

# Management Memorandum

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TO: All Commands

## MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY

The purpose of this Management Memorandum (MM) is to provide guidelines to ensure compliance with California Assembly Bill (AB) 481. To ensure compliance with AB 481, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has adopted the following policy and procedures in Highway Patrol Manual (HPM) 11.2, Materials Management Manual, Chapter 19, Law Enforcement Support Office Program, and ensures compliance with the equipment use policy as defined within HPM 11.2, Chapter 8, Equipment. These policies are related to the acquisition, approval, and inventory management of equipment deemed by AB 481, to be military equipment. These revisions shall take effect immediately.

The AB 481 requires a state agency to create military equipment use policy in conformance with Government Code 7073 (a). The CHP utilizes equipment that has been identified as military equipment as defined within AB 481, Law Enforcement and State Agencies: Military Equipment: Funding, Acquisition, and Use.

The CHP has created a list of military equipment which is being utilized currently and prior to January 1, 2022. The CHP will update this list as additional military equipment is funded, acquired and or used within the Department. The fiscal impact of the military equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining it will be updated and placed on the CHP website annually for each piece of equipment.

Listed items will note the following:

- A description of the military equipment.
- The purposes and authorized uses for which the CHP proposes to use each type of military equipment.
- The fiscal impact of each type of military equipment.
- The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.

- The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, departmental training, or comparable approved training that must be completed before CHP personnel are allowed to use each specific type of military equipment.
- The mechanisms to ensure compliance with military equipment use policy.

The information contained in this MM will be incorporated into the next manual revision of HPM 11.2, Chapter 8 and Chapter 19. Questions regarding the purchasing process should be directed to Business Services Section at (916) 843-3600.

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