



Lodi Police Department

Ricardo Garcia
Chief of Police

Memorandum

To: Chief Ricardo Garcia
From: Lieutenant Sean Blandford
Date: April 9, 2026
Re: Military Equipment Inventory

The following inventory has been compiled in accordance with Lodi Police Department Lexipol Policy 706 and Government Code 7070-7072.

As of April 9, 2026, the Lodi Police Department owns and possesses the following items of equipment:

1. **Equipment Description:** Three (3) unmanned, remotely piloted aerial vehicles (DJI Matrice, and two (2) DJI Mini Pros)

Purpose and Use: Deployed to assist officers or incident commanders by providing an aerial view. Deployment examples include but are not limited to searches for missing persons, major collision investigations, disaster management, crime scene documentation, and SWAT or other tactical operations. Operators shall have completed all required FAA and Department training. Unmanned aerial systems are used in accordance with Lodi PD Lexipol Policy 606.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$1,600 in annual costs.

Intended Future Purchases: The department is proposing the acquisition of one (1) DJI Matrice 400 and one (1) DJI Avata 2, at an estimated total cost of \$26,500. These systems would enhance aerial capabilities across a range of public safety operations, including search and rescue, incident assessment, and tactical support, improving overall efficiency and situational awareness.

2. **Equipment Description:** Two (2) unmanned remote controlled Recon Robotics Throwbots

Purpose and Use: Remotely controlled handheld robot that may be deployed during tactical operations to safely gather intelligence and reduce risk of contact with armed suspects. May be deployed by trained personnel at the direction of the incident commander.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Fiscal Impact: No known annual or maintenance costs. Purchase price of \$17,833 apiece.

Intended Future Purchases: None

3. **Equipment Description:** One (1) unmanned remote controlled Icor Technology Mini-Caliber (render safe robot) assigned to EOD

Purpose and Use: Utilized by trained members of the Emergency Ordinance and Disposal team to locate and render safe or transport potentially explosive ordinances. At the discretion of the incident commander, the robot may be used during tactical incidents such as for barricaded subjects, high risk warrant service and hostage rescue. Use of two way communications allows operators to speak with potentially armed suspects and provide opportunities for de-escalation, negotiations, or providing a view into the building for a tactical advantage.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Fiscal Impact: No known annual maintenance costs. Purchased by the Lodi Police Foundation for approximately \$66,120.

Intended Future Purchases: None

4. **Equipment Description:** One (1) Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (BATT) rescue vehicle assigned to the Operations Division

Purpose and Use: The BATT is an armored rescue vehicle designed to provide enhanced protection for officers and civilians during critical incidents involving potential threats from firearms. It is equipped with emergency lighting and a public address system, which is frequently used by crisis negotiators to communicate during high-risk warrant services and other hazardous situations.

The vehicle also includes specialized tools, such as a battering ram, to assist in controlled access during tactical operations. Its primary function is to support the safe rescue, evacuation, and deployment of personnel in dangerous environments.

In addition to its operational role, the BATT is occasionally used for community engagement events such as parades, toy drives, and National Night Out, helping foster positive interaction between the department and the community.

Deployment during tactical or rescue incidents is authorized by the Incident Commander or SWAT Commander. All sworn personnel receive training in its operation, and its use is governed by Lexipol Policy 406.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: Annual maintenance costs vary, typically about \$3,000 per year. Purchase price of \$248,400 with \$50,000 paid for by a Homeland Security grant and the remainder by the Lodi Police Foundation.

Intended Future Purchases: Due to an electrical fire and mounting repairs and maintenance costs, the Department allocated funds to purchase a new armored vehicle from Lenco. The purchase has been approved by Council with expected delivery date in early 2026.

5. **Equipment Description:** One (1) Ford Expedition modified with the ability to operate as a mobile Command Post

Purpose and Use: This vehicle contains a radio, computer, a scribing station and monitors for viewing footage from the UAS. It is assigned to the Patrol Watch Commander during daily duties, but also provides support during major incidents or searches for missing persons. It may be used by any sworn officer with a standard driver's license.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: There were no internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: Annual maintenance costs typically associated with a patrol vehicle including regular service and repair or replacement of worn or damaged parts. Purchase price of vehicle, equipment and installation totaling \$72,303.

Intended Future Purchases: None

6. **Equipment Description:** One (1) Mobile Operations Center; a truck/trailer combination equipped with radios, computers and telephones for major incidents or special events.

Purpose and Use: The Mobile Operations Center (MOC) is deployed 3-5 times per year. It was purchased in 2001 in partnership with the Lodi Fire Department, though use, maintenance and upkeep have become the primary responsibility of the Police Department.

It is deployed during special events such as the 4th of July event at Lodi Lake and during the Grape Festival. As a Command Post, it has room for multiple dispatchers, Commanders and other personnel during major incidents that are typically extended in nature. It is also equipped with air conditioning, a bathroom and a small conference room. It is only driven by officers trained in its use who also maintain a valid Class A license.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: There were no internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: Annual maintenance costs are approximately \$1,000 per year. Purchase price of \$172,235.

Intended Future Purchases: The Department is seeking to replace the current MOC, which is requiring increasingly frequent repairs. The MOC is also difficult to transport, as it requires a specially trained Class A certified driver. The Department has received funds allocated by the County by Homeland Security in the amount of \$350,000. It is estimated to require an additional approximately \$50,000 to complete the equipping of this vehicle. The additional funds will come from the Department's vehicle replacement fund. Purchase of this vehicle has been approved by Officer of Emergency Services (grant adjudicator) and the new MOC is under construction with an estimated delivery date in the summer of 2026.

7. **Equipment Description:** Sixty four (64) .223 Colt AR-15 rifles assigned to all officers ranked Lieutenant and below, with the exception of officers assigned to SWAT and Motors.

Purpose and Use: These semi-automatic rifles provide officers with a patrol-ready option for responding to high-risk, life-threatening situations. They offer greater accuracy and effectiveness at extended distances and in circumstances where standard-issue sidearms may be insufficient. These rifles are also capable of defeating certain types of body armor, which may be encountered in critical incidents.

Rifles are issued only to officers who have successfully completed a POST-certified 16-hour

tactical rifle course. All use is strictly governed by department policy, including Lexipol Policy 305 (Firearms) and Lexipol Policy 300 (Use of Force), with an emphasis on accountability, training, and the preservation of life.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: There have been no internal audits or findings indicating violations of the department's military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are little to no annual maintenance costs. Purchase price of \$22,505.

Intended Future Purchases: None

8. **Equipment Description:** Nineteen (19) .223 Colt M-4 rifles assigned to SWAT and Motors.

Purpose and Use: These semi-automatic rifles are issued to trained SWAT personnel for use in critical incidents where accuracy and control are essential. Their compact design enables safer, more effective maneuvering in confined spaces, such as within buildings during tactical operations. The platform is also utilized by Motor officers due to its size and compatibility with motorcycle deployment. All use is guided by department policy and focused on protecting the public, officers, and involved individuals.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: There have been no internal audits or findings indicating violations of the department's military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are little to no annual maintenance costs. Purchase price of \$14,418.

Intended Future Purchases: The department is proposing the acquisition of fifteen (15) Geissele Super Duty MOD 1 5.56, 11.5-inch short-barreled rifles at a total cost of \$24,350. These rifles are intended to replace older SWAT-issued rifles that have reached high round counts, ensuring continued reliability, safety, and operational effectiveness.

9. **Equipment Description:** The department maintains four Ruger Precision .308 rifles assigned to our SWAT unit.

Purpose and Use: These rifles are designated for specially trained SWAT personnel and are used only in critical incidents where a high degree of precision is required. Their purpose is to safely and effectively resolve potentially life-threatening situations, with the primary goal of protecting innocent lives, officers, and the broader community.

Complaints or Concerns: None.

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are little to no annual maintenance costs. Purchase price \$6,000.

Intended Future Purchases: None.

10. **Equipment Description:** Twenty-three (23) CTS noise-flash diversionary devices (flash-bangs) assigned to SWAT, and eleven (11) CTS "9-bangs" assigned to SWAT.

Purpose and Use: Noise-flash diversionary devices produce a bright flash and loud sound to temporarily overwhelm the senses of nearby subjects, allowing officers to quickly gain control in volatile or high-risk situations. These devices are instrumental in enabling SWAT personnel to safely and efficiently resolve potentially dangerous incidents, protecting both the public and our officers. Additional devices are reserved exclusively for training, ensuring that personnel remain proficient in their use. Deployment is strictly limited to officers trained in proper operation under the direction of the SWAT or Incident Commander, and they must maintain the highest standards of safety and professionalism.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are no annual maintenance costs.

Intended Future Purchases: None.

11. **Equipment Description:** Tear Gas

- Ten (10) tri-chamber CS gas grenades
- Forty eight (48) 12 gauge Ferret Liquid Barricade Penetrator CS gas
- Four (4) 12 gauge barricaded liquid CS rounds
- Fifteen (15) 40 mm Ferret CS liquid rounds
- Five (5) Stinger rubber ball CS grenades
- Five (5) CS grenade
- Three (3) 37 mm short range CS rounds
- Twelve (12) OC rubber ball grenade

Purpose and Use: Chemical agent systems, including CS (tear gas) and OC-based devices, are utilized by trained SWAT personnel to safely and effectively manage high-risk and volatile situations. These tools are designed to disperse or incapacitate individuals through temporary sensory irritation, reducing the likelihood of prolonged confrontation or the need for higher levels of force.

These devices are particularly valuable in barricaded subject incidents and other

scenarios where creating distance, gaining compliance, or safely resolving a situation is critical to protecting lives. Their controlled use allows officers to de-escalate dangerous circumstances while prioritizing the safety of civilians, officers, and involved subjects.

All deployments are strictly limited to personnel trained in their proper use and must be authorized by the SWAT or Incident Commander. Training-specific devices are maintained to ensure continued proficiency and adherence to best practices, reinforcing the department's commitment to safety, accountability, and professionalism.

Complaints or Concerns: None

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are no annual maintenance costs. These devices expire after 5 years. Purchase price listed with each item. Price represents total purchase price of that type of item, not individual unit cost.

Intended Future Purchases: The department intends to purchase twenty-four (24) CTS CS baffled canister grenades and forty-eight (48) 40 mm CS liquid barricade rounds at an approximate cost of \$3,600. These additional resources will support both operational readiness and ongoing training needs.

12. **Equipment Description:** The department intends to acquire one hundred (100) rounds of Royal Arms Tesar 450-grain frangible copper 12-gauge breaching ammunition for use by SWAT personnel.

Purpose and Use: These specialized breaching rounds are designed for deployment by trained SWAT officers specifically assigned to shotgun breaching operations. The rounds are intended for use only during authorized training or operational breaching exercises, and only with the approval of the SWAT Commander or Incident Commander. The frangible copper construction ensures that the rounds disintegrate upon impact, minimizing the risk of over-penetration and reducing potential harm to officers, occupants, or bystanders. Use of this ammunition enhances operational efficiency by allowing SWAT teams to safely and precisely gain entry while maintaining the highest standards of safety and professionalism. This equipment supports the safe resolution of potentially dangerous incidents while continuing to prioritize protecting innocent lives, officers, and the broader community.

Complaints or Concerns: None.

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: The total projected cost for the purchase of one hundred (100) rounds of Royal Arms Tesar MF 450-grain frangible copper 12-gauge breaching ammunition is approximately \$700. Ongoing maintenance costs are minimal.

13. **Equipment Description:** The department intends to acquire a CTS LC5 launching cup to be mounted on a 12-gauge shotgun, to be used in conjunction with CTS 2600 12-gauge launching cartridges, for the deployment of gas grenades at a distance during SWAT operations.

Purpose and Use: This gas deployment system allows trained SWAT personnel to safely and effectively deliver chemical agents from a distance, reducing the need for close proximity to potentially dangerous or barricaded subjects. The system enhances officer safety by providing a controlled method for dispersing gas munitions while maintaining operational effectiveness.

Deployment of the CTS LC5 launching cup and associated launching cartridges is strictly limited to officers trained in its proper use and requires authorization from the SWAT Commander or Incident Commander.

Complaints or Concerns: None.

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: The total projected cost for this intended purchase is approximately \$1,200. Ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be minimal.

14. **Equipment Description:** Projectile Launch Platforms

- One (1) 37 mm SL-6 Penn Arms Multi-Shot Projectile Launcher assigned to SWAT
- Two (2) LMT single tube 40 mm launcher assigned to SWAT and Mobile Field Force.

Purpose and Use: Projectile launchers are used to deliver tear gas devices from a distance. They are only to be used by designated personnel who have received POST certification in their use.

Complaints or Concerns: None.

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are no annual maintenance costs. Purchase price of \$857 apiece for the LMT launchers. The SL-6 was purchased over 25 years ago, unknown purchase price.

Intended Future Purchases: None.

15. **Equipment Description:** Kinetic weapons - twenty seven (27) orange Remington 870 12 gauge shotguns

Purpose and Use: These firearms are only used for firing bean-bag rounds. Each patrol vehicle is assigned this kinetic weapon as a less-lethal force option that can be deployed from a distance, reducing the likelihood of injury to both officer and suspects. These may be used by trained personnel to help subdue violent subjects. Use of these weapons is regulated by Lexipol policy 305 (Firearms).

Complaints or Concerns: None.

Internal Audits: No internal audits or information about violations of the military equipment use policy.

Financial Impact: There are no annual maintenance costs. Purchase price of \$13,504.

Intended Future Purchases: None