

September 9, 2023

To: Ming Tung "Mike" Lee, 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 not have any cases involving the use of the 40mm sponge tip launchers.
- The Sonoma State University did display the bean bag shotgun 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.
 - In February 2023, Sonoma State officers assisted City of Cotati officers take into custody a non-compliant subject possibly armed with a knife. The bean bag shotgun was displayed to gain compliance resulting in the arrest of the subject without further incident.
 - In April 2023, Sonoma State officers assisted City of Cotati officers take into custody a subject with a warrant for their arrest. The subject was non-compliant and assaultive towards the officers. The bean bag shotgun was displayed to gain compliance resulting in the arrest of the subject without further incident.

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 \$6000, 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 2023 -2024:

- 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 September 28, 2023, from 3pm to 5pm, via Zoom, during a Faculty Senate Regular Meeting. 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.

Sincerely,



Nader Oweis
Chief of Police

CC: Department website