



MILITARY EQUIPMENT FUNDING, ACQUISITION AND USE POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to provide the process for the approval, acquisition, and reporting requirements of military equipment issued to the CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division as defined, in accordance with Government Code Section 7070 - 7073. The term “military equipment” does not indicate it has been used by or acquired from the military.

CAL FIRE acquires and uses equipment designed to enhance law enforcement’s ability to ensure public safety and welfare statewide. Items deemed to be “military equipment” as defined, are used as a component of overall best practices for law enforcement agencies to enhance both public and officer safety.

Military equipment shall not be acquired or used by department peace officers unless it is issued by the CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division after it has been approved by the Department, the equipment is documented on the CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory, and training requirements for the equipment have been completed prior to deployment. The CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division does not participate in the Law Enforcement Support Officer (LESO) 10-33 program or acquire military equipment made available pursuant to 10 USC 2576a. Military equipment used by other jurisdictions providing mutual aid to the Department will comply with their respective military equipment policy.

The Military Equipment Coordinator will be the CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division liaison for all matters related to the requirements of this policy.

Programs within the CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division are authorized to acquire military equipment as identified on the Military Equipment Categories Exhibit and shall maintain a current inventory on the CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory and provide to the Military Equipment Coordinator as requested for reporting.

DEFINITION(S)

CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division: Includes the Sacramento Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery Program, CFTC Law Enforcement Training Division, Region Fire Prevention and Law Enforcement Program, Unit Fire Prevention/Law Enforcement Battalions and Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Military Equipment: Items defined by California Government Code section 7070(c). It applies to all items defined, regardless of where items are acquired from.



Military Equipment Coordinator: Sacramento Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Authority	Responsibilities
Military Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as Law Enforcement Division liaison for all matters related to the requirements of this policy. • Conducts annual inventory of all military equipment. • Maintain statewide inventory on the CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory. • Identifies department equipment that qualifies as military equipment that is in department possession or equipment intended to be acquired.
CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs within the Division may only acquire, and issue military equipment as authorized in this policy. • Maintain current inventory of those items the programs acquire on the CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory. • Provide current military equipment inventory to the Military Equipment Coordinator when requested. • Ensure military equipment is only issued to employees who have been approved to use and training requirements complete.
Department employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall comply with the requirements of this policy.

RELATED FORM(S) / LINK(S)

- [Military Equipment Categories Exhibit](#)
- [CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory](#)
- [CAL FIRE Military Equipment Inventory Guide Card](#)

AUTHORITY

- [California Government Code Section 7070](#)
- [California Government Code Section 7071](#)
- [California Government Code Section 7072](#)



[California Government Code Section 7073](#)
[California Government Code Section 7074](#)
[California Government Code Section 7075](#)

REFERENCE(S)

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT(S)

[Fire Protection, Law Enforcement](#)

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