

September 11, 2024

To: Emily Cutrer, Interim President, via Monir Ahmed  
Monir Ahmed, Vice President for Administration and Finance

From: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police

Re: Compliance with AB 481 and Policy 706 – Regulated Equipment and Tools

In July 2022, pursuant to Assembly Bill 481, the California State University Board of Trustees approved a system-wide Regulated Tools and Equipment policy for its twenty-three (23) Police Departments. This policy was adopted and published by the Sonoma State Police Department as Policy 706. AB 481 and Policy 706 require that we publish certain information annually regarding specified regulated equipment.

Of the sixteen regulated types of equipment and tools, the Sonoma State University Police Department utilizes only the 40mm sponge tip launchers and bean bag munitions, as part of its less than lethal cadre. Information regarding the use, policy compliance, funding, and inventory for the period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, are outlined below:

**Summary of how regulated tools and equipment were used, and the purpose of its use:**

- The Sonoma State University Police Department did display the 40mm sponge tip launchers on two occasions, off campus and within the City of Cotati, to gain compliance and assist in the arrest of individuals actively resisting or believed to possess weapons.
- The Sonoma State University did not display or utilize the bean bag shotgun.

**Summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning Regulated Equipment and Tools:**

- The Sonoma State University Police Department **did not** receive any complaints or concerns regarding the use of the 40mm sponge tip launchers.

**Results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the Regulated Equipment and Tools policy, and any actions taken in response:**

- The Sonoma State University Police Department **did not** receive any audit findings or information about violations associated with Policy 706 - Regulated Equipment and Tools.

**Annual cost and source of funds for Regulated Equipment and Tools:**

- Total expenditures during the reportable time period for planned purchases, training and to support readiness of the Department approved Regulated Equipment and Tools was approximately \$1000, which was expended from general fund accounts.

**Current inventory of regulated tools and equipment:**

- The Sonoma State University Police Department currently possesses two (2) Defense Technology 40mm LMT single-shot launchers, accompanied by fifty (50) eXact Impact Sponge rounds, and twenty-four (24) plastic training rounds. In addition, the department possesses twenty-five bean bag rounds, which are deployed by two (2) department owned shotguns.

**Planned purchases of additional regulated tools and equipment in FY 2024-2025:**

- Two (2) Defense Technology 40mm LMT single-shot launchers
- Fifty (50) eXact Impact Sponge rounds

*It should be noted that the planned purchase of two (2) Defense Technology 40mm LMT single-shot launchers and sponge rounds were not purchased during the FY 2023-2024.*

To further our efforts toward transparency and communication, the department will discuss information contained within this report on October 9, 2024, from 1pm to 2pm, via Zoom, during the President's Advisory Council on Campus Police and Safety. This Council is comprised of students, faculty and staff at Sonoma State University. For additional information about our policies, contact information, and other services provided please visit our website at: <https://police.sonoma.edu/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Nader Oweis  
Chief of Police

CC: Department website