

AB 481 Military Equipment Report for 2026

Category 10: Specialized Firearms

Make: Ruger

Model: AR-556

Capabilities:

These rifles fire an intermediate-power cartridge (.223) which is more powerful than a standard pistol but less powerful than a standard rifle. The patrol rifle provides better accuracy over the previously used 12ga shot guns.

Cost: \$505.42

Anticipated yearly maintenance cost: 0

Life Span: 10-15 years

Inventory: 25

Training: Prior to using a rifle, officers must be certified by POST instructors in the operation of the rifle. Additionally, all members that operate any rifle are required to pass a range qualification twice a year in addition to regular range training.

Legal and Procedural Rule: Use is established under PPD Policy 301 and Policy 307.3.3. It is the policy of the PPD to utilize rifles only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Related Complaints or Concerns Received

None

Audit Summary (violations of Use Policy/Action Taken)

The Patrol rifles were not used during a use of force incident, subsequently there were no policy violations.

Category 12: Light & Sound Distraction Dives, Pepper ball Launchers

Make: Defense Technology

Model: Low Roll II 11-gram Non-Reloadable Distraction Device

Capabilities:

A distraction device is ideal for distracting dangerous suspects during assaults, hostage rescue, room entry or other high-risk arrest situations. To produce atmospheric over- pressure and brilliant white light and, as a result, can cause short-term (6 - 8 seconds) physiological/psychological sensory deprivation to give officers a tactical advantage. The 11-Gram Non-Reloadable Distraction Device incorporates an M201A1 type fuse with hex design gun steel body. This compact version of the 8933 Low Roll Distraction Device body is the newest version of the original reusable non-bursting canisters that limits movement and rolling once deployed. The steel body is designed to reduce rolling, fit in tactical pouches easily, and deliver the safest and most effective stimuli in the industry.

Cost: \$68.55

Anticipated yearly maintenance cost: 0

Life Span: 5 years

Inventory: 8

Training:

POST Certified diversionary device training. Use only by officer who has been trained in their proper use during high-risk situations where their use would enhance officer safety or in training environments.

Legal and Procedural Rule:

Utilization of diversionary devices is only for official law enforcement purposes, and pursuant to State and Federal law regarding the use of force.

Related Complaints or Concerns Received

None

Audit Summary (violations of Use Policy/Action Taken)

Light sound distraction devices were not used during a use of force incident, subsequently there were no policy violations.

Make: Pepper Ball

Model: FTC

Capabilities:

The FTC is a high-capacity, semi-automatic Pepper Ball launcher used for crowd management, mobile field force operations, area denial, vehicle extraction and introducing a safer chemical agent into a structure to facilitate the surrender of a person into police custody.

Cost: \$499.97

Anticipated yearly maintenance cost: 0

Life Span: 5 years

Training:

This course certifies students as PepperBall Instructors and Armorers for their individual agency, allowing them to design a course in the safe and effective use of the PepperBall system and to service and maintain their launchers. We have sent our department range masters to the instructor course and they are developing a training curriculum consistent with law and policy

Legal and Procedural Rule:

Use is established under PPD Policy 301 and in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.

Related Complaints or Concerns Received

None

Audit Summary (violations of Use Policy/Action Taken)

The Pepperball launchers and munitions were not used during a use of force incident, subsequently there were no policy violations.