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To: Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Mike Carney; Captain

Agenda Date: October 14th, 2025

Subject: Adopt ordinance in regards to Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to AB481.

Discussion:

On January 1, 2022, AB 481 was signed into law adding Government Code sections 7070 et. Seq.. This law mandates the establishment of an Ordinance requiring law enforcement agencies to develop a policy, provide a list of equipment and obtain approval of their governing body, prior to requesting, seeking, or using "military equipment" either permanently or temporarily. The Ordinance must be approved annually by our governing body.

California Government Code Section 7072(b) requires law enforcement agencies to hold a community engagement meeting, open to the public, for the purpose of giving the opportunity for the general public to discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report, acquisition and use of military equipment, as well as an opportunity to view the equipment and learn about the uses of the equipment.

The Lassen County Sheriff's Office held a community engagement meeting on August 20th, 2025. The meeting was advertised on numerous social media platforms. The meeting was also announced via press release from the Sheriff's Office to all the local news outlets.

The equipment described in this policy is utilized on a regular basis to protect deputies, and members of the public on patrol and in the County Jail. The use of this equipment is critical to the preservation of public health and safety. All of the equipment listed in this policy has been commercially purchased by the Sheriff's Office for the last several decades, with the exception of the MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle. The MRAP was acquired through the 10-33 program.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no additional funding required with this ordinance.



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Recommendation:

1. Introduce, waive reading of, and adopt/enact ordinance (4/5 vote required); and/or
2. Provide direction to staff.