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Military Equipment Use (MEU) Schedule

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Discuss the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission's (SCPRC's) outreach and community engagement ideas and efforts for the annual Military Equipment Use (MEU) Policy Community Forum.

Contact: Jason Sample, Chair, Sacramento Community Police Review Commission

Presenter: Jason Sample, Chair, Sacramento Community Police Review Commission

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-SPD's Timeline for the Annual Adoption of the Military Use Equipment Ordinance

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Annually, the SCPRC work plans include the goals of collaborating with the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) to formalize a community outreach process and provide recommendations to City Council for future changes of MEU General Order 410.06.

California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) codified as California Government Code sections 7070 - 7075, requires a law enforcement agency (LEA) to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, via adoption of a "military equipment" use policy by ordinance, prior to the LEA's funding, acquiring, or using military equipment. AB 481 requires LEAs to annually obtain approval of a renewed ordinance adopting its MEU policy for the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment in addition to any changes in its inventory, policy, and annual reports by the applicable governing body.

Consistent with its advisory and oversight responsibilities under Sacramento City Code Chapter 2.110, the SCPRC supports public transparency and structured community engagement related to the Military Equipment Use Policy.

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and finalize the SCPRC's outreach and engagement strategy for the 2026 annual MEU Policy Community Forum. Planning considerations may include:

- Date, time, and format of the forum;
- Outreach strategies to maximize community awareness and participation;
- Development and distribution of informational materials;
- Coordination with the SPD and City Clerk's Office;
- Language access and accessibility considerations;
- Opportunities to gather structured public input; and
- Methods for reporting public feedback to the full SCPRC and City Council, as appropriate.

The SCPRC's role is advisory. The forum is intended to promote transparency, facilitate informed public discussion, and support review of the MEU Policy and annual report. Following discussion, the SCPRC may provide direction regarding outreach strategies and planning steps to support successful implementation of the annual forum.

On December 2, 2025, the City Council adopted a timeline for the adoption of the MEU. (Attachment 2)

Policy Considerations: California Government Code sections 7070 et seq. (AB 481) require an annual public meeting regarding military equipment use. The Commission's involvement supports its oversight and advisory responsibilities under Sacramento City Code Chapter 2.110 by promoting transparency and structured public engagement. Any formal recommendations regarding the MEU Policy must be considered and adopted by the full SCPRC at a public meeting. Consultation with the City Attorney is recommended if interpretation of statutory requirements is necessary.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The proposed action is not a project under CEQA because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5).)

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Structured planning for the annual MEU Policy Community Forum supports statutory transparency requirements, enhances public awareness, and promotes meaningful community engagement within the SCPRC's advisory role.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION 2025-0331

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 2, 2025

Establishing a Timeline for Compliance with Annual Military Equipment Use Requirements Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481 and California Government Codes 7070 through 7075

BACKGROUND

- A. Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) and California Government Codes Sections 7070 through 7075 establish standards for law enforcement agencies' acquisition and use of "military equipment" and require local governing body approval and oversight of such use.
- B. The Sacramento Police Department maintains and operates equipment categorized as "military equipment" as defined in Government Code Section 7070.
- C. To ensure compliance with AB 481 and related Government Codes, SPD must annually inspect, report, and seek approval for the continued use of its military equipment inventory through the submission of a Military Equipment Use Policy (MEU Policy) and Annual Military Equipment Use Report (AMEUR).
- D. The Sacramento Police Department proposes a revised annual compliance timeline that maintains full adherence to the statutory requirements while providing sufficient time for internal review, public transparency, and community input.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The Sacramento City Council hereby approves the following annual compliance timeline for the Sacramento Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy and Annual Military Equipment Use Report, consistent with AB 481 and Government Codes 7070–7075:

- A. **Inspection Period:** The inspection period for the Sacramento Police Department's inventory of "military equipment" and its recorded use shall occur from May 1 through April 30 of each year.

- B. **Draft Military Equipment Policy (Government Code §7071(b)):** The Sacramento Police Department’s Military Equipment Use Policy shall be made available to the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission and published in draft format to the department’s website every year before the end of the third week of June.
- C. **Draft Annual Military Equipment Use Report (AMEUR) (Government Code §7072(b)):** The Sacramento Police Department shall make its draft AMEUR available to the Sacramento City Council and publish it to the Department’s website every year before the end of the third week of June.
- D. **Community Meeting (Government Code §7072(b)):** The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission will work in conjunction with the Sacramento Police Department to hold a public “Community Meeting” which shall allow for discussion of the Draft Military Equipment Policy and draft AMEUR. The meeting shall not occur sooner than 30 days after the draft AMEUR is published on the department’s website, but shall occur before July 31st.
- E. **Law and Legislation Committee Review:** The Law and Legislation Committee shall review the draft Military Equipment Use Policy and draft AMEUR on or after the end of the third week of August but no later than the end of the third week of September.
- F. **City Council Approval:** The City Council shall consider approval the Annual Military Equipment Use Report (AMEUR) and related Military Equipment Use Policy no later than the end of the calendar year.

SECTION 2.

The City Council finds that the proposed timeline modification remains in compliance with Assembly Bill 481 and Government Codes 7070–7075, while ensuring appropriate transparency, public engagement, and administrative efficiency.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 2, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Dickinson, Guerra, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Pluckebaum, Talamantes, Vang, and Mayor McCarty

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:  12/23/2025

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.