

Emeryville Police Department

Military Equipment Inventory – Attachment to EPD Policy 707.4

1. Category 10 Equipment – Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency¹:

Quantity, Description, and Capabilities

- 13 Colt AR-15 rifles; 8 Colt M4 rifles; 2 Smith & Wesson M&P-15 rifles; 3 Smith & Wesson M&P-15T rifles; 2 Smith & Wesson M&P-15 VTAC rifles; 1 Bravo Company MFG M-4 rifle; 2 Colt LE Carbine rifle; 1 Noveske N4 rifle; 1 Noveske N15 rifle; 1 Rock River Arms LAR-15 rifle; 1 Spike's Tactical ST15 rifle (total: 35 AR-15 style rifles)
- These rifles are 16" barrel AR-15 platform rifles. The rifles are gas-operated, semi-automatic rifles with the ability to be fired from shoulder level. The rifles include a collapsible stock and 30 round magazine and are chambered for .223 or 5.56 caliber.
- These rifles can be fired from shoulder level and have a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin. The rifle barrel's design provides greater accuracy over a long distance. The rifles also have the ability to defeat soft body armor.

Purpose and Use

These rifles are used as a precision weapon when sworn personnel reasonably anticipate an armed encounter, to address threats that may be protected by body armor or where the distance prevents a handgun from proficiently or effectively addressing the threat. Emeryville Police Department policies "300-Use of Force" and "305-Firearms" describe authorized use of the rifle.

Expected Lifespan

5-15 years

Fiscal Impact

- Colt AR-15 and Colt M4: Initial cost - \$999; annual maintenance – approximately \$50

¹ This inventory includes weapons personally owned by officers but deployed for official use in the course of duty.

- Smith & Wesson M&P-15 and M&P-15T: Initial cost - \$899; annual maintenance - approximately \$50
- Smith & Wesson M&P VTAC, Bravo Company MFG M-4, Colt LE Carbine, Noveske N4, Noveske N15, Rock River Arms LAR-15, and Spike's Tactical ST15: Initial cost - personally owned/purchased; annual maintenance - approximately \$50

Training

All sworn personnel deploying these rifles must have completed a 16 hour POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified "Firearms/Tactical Rifle" course. Annual qualification requirements are described in Emeryville Police Department policy "305-Firearms". In addition, POST requires 4 hours of training every two years.

Legal and Procedural Rules Governing Use

California Penal Code section 835(a) sets forth the legal rules for deadly force. Procedural rules for deployment of the rifles are described in Emeryville Police Department policies including "300-Use of Force" and "305-Firearms."

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