

Assembly Bill 481

Community Meeting – March 18, 2025



Agenda

What Is Assembly Bill 481

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How Equipment Is Funded, Acquired, Used

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What Is Assembly Bill 481

September 30, 2021
Gov. Newsom signed
8 police reform bills,
including AB 481



- **Transparency**
- **Accountability**
- **Oversight for acquisition & use of equipment**

- **Provide safeguards to protect public's:**
 - Welfare
 - Safety
 - Civil rights & liberties

- **Requires an annual report to summarize:**
 - Equipment usage & updates
 - Document internal audits
 - Summarize community feedback

- **Create public forum for input and engagement**



What Is Assembly Bill 481

AB 481 Requires Initial Approval & Annual Reporting

AB 481 requires approval for continued use of item purchased prior to January 1, 2022

CPD's 2024 annual report

Annual report to include:

- How equipment is being used
- Maintenance and use costs
- Internal audits
- Community feedback on use



Why Equipment Is Need

Goal:

Safe, peaceful resolution for the **involved parties**, the **public** and **officers**.

Concerns

- Actions
- Capabilities
- Intentions

Decision Factors

- Time
- Distance
- Cover



How Equipment Is Funded

City of Campbell
General Fund

Asset
Forfeiture
Funding

Local,
State
and
Federal
Grants

City of Campbell
Capital
Improvement
Project

Reallocation
of City
Resources

Campbell Police
Foundation



Equipment Categories Per AB 481

CPD is in possession of items highlighted

Category 1

Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles

Category 2

Mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles or armored personnel carriers

Category 3

High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), 2 ½ ton trucks, 5-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached

Category 4

Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants

Category 5

Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units

Category 6

Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind

Category 7

Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature

Category 8

Firearms of .50 caliber or greater

Category 9

Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater

Category 10

Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber

Category 11

Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles

Category 12

Noise-flash diversionary devices and explosive breaching tools, munitions containing tear gas or OC, excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray

Category 13

TASER® Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and long-range acoustic devices

Category 14

Kinetic energy weapons and munitions

Category 15

Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight



Category 1 Unmanned Remotely Controlled Ground Vehicle

Unmanned ground robots are used for reconnaissance during critical incidents to assist in providing visibility in areas where it would be unsafe to send a peace officer. This system can also be used to deliver items or disrupt potentially hazardous items. Not having access to this item would require the use of peace officers to engage in high-risk tasks. There is no known alternative to this system.



Category 1 Unmanned Remotely Piloted Powered Aerial Vehicle

Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) are necessary and have proven to be useful to public safety agencies in firefighting, search and rescue, pre-operational surveillance, and other tactical situations where aerial views enhance the safety and efficiency of law enforcement and fire personnel. Without the use of a UAS, peace officers would have to deploy to high-risk locations which would increase the risk to the officers and members of the public. The UAS system is designed to enter small spaces, such as enclosed structures, as well as to provide overhead observations of areas and other structures. There are no known alternatives which could be used to safely access all the interior and exterior locations .



Category 2 & 3 Armored Personnel Carriers / Wheeled Vehicles That Have A Breaching Or Entry Apparatus

Armored vehicles are used to provide ballistic protection to officers and community members during rescue, critical incidents, and other hazardous situations. These vehicles allow officers closer access to high-risk situations while substantially reducing the physical risk to the officers and community members. These vehicles are built on commercial vehicle chassis and are primarily a reinforcement of civilian commercial vehicles. As such, there are no reasonable alternatives to providing the same level of ballistic protection.



Category 5 Command And Control Vehicles

The Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MEOC) is an unarmored vehicle equivalent to a commercial recreational vehicle. It is equipped with specific communication and audio-visual devices to assist in command and control of a critical incident in addition to providing capabilities for crisis negotiations and police dispatching. This vehicle allows for mobile incident command and use of the incident command systems facilitating the best possible on-scene decision-making by key leaders. It also provides mobility, sheltering, logistical support, and power. It can be utilized as a temporary Emergency Operations Center. There is no known alternative for the MEOC which provides the same amount of mobility and support at one location in a quick deploying package.



Category 7 Breaching Apparatuses, Slugs

Shotgun breaching shells are utilized for defeating locked, barricaded, or fortified locations allowing officers to conduct rescues or high risk forceable entries. This includes but is not limited to rescuing hostages or active shooter situations. In such situations time is of the essence and it would not be feasible to wait for other delayed access to the structure. Handheld battering rams as an alternative does not afford the same level of protection or speed that such equipment provides when necessary. As such there is no reasonable alternative to these items when they are used and required.
Does a ram fall into this category also?



Category 8, 9, & 10 Specialized Firearms And Ammunition Including Assault Weapons

Patrol rifles, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) rifles, and sniper rifles enable officers, when in compliance with the police department's Use of Force Policy, to address medium to long distance threats, or those threats who are heavily armed, armored, or both. Further, in both short and long-distance deployments, they allow officers precision shot placement minimizing the risk to officers and innocent community members. The .50 caliber single shot rifle is deployed in situations that exceed the capabilities of traditional sniper rifles such as structural glass, disabling vehicles, light rail trains, and buses. There are no known alternatives to these weapons that will provide the same level of distance or precision.



Category 12 Flashbangs

Flashbangs are used as a distraction device in order to disorient or divert the suspect's attention away from officers. This can allow officers to gain safer access to a high-risk situation, giving extra time to assess and analyze existing threats. This can prevent injury to officers and community members. These devices can often lead to a safer resolution and allow officers to take subjects into custody without additional force. There is no known alternative to a flashbang when it is necessary.



Category 12 Tear Gas

Tear gas is a less lethal use of force option used to address violent or riotous crowds when there is a risk of physical safety. They are also used to safely extract a suspect from a fixed location or safely detain a suspect who poses a risk of violence to officers or the public. Tear gas allows peace officers to deploy a less lethal chemical agent into a structure or vehicle. This can afford peace officers an added option to avoid lethal force encounters. When these items are reasonable and necessary for use, there is no other alternative.



Category 14 40mm Projectile Launchers

The 40mm launcher affords the ability to use less lethal chemical agents and impact munitions. This allows officers to confront a potentially armed or dangerous suspect from a greater distance and provides an alternative option to deadly force when reasonable. When necessary, there is no alternative to these less lethal weapon systems.

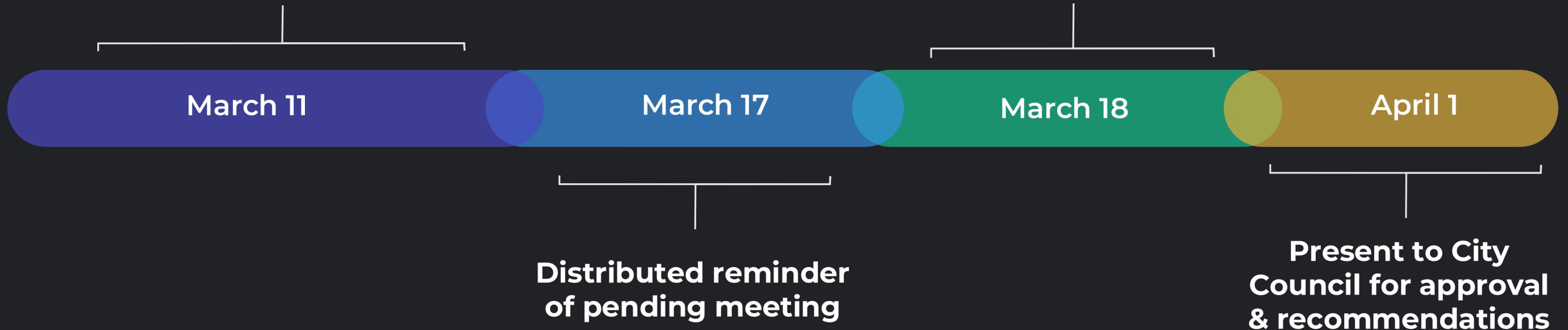


Community Engagement Activities

Meeting Notice On CPD Website & Social Media

- Full text of AB 481
- AB 481 defined list of military equipment currently in CPD's possession
- CPD's summary of AB 481
- Draft Lexipol Policy 709

Community Meeting



How Does This Impact Campbell

**Without
Approval of
Policy 709**

- Continue to have access to resources currently available
- Corresponding policies & procedures would remain in effect
 - Implement tracking system for equipment use in preparation for the AB 481 Annual Report
 - Increase existing workload

- Cease the use of equipment designated by AB 481
- Redesign our policies, procedures & operations for critical incident response
(Includes ability to provide & receive mutual aid)
 - Public safety will be negatively impacted
 - Less lethal options will be reduced

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Questions

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Thank You

