departmental guidelines.
Fiscal impact	\$4,100 each for initial purchase
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit, CRU manual 5-01 and 5-02.
Required training	48-hour POST certified Rifle Marksmanship and Sniper/Observer Course; Biannual ASA qualifications
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Patrol rifle ammunition
Description	Winchester .223 Remington 55 grain Full Metal Jacket (FMJ), fired from an agency-authorized rifle.
Quantity	12000+ fluctuating inventory
Capabilities	Operational range of 0-850 yards dependent on weapon platform.
Expected lifespan	10 years or until expended
Manufacturer's description	This ammunition is loaded with a full metal jacket bullet. On impact this bullet does not expand. Muzzle velocity is 3,240 Feet Per Second.
Purpose and authorized uses	For use with Departmentally authorized weapon systems
Fiscal impact	\$360 per 1000 rounds
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit,
Required training	This projectile is utilized during patrol and SWAT qualifications, required by POST.
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team rifle ammunition
Description	Winchester .223 Remington 55 grain Full Metal Jacket (FMJ), fired from an agency-authorized rifle.
Quantity	15000+ fluctuating inventory
Capabilities	Operational range of 0-850 yards dependent on weapon platform.
Expected lifespan	10 years or until expended
Manufacturer's description	This ammunition is loaded with a full metal jacket bullet. On impact this bullet does not expand. Muzzle velocity is 3,240 Feet Per Second.
Purpose and authorized uses	For use with Departmentally authorized weapon systems
Fiscal impact	\$360 per 1000 rounds
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit,
Required training	This projectile is utilized during patrol and SWAT qualifications, required by POST.
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team precision rifle ammunition
Description	.308 Diameter 168 grain projectile, fired from an agency-authorized rifle.
Quantity	400
Capabilities	Operational range of 0-800 yards
Expected lifespan	10 years or until expended
Manufacturer's description	Superior accuracy and industry leading ballistic design has been achieved with the ELD Match bullet. An optimum secant ogive and boattail design along with the Heat Shield tip produce a bullet with the highest possible ballistic coefficient in its class.
Purpose and authorized uses	For use with Departmentally authorized weapon systems
Fiscal impact	\$30 per 20 rounds
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300 - Use of Force, 311 - Firearms, 312 - Range Operations, 408 - Crisis Response Unit, CRU manual 5-01 and 5-02.
Required training	Monthly familiarization during Sniper/Observer training.
Compliance mechanisms	Use is subject to the applicable policies (300, 311, 312, and 408).

7071(c)(12)	"Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
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Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team Diversion device
Description	Diversion Device - ALS-TRMR
Quantity	5

Capabilities	Approx. 172db and 1.2 PSI at 5 feet
Expected lifespan	5 years
Manufacturer's description	The reloadable diversionary device can be reloaded up to 250 times. The body incorporates a safety button. Upon deployment the device's kinetic energy causes the top to move the firing pin into the primer to function.
Purpose and authorized uses	distraction and diversionary device
Fiscal impact	\$250 each, replacements cost when needed.
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policy 300. Refer to SWAT procedure manual.
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; annual refresher.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate team supervisor.

Type	Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team gas
Description	Tear Gas: Chemical CS / Chemical OC
Quantity	10
Capabilities	Capable of deployed up to 450 feet
Expected lifespan	5 years
Manufacturer's description	When utilized, the submunition will discharge the agent for approximately 20-30 seconds, on average, providing a wide area of coverage.
Purpose and authorized uses	Emergency incidents above normal patrol operations.
Fiscal impact	\$944.20 initial purchase and average \$500/year maintenance costs
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policy 300. Refer to SWAT procedure manual.
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; annual refresher.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate team supervisor.

Type	12-gauge Distraction Charge
Description	Reloadable Distraction Rounds
Quantity	60
Capabilities	N/A
Expected lifespan	5 years
Manufacturer's description	12 ga muzzle bang that produces 175dB at 5 feet.
Purpose and authorized uses	distraction / diversionary device
Fiscal impact	\$7.50 per box of 5. \$100 a year ongoing costs for replacements
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policy 300. Refer to SWAT procedure manual 2-10b - Diversionary Devices.
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; annual refresher.

Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate team supervisor.
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7071(c)(14)	The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons.
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Type	Patrol/Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team 40mm munition launcher
Description	Less Lethal Impact Device (Single-Use) - ALSTAC -40mm
Quantity	17
Capabilities	Up to 40 yards
Expected lifespan	10 years
Manufacturer's description	A double-action, single shot, 40mm delivery system. Designed to discharge standard 40mm and 40mm less-than-lethal ammunition
Purpose and authorized uses	Less lethal and agency approved chemical rounds
Fiscal impact	\$740 initial purchase each, no anticipated ongoing costs
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300, 311, 312. Refer to SWAT procedure manual
Required training	Agency-authored orientation course; annual refresher.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate patrol supervisor.

Type	Patrol/Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team 40mm munitions
Description	Kinetic Energy Projectiles: 40mm (ALS 4006D)
Quantity	100
Capabilities	Operational range 5-120 ft.
Expected lifespan	5 years
Manufacturer's description	40mm foam-tipped projectile capable of travelling 325 fps to a maximum range of 120 feet.
Purpose and authorized uses	To compel an individual to cease his/her actions when such munitions present a reasonable option. A verbal warning of the intended use of the device should precede its application.
Fiscal impact	\$25.00 each and approximately \$1000 yearly for training projectiles
Legal and procedural rules	Refer to policies 300, 311, 312. Refer to SWAT procedure manual
Required training	Initial orientation course including qualification; annual recertification including qualification.
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate patrol supervisor.

7071(c)(15)	Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight.
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Type	Night Vision Goggles
Description	Monocular Night Vision Goggles -L3H Filmed Green
Quantity	19
Capabilities	Enhancing abilities to operate in low light, no light conditions
Expected lifespan	5000+ hours
Manufacturer's description	TNVC TNV/PVS-14 w/L3H Filmed Green Phosphor, OMNI V111, Black (Basic Kit)
Purpose and authorized uses	Emergency incidents above normal patrol operations
Fiscal impact	\$66,807.64 initial purchase. Annual cost \$20.00 for batteries. (purchased with Grant funds)
Legal and procedural rules	No current policies apply. Not mentioned in CRU manual
Required training	8 hours, on-going training (suggested quarterly) required for proficiency
Compliance mechanisms	Operational use under the review of the SWAT Commander or appropriate Team Supervisor