

AB-481 Annual Report

Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use

2024-2025



Our approach and values



Partnership – Leadership – Excellence – Regional



Open & accountable



Acquire, train and use only that equipment that increases safety broadly



Our maintenance and deployment of specialized equipment used by trained deputies means that smaller agencies in Marin County are relieved of possessing the equipment, but they are advantaged with MCSO having the capability.



AB-481 Summary

- September 30, 2021 – Gov. Newsom signed 8 police reform bills, including AB 481
- Increase transparency, accountability, oversight for acquisition and use of equipment
- Provide safeguards to protect public's welfare, safety, civil rights and liberties
- Requires an annual report to summarize
 - Equipment usage and updates
 - Document internal audits
 - Summarize community feedback
- Create public forum for input and engagement



Why do we need this equipment

Goal:

Safe, peaceful
resolution for the
involved parties,
the public, and
deputies

Concerns:

Actions,
capabilities, and
intentions

Factors that influence sound decisions:

Time, distance,
and cover



Board of Supervisor's Approval

In October 2022, The Marin County Board of Supervisors approved our Military Equipment inventory and policy drafts.

- Marin County Sheriff's Office Policy 706 *Military Equipment* details the required definitions, authorizations, use and documentation outlined in the Assembly Bill.
 - This annual report will detail use from the last date of BOS approval (July 2024 to June 2025)



MCSO AB 481 Equipment List

AB 481 Category	Equipment Type / Description	How Equipment Was Funded	How Long Equipment Has Been in Inventory	Comparable Bay Area Counties**
Category 1	Remote Controlled Robot (Tactical Robot)/sUAS	General Fund	2006/2018	
Category 3	Armored Rescue Vehicle	UASI Security Grant	2013	
Category 5	Command Vehicle	General Fund	2001	
Category 7	Breaching Round / Projectile	General Fund	2016	
Category 10	Patrol Rifles / Precision Rifles	General Fund	1997	
Category 12	Diversionsary Devices / Tear Gas	General Fund	20+ years	
Category 13	Long Range Acoustic Device	UASI Security Grant	March 2024	
Category 14	Less Lethal / Kinetic Energy Rounds	General Fund	2004	

**** Possess and approve similar equipment per AB481 reports**



Equipment Use Summary

- Category 1 (Tactical Robot/sUAS)
 - Number of uses
 - 29 (sUAS Only)



Example of Use:

The Marin County Sheriff's Office sUAS Team was requested to assist the Marin County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) with the service of a high-risk search warrant at a residence in Marinwood. The sUAS team maintained over watch of the residence before, and during the service of the search warrant, and additionally flew one UAV flight inside of the residence to safely search the area prior to personnel entering. In total, the sUAS team flew a total of four flights with a total flight time of 59 minutes.

Quarterly reports for use can be found at
<https://www.marinsheriff.org/publications/data-statistics>



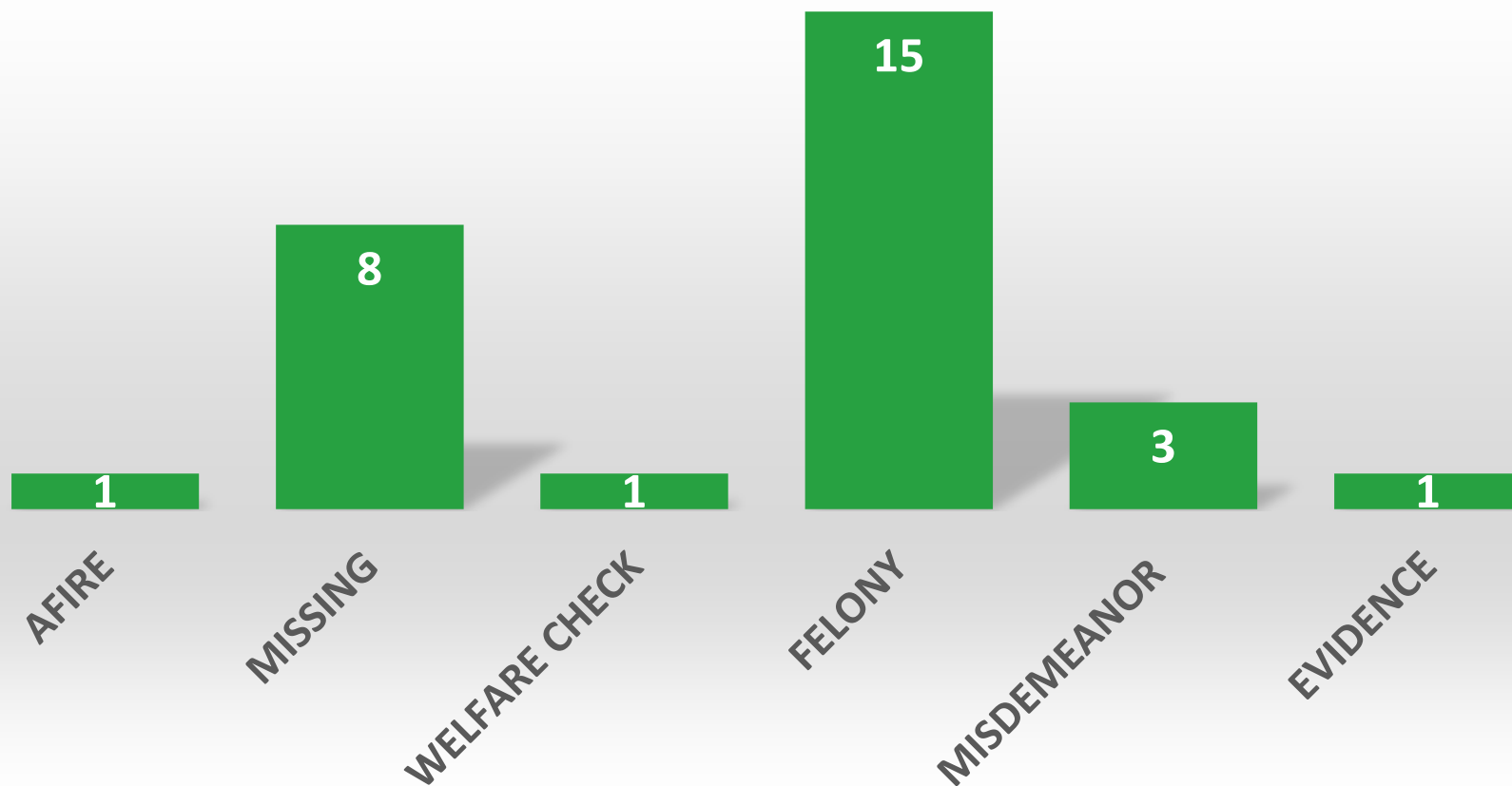
Authorized sUAS Mission Types

- Public safety and life preservation missions
- Search and Rescue (SAR) / missing person missions
- Requests from local, state, or federal fire authorities
- Pursuant to a search warrant or consent
- Authorized training missions
- Post-incident crime scene
- Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD), hazardous materials
- Natural or human caused disasters, including full overview for post-incident analysis/documentation
- No surveillance or proactive flights; all for incidents

ALL Missions must meet criteria outlined in policy and be approved by watch commander prior to deployment



sUAS Missions, FY 24-25



29 TOTAL MISSIONS



Data Retention for sUAS Footage

- Most of the AB481 equipment usage is from our Agency's sUAS Team.

Community question: A question was asked about uninvolved persons that may be captured in the footage

- Any aerial footage captured as a part of an investigation is stored in accordance with our Department data storage policy.
 - Incidents that are not forwarded for prosecution are deleted from the server after 60 days
 - Incidents that are forwarded for prosecution will be stored longer for evidentiary purposes.



Equipment Use Summary

- Category 3 (Armored Rescue Vehicle)
- Category 5 (Command Vehicle)
- Category 10 (Specialty Rifle)
- Category 13 (LRAD)
 - Number of uses
 - 2 (Bearcat ARV, Command Vehicle, LRAD and SRT Rifles deployed)



Example of Use:

The Marin County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) was requested for an armed, barricaded, suicidal subject, believed to be inside his residence after making threats against former co-workers. The subject lived on the second floor of a multi-story residential complex, with neighbors nearby. The suspect was ultimately detained in his home after attempts at communications with Crisis Negotiations Team were unsuccessful. The subject peacefully surrendered to Marin County SRT without incident.



Training for Equipment Use

sUAS

- All pilots are licensed through FAA – (PART 107 Certification)
- Complete a 40-hour operators' course, including night flying, before participating in missions
- Attend at least bi-monthly sUAS training covering topics including policy, procedure, new laws, and practical use
- 10 trained members

SRT

- Command Vehicle, ARV and specialized weapons/munitions have specialized training
- Complete an 80-hour SWAT school
- Attend 12-hour training sessions monthly
Minimum of 104 hours per calendar year
- 19 trained members



Equipment Replacement

During this Annual Report period (July '24-June '25) MCSO purchased replacement equipment that falls under AB481.

- Replacement Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (Jan '25)
- 12g Less Lethal Munitions for Training (April '25)
- Long Range Precision Rifles (June '25)
- (4) sUAS devices (Apr '25)
- (4) less-lethal launchers (Ordered, not yet delivered)
 - Unable to acquire 37mm munitions, now utilizing industry-standard 40mm



Possible Funding Sources

- County of Marin General Fund
- County of Marin Capital Improvement Project
- Asset Forfeiture Funding
- Local, State and Federal Grants
- Reallocation of County Resources
- Transfer of Department of Defense property to Law Enforcement Agencies (obtained through the 1208 or 1033 Programs) *

** MCSO has NOT sought out or received the transfer of Department of Defense equipment through the 1208 or 1033 Programs since 2020. Future equipment transfers may be sought, but not for equipment that meets AB481 reporting criteria*





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