

September 20, 2022

To: Campus Community

From: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police

Re: Compliance with AB 481 – Regulated Equipment and Tools

In July of 2022, the 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 as outlined by Assembly Bill 481, and requires every law enforcement agency in the State of California to publish certain information annually regarding specified 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 2022 calendar year to date are outlined below:

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

- The Sonoma State University Police did not have any cases involving the use of the 40mm sponge tip launchers or bean bag rounds.

**Summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning regulated tools and equipment:**

- 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 tools and equipment 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 the regulated tools and equipment policy.

**Annual cost and source of funds for regulated tools and equipment:**

- Total expenditures in 2022 for planned purchases to support training and readiness of the 40mm sponge tip launchers is approximately \$6000, which is 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 department owned shotguns.

**Planned purchases of additional regulated tools and equipment in 2023:**

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

To further our efforts toward transparency and communication, the department will discuss information contained within this report on October 19, 2022, from 2pm - 3pm, via Zoom, during the Faculty Senate Chair Chat program. This session is open to all 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 [nader.oweis@sonoma.edu](mailto:nader.oweis@sonoma.edu).

Sincerely,



Nader Oweis  
Chief of Police

CC: Monir Ahmed, Vice President for Administration and Finance