



Ventura County Sheriff  
Jim Fryhoff, Sheriff

Ventura County District Attorney's Office  
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June 18, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

**Subject:**     **Approval of the Military Equipment Annual Reports and Updated Military Equipment Policies of the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office; Approval of, and Authorization for the Sheriff's Office to Continue Participation in the United States Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services, Law Enforcement Support Office's Military Equipment Surplus Program to Obtain Items Designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment; Ratification, Approval of, and Authorization for the Sheriff's Office to Accept the Transfer of one Rifle, Designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment, from the Oxnard Police Department; and Ratification, Approval of, and Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to Use, Approximately \$2,935 for the Purchase of Training Pistols, Designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment**

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve the attached Military Equipment Report and Military Equipment Policy of the Sheriff's Office, attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2.
2. Approve the attached Military Equipment Report and Military Equipment Policy of the District Attorney's Office, attached hereto as Exhibits 3 and 4.
3. Approve, and authorize the Sheriff's Office's continued participation in the United States Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services, Law Enforcement Support Office's military equipment surplus program to obtain additional unmanned ground vehicles (bomb robots), which are designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment, at no cost to the Sheriff's Office during FY 2024/25.

4. Ratify, Approve, and authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept the transfer of one .50 caliber rifle, which is designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment, at no cost from the Oxnard Police Department.
5. Ratify, Approve, and authorize the District Attorney's Office use of approximately \$2,935 from the District Attorney's Office existing FY 23/24 budget for the purchase of six Glock 45T MOS FXD training pistols which are designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment

**Fiscal Impact Statement from Sheriff's Office:**

There is no fiscal impact on the Sheriff's Office.

**Fiscal Impact Statement from District Attorney's Office:**

Mandatory: No  
Source of Funding: General Fund  
Funding Match Required: None  
Impact on Other Departments: None

<u>Summary of Revenues and Costs:</u>	<u>FY2023-24</u>	<u>FY2024-25</u>
Revenues:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Costs		
Direct	\$ 2,935	\$ 0
Indirect Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect - County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 2,935	\$ 0
Net County Cost	\$ 2,935	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current FY 2023/2024 Budget for DAO/2103:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/(Savings)
Appropriations	\$45,697,950	\$60,271,501	\$53,026,098	<b>\$7,245,403</b>
Revenue	\$10,269,303	\$17,804,862	\$14,520,047	<b>(\$3,284,815)</b>
Net Cost	<b>\$35,428,647</b>	<b>\$42,466,639</b>	<b>\$42,135,174</b>	<b>\$3,960,588</b>

### **Reasons for Ratification**

The Sheriff's Office requests that your Board ratify the transfer of one .50 caliber rifle, which is designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment, at no cost from the Oxnard Police Department. The rifle was accepted in 2023 but will not be deployed beyond a training environment until approved by your Board.

The District Attorney's Office requests that your Board ratify the use of approximately \$2,935 from the District Attorney's Office existing budget for the purchase of six Glock 45T MOS FXD training pistols, which are designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment. The training pistols were procured during FY 23/24 and will be used to simulate live fire situations during training.

### **Strategic Plan**

These items contribute to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic plan in several ways. First, the allowance of the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office to upgrade equipment increases efficiency by providing better equipment for training and use in critical incidents, and supports our efforts to remain one of the safest counties in the state. We also seek to increase transparency and accountability through compliance with Ventura County Ordinance 4603, which requires each agency to submit to your Board an annual Military Equipment report. This report, as well as an annual community engagement meeting, will address the quantity of each type of equipment possessed by the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, the cost associated with the equipment, and a summary of how the equipment was used and whether any complaints or concerns were received about the equipment.

### **Discussion:**

On May 24, 2022, your Board adopted Ventura County Ordinance 4603 pursuant to California Assembly Bill No. 481 (AB 481) which codified Chapter 12.8 to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, commencing with section 7070. The legislative intent behind AB 481 was to increase the public transparency by which California law enforcement agencies fund, acquire, and/or use "military equipment."

Ordinance 4603 requires the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office to obtain Board of Supervisors approval prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, and/or use of equipment defined by the ordinance as "military equipment." The term "military equipment" as used in Ordinance 4603 does not necessarily indicate equipment used by the military. The majority of the equipment defined by this ordinance and possessed by the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office is employed by most law

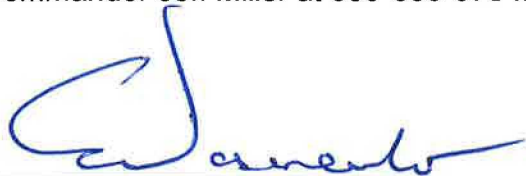
enforcement agencies across the country to enhance citizen and officer safety. In addition, Ordinance 4603 requires the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office to submit to your Board annual Military Equipment Reports and updated Military Equipment Policies no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, so long as the military equipment is available for use. The Military Equipment Reports address the quantity of each type of military equipment possessed by the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office, the cost associated with the equipment, and a summary of how the equipment was used, and whether any complaints or concerns were received about the equipment. The ordinance also requires both agencies to post their annual reports and policies to their public websites and jointly host a public meeting to receive any public comment and address any public concerns about the use of military equipment. The documents were posted to the Sheriff's and District Attorney's websites on May 21, 2024. The public meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024 and will be completed prior to your Boards requested approval of these documents.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office requests that your Board authorize the Sheriff's Office's continued participation in the United States Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services, Law Enforcement Support Office's military equipment surplus program to obtain additional unmanned ground vehicles (SWAT/Bomb robots) at no cost to the Sheriff's Office during FY 2024/25. The Law Enforcement Support Office Program, formerly referred to as the 1033 Program, allows local law enforcement agencies to obtain designated military surplus equipment for law enforcement purposes. This particular equipment is utilized by the Sheriff's Bomb Unit and SWAT team to remotely gain visual/audio data, carry equipment, open doors, facilitate disposal of hazardous devices and clear buildings without exposing deputies to hazardous situations. They may be deployed during high-risk situations such as searches for wanted subjects, barricaded subjects and hostage rescues. They may also be used to inspect hazardous materials, possible explosive devices, and other hazardous situations. The Sheriff's Office currently has 13 unmanned ground vehicles (robots), but 11 are obsolete or damaged to the point they are no longer used. Though one new unmanned ground vehicle for the SWAT team is in the procurement process, the remainder are aging and expensive to replace or repair. Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is looking for cost effective methods to improve the existing inventory of unmanned ground vehicles. In addition, the existing inoperable military surplus equipment will be returned to the federal government over the next year.

The Sheriff's Office requests that your Board ratify the acceptance of one .50 caliber rifle, which is designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment. This is a shoulder-mounted rifle designed to have greater accuracy over longer distance than other rifles. It also provides greater penetration in situations when smaller caliber ammunition is ineffective due to body armor. The rifle was transferred from the Oxnard Police Department at no cost in 2023, but will not be deployed beyond a training environment until approved by your Board.

The District Attorney's Office requests that your Board ratify the use of approximately \$2,935 from the District Attorney's Office existing budget for the purchase of six Glock 45T MOS FXD training pistols, which are designated by Ventura County Ordinance No. 4603 as Military Equipment. These training pistols produce a realistic recoil and ensure the proper cycling of the weapons in a training environment so that they feel and shoot like a real handgun. The design also precludes the inadvertent chambering of live ammunition. The training pistols were procured during FY 23/24 and will be used to simulate live fire situations during training.

This letter has been reviewed by the offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, General Services Agency and the Auditor Controller. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sheriff's Commander Jeff Miller at 805-383-8784.

  
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Sheriff  
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District Attorney

- Exhibit 1 – VCSO Military Equipment Annual Report
- Exhibit 2 – VCSO Military Equipment Policy
- Exhibit 3 – District Attorney's Military Equipment Annual Report
- Exhibit 4 – District Attorney's Military Equipment Policy
- Exhibit 5 – Ventura County Ordinance 4603
- Exhibit 6 – Training Pistol Quote