AB 481 Annual Report

Background: Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from their governing bodies before implementing a policy governing the use of military equipment. This approval is required before purchasing, fundraising for, or acquiring any military equipment. The initial policy must be adopted by ordinance and renewed annually by Council vote. AB 481 broadly defines "military equipment," covering a wide range of items, including items deployed or acquired by law enforcement agencies.

AB 481 requires law enforcement agencies to provide an Annual Report to their governing body and the public. Agencies must also host a community engagement session to allow public participation and feedback.

On May 12, 2022, the Citrus Heights City Council adopted Ordinance 2022-005, establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy for items classified as "military equipment" under AB 481. Since then, the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) has managed its military equipment in full compliance with this policy. This Annual Report fulfills the requirements of Government Code section § 7072(a).

To support transparency and community involvement, CHPD will host a community engagement session at the **police department** on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

The following summarizes the CHPD's Annual Report:

i. **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS):** an unmanned aircraft along with associated equipment necessary to control it remotely.

a.) Description, quantity, purchase cost, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:

i.) Autel EVO II
Estimated cost: $1,200 each
Quantity limit: 3 (not to exceed)
Capable of recording video and audio and providing live video streaming to operators. The department currently owns 3 units and does not plan to acquire more.

ii.) DJI Avata 2
Estimated cost: $1,200 each
Quantity limit: Not specified
Capable of recording and audio live streaming. The department currently owns 2 units and has no plans to purchase additional units.

iii.) Matrice 4T Estimated cost: $7,800 each
Quantity limit: Not specified
Capable of recording and audio live streaming. The department currently owns 2 units and has no plans to purchase additional units.

b.) Purpose
To be deployed when its view would assist officers or incident commanders with the following situations, which include but are not limited to:

i.) Major collision investigations.

ii.) Searching for missing people.

iii.) Natural disaster management.

iv.) Crime scene photography.

v.) SWAT, tactical or other public safety and life preservation missions; and

vi.) Responding to specific requests from local, state, or federal fire authorities for fire response and/or prevention.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
The department's UAS equipment was utilized for fatal traffic collision photography, crime scene photography, and visual assistance during SWAT and patrol tactical operations to assist with officer safety and the location of potentially dangerous subjects.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of the UAS in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use
Only assigned operators who have completed the required training shall be permitted to operate the UAS during approved missions.

e.) Expected Life Span
All UAS equipment, approximately 3-5 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
Annual maintenance and battery replacement costs are estimated at approximately $2,000. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
All Department UAS operators are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS operation.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize UAS only for official law enforcement purposes and in a manner that respects the privacy of our community, pursuant to State and Federal law, including all FAA requirements and regulations.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
None

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

ii. Armored Vehicles: Commercially produced wheeled armored personnel vehicles utilized for law enforcement purposes.

a.) Description, quantity, purchase cost, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:
2008 Navistar Defense MaxPro MRAP
Initial cost: $0 (estimated replacement cost: $800,000)
Quantity limit: 2 (not to exceed)

This armored vehicle seats multiple personnel, provides ballistic protection, and can be used for the rescue of downed officers or citizens. The department currently owns one unit.

b.) Purpose
To be used in response to critical incidents to enhance officer and community safety, improve scene containment and stabilization, and assist in resolving critical incidents. It can stop various projectiles, which provide greater safety to citizens and officers beyond the protection level of shield and personal body armor. The vehicle also serves as an emergency extraction vehicle to transport injured officers, and/or community members that may be involved in a critical incident.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
The department's Navistar MRAP was used for community engagement events, department training exercises, and SWAT tactical operations to provide ballistic protection and assist with officer safety.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of the Navistar MRAP in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use
The use of armored vehicles shall only be authorized by a watch commander or SWAT commander based on the specific circumstances of a given critical incident. Armored vehicles shall be used only by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with Department policy and training.

e.) Lifespan
Approximately 15 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
Annual maintenance cost of approximately $5,000. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
All drivers/operators shall be required to obtain a valid California Class B license.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the Department to utilize armored vehicles only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
The police department anticipates purchasing a Lenco BearCat armored response vehicle fully funded by the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

iii. Command Post (CP): A mobile office that provides shelter and access to Department computer systems and other equipment.

a.) Description, quantity, purchase cost, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:
2008 GMC C5500
Estimated cost: $300,000
Quantity limit: 1 (not to exceed)
This vehicle is used for meetings and storing large amounts of equipment for SWAT/CNT operations, critical incidents, natural disasters, and community events. The department currently owns one unit and has no plans to purchase additional vehicles.

b.) Purpose
For use in situations that require a mobile, spacious, and weather-protected facility.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
The department's command post has been utilized for critical incidents, community engagement events, and departmental training.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of the command post in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use
Only those trained in the deployment and operations in a manner consistent with Department policy and training are authorized to operate the CP.

e.) Lifespan
The CP lifespan on the chassis and vehicle structure is approximately 20 years. Upgrades to maintain IT systems are needed approximately every 5 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
The annual maintenance cost is approximately $2,000. No annual maintenance, acquisition, personnel, training, transportation or storage costs.

g.) Training
The driver/operator shall receive training in the safe handling of the vehicle on a closed training course. Once the operator has shown competence in vehicle handling, the driver/operator will drive the vehicle within the city with an experienced driver.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the Department to use the CP only for official law enforcement purposes and in accordance with California State law regarding the operation of motor vehicles.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
None

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

iv. 40 MM Launchers and Rounds: 40MM Launchers are utilized by department personnel as a less lethal tool to launch impact and chemical rounds.

a.) Description, quantity, purchase cost, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:

i.) Defense Technology 40mm Single Shot Launcher
Estimated cost: $1,000 each
Quantity limit: 8 (not to exceed)
A tactical single-shot launcher capable of firing various less-lethal ammunition. The department currently owns 5 units, with a maximum limit of 8 and no plans to purchase more.

ii.) Defense Technology Ferret 40mm CS Liquid
Estimated cost: $35–$45 each
Quantity limit: 200 (not to exceed)
A less-lethal 40mm round designed to deliver a small liquid chemical payload inside a structure or vehicle. Primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects and cause temporary discomfort to gain compliance. The department currently owns 76 rounds, with a maximum limit of 200 and no plans to purchase more.

iii.) Defense Technology Rubber Foam 40mm Projectile
Estimated cost: $30–$40 each
Quantity limit: 50 (not to exceed)
A less-lethal, lightweight plastic projectile that provides accurate and effective compliance when fired at approved distances. The department currently owns 12 rounds, with a maximum limit of 50 and no plans to purchase more.

iv.) 40mm DefTec 2292 CS Powder Barricade Penetrator
Estimated cost: $40–$60 each
Primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects by delivering a chemical agent payload inside a structure or vehicle. The department currently owns 20 rounds, with no plans to purchase more.

v.) 40mm DefTec 2290 OC Barricade Penetrator
Estimated cost: $45–$65 each
This round contains OC powder and is primarily used to dislodge barricaded subjects by delivering the agent inside a structure or vehicle. The department currently owns 20 rounds, with no plans to purchase more.

b.) Purpose:
To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
40 MM launchers and rounds were only used for training purposes.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of the 40 MM launchers and rounds in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use:
Only those POST-certified to deploy chemical munitions are authorized to use the 40MM launchers. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to:

i.) Self-destructive; dangerous and/or combative individuals.

ii.) Riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents.

iii.) Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.

iv.) Potentially vicious animals; and

v.) Training exercises or approved demonstrations.

e.) Training
Sworn members utilizing 40MM less lethal chemical agents or impact rounds are trained by POST-certified less lethal and chemical agent instructors.

f.) Lifespan
Approximately 5 years.

g.) Fiscal Impact
Annual maintenance is approximately $50 for each launcher. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize the 40MM only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
The police department anticipates acquiring additional 40mm single shot launchers; however, the total number needed and the funding source has yet to be identified.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

v. Less Lethal Shotgun: A less lethal shotgun is used to deploy the less lethal 12-gauge Super Shock beanbag round.

a.) Description, quantity, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:

i.) Remington 870 Less-Lethal Shotgun
Estimated cost: $946 each
Quantity limit: 12 (not to exceed)
Used to deploy less-lethal beanbag rounds, allowing officers to maintain distance from suspects and reduce the immediacy of threats—supporting de-escalation principles. The department currently owns 3 units, with a maximum limit of 12 and no plans to purchase more.

ii.) 12-Gauge Super-Shock Beanbag Round
Estimated cost: $5 to $8 each
Quantity limit: 200 (not to exceed)
Ballistic fiber-filled beanbag rounds provide accurate and effective performance when fired from approved distances. The department currently owns 52 rounds, with a maximum limit of 200 and no plans to purchase more.

iii.) DefTec Ferret 12-Gauge Powder Barricade Round CS
Estimated cost: $10 to $15 each
Quantity limit: 200 (not to exceed)
Intended for crowd control situations. The department currently owns 20 rounds, with a maximum limit of 200 and no plans to purchase more.

b.) Purpose:
To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
Less lethal shotguns were used for training purposes and apprehension of suspects during high-risk situations.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of less lethal shotguns in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use:
Less lethal shotguns shall be used only by officers trained in their deployment and in a manner consistent with Department policy and training. Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to, the following:

i.) Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.

ii.) Riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents.

iii.) Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.

iv.) Potentially vicious animals; and

v.) Training exercises or approved demonstrations.

e.) Lifespan
Remington 870 Less approximately 25 years.

Super-shock Beanbag Round, approximately 5 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
Annual maintenance is approximately $50 for each shotgun. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
All officers are trained in the 12-gauge less lethal shotgun as a less lethal option by in-service training.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize the less lethal shotgun only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans
None. If, in the future, any more would be acquired, it is expected that this would be paid for by the general fund or asset forfeiture funds.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

vi. Distraction Devices: Distraction devices are ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescues, room entry, or other high-risk arrest situations.

a.) Description, quantity, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:
i.) Combined Tactical Solutions Baffled White Smoke Flash Bangs
Estimated cost: $40 to $60 each
Quantity limit: 200 (not to exceed)

These non-fragmenting devices produce a loud noise and an intense bright light, making them effective for tactical operations. The department currently owns 46 units and does not plan to purchase additional units at this time.

b.) Purpose
Designed to create atmospheric over-pressure and emit a bright white light, these devices can cause short-term (6–8 seconds) physiological and psychological sensory deprivation, providing officers with a tactical advantage.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
Distraction devices were used for training purposes, high-risk warrant services and high-risk situations, enhancing officer safety.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of distraction devices in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use:
Diversionary devices shall only be used in the following ways:

i.) Officers who have been trained in proper use.

ii.) In hostage and barricaded subject situations.

iii.) In high-risk warrant services where there may be a risk to officer safety.

iv.) During other high-risk situations where their use would enhance officer safety and during training exercises.

e.) Lifespan
5 years

f.) Fiscal Impact
No annual maintenance, acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
Prior to use, officers must attend divisionary device training that is conducted by POST-certified instructors.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize diversion devices only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
None. If, in the future, any more were acquired, it is expected that this would be paid for by the general fund or asset forfeiture funds.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

vii. Precision Long Rifles: Guns that are fired from shoulder level, having a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance.

a.) Description, quantity, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:

i.) Winchester M14 7.62mm
Estimated cost: $2,500 each
Quantity limit: 4 (not to exceed)

This rifle provides lethal options at extended distances. The department currently owns 2 units, with a maximum limit of 4, and has no current plans to purchase additional rifles.

ii.) TRW M14 7.62mm
Estimated cost: $2,500 each
Quantity limit: 2 (not to exceed)

This rifle provides lethal options at extended distances. The department currently owns 1 unit, with a maximum limit of 2, and no current plans to purchase additional rifles.

iii.) H&R Arms M14 7.62mm
Estimated cost: $2,500 each
Quantity limit: 5 (not to exceed)

This rifle provides lethal options at extended distances. The department currently owns 3 units, with a maximum limit of 4, and no current plans to purchase more.

iv.) Remington 700 7.62mm
Estimated cost: $2,500 each
Quantity limit: 7 (not to exceed)

This rifle provides lethal options at extended distances. The department currently owns 4 units, with a maximum limit of 7, and no current plans to purchase more.

b.) Purpose:
To be used to address a threat with more precision and/or greater distances than a handgun, if present and feasible.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
Rifles were only used for training purposes.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of rifles in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use
Only officers are approved and trained per department policy.

e.) Lifespan
Approximately 15 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
Annual maintenance is approximately $50 for each rifle. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle.

Additionally, all members who operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
The police department anticipates purchasing four Seekins HIT Pro .308 precision long rifles in the coming year; however, a funding source has not yet been identified.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

viii. Chemical Agent and Smoke Canisters: Canisters that contain chemical agents that are released when deployed.

a.) Description, quantity, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:
   i.) Defense Technology Launchable Flameless CS
   Estimated cost: $40 to $55 each
   Quantity limit: 100 (not to exceed)

Used for crowd control and tactical deployments. The department currently owns 13 units and plans to purchase more, not to exceed the 100-unit cap.

ii.) Defense Technology Tri-Chamber CS
Estimated cost: $35 to $50 each
Quantity limit: 100 (not to exceed)
Used for crowd control and tactical deployments. The department owns 28 units, with a 100-unit cap, and does not plan further acquisitions.

iii.) DefTec 1032 Flameless Tri-Chamber CS
Estimated cost: $40 to $55 each
Designed primarily for indoor tactical situations to detect and/or dislodge a barricaded subject. The department currently owns 8 units, with no current plans to purchase more.

iv.) DefTec 3012 12-Gauge Liquid CS
Estimated cost: $10 to $15 each
Designed to deliver chemical agents in barricade situations from a 12-gauge shotgun, providing stand-off distance for safety. The department currently owns 20 units, with no current plans to purchase more.

v.) D DefTec 1050 Aerosol OC/CS
Estimated cost: $15 to $25 each
Used in confined areas and close to the target area to minimize risks to all parties through pain compliance, temporary discomfort, and/or incapacitation of potentially violent or dangerous subjects. The department currently owns 8 units, with no current plans to purchase more.

b.) Purpose:
To limit the escalation of conflict where employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable.

Situations for use of the less lethal weapon systems may include, but are not limited to:

i.) Self-destructive, dangerous and/or combative individuals.

ii.) Riot/crowd control and civil unrest incidents.

iii.) Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained.

iv.) Potentially vicious animal; and

v.) Training exercises or approved demonstrations.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
Chemical agents and smoke canisters were only used for training purposes.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of Chemical agents and smoke canisters in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use:
Only officers who have received POST certification in the use of chemical agents are authorized to deploy.

e.) Training
Sworn members utilizing chemical agent canisters are certified by POST less lethal and chemical agent instructors.

f.) Lifespan
Approximately 5 years from the manufacturing date.

g.) Fiscal Impact
No annual maintenance, acquisition, personnel, training, transportation or storage costs.

h.) Legal and Procedural Use
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize chemical agents only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law, including those regarding the use of force.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
None. If, in the future, any more would be acquired, it is expected that this would be paid for by the general fund or asset forfeiture funds.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations

ix. Explosive Breaching Tools: Tools that are used to conduct an explosive breach.

a.) Description, quantity, capabilities, and any plans to purchase more:

i.) Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotgun
Estimated cost: $500 each
Quantity limit: 3 (not to exceed)
This shotgun allows trained personnel to safely use breaching rounds to defeat deadbolts, locks, and hinges. It features a standoff device for precise placement and vents gases to prevent overpressure. The department currently owns 1 unit, with a maximum limit of 3 and no plans to purchase more at this time.

ii.) Remington 870 Express Breaching Shotgun
Estimated cost: $500 each
Quantity limit: 3 (not to exceed)
This shotgun allows trained personnel to safely use breaching rounds to defeat deadbolts, locks, and hinges. It features a standoff device for precise placement and vents gases to prevent overpressure. The department currently owns 1 unit, with a maximum limit of 3 and no plans to purchase more at this time.

b.) Purpose:
The purpose is to quickly and safely gain access to property or structure.

c.) How the military equipment was used / complaints received:
Explosive breaching tools were only used for training purposes.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of explosive breaching tools in 2025.

d.) Authorized Use:
Explosive breaching may only occur after authorization of a SWAT Commanding Officer or during training exercises.

The department did not receive any complaints or concerns related to the use of explosive breaching tools during 2025.

e.) Lifespan
Breaching shotgun, approximately 25 years.

f.) Fiscal Impact
Annual Maintenance is approximately $100. No annual acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, or storage costs.

g.) Training
All officers who use explosive breaching tools shall attend 40 hours of explosive breaching instruction.

h.) Legal and Procedural Rules
It is the policy of the CHPD to utilize breaching tools only for official law enforcement purposes and pursuant to State and Federal law.

i.) Concerns and Complaints Received
None

j.) Future Acquisition Plans and Source of Funding
None. If additional units are acquired in the future, funding is expected to come from the general fund or asset forfeiture funds.

k.) Internal Audit Results and Response
No violations