

A background image showing a Santa Cruz Police officer in a dark uniform with a 'SANTA CRUZ POLICE' patch on the shoulder. The officer is looking down, and the image is dark and slightly blurred. A large white circle with a dark blue border is centered over the image.

AB 481

Community Meeting



Santa Cruz Police
Department

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Gov't Code § 7072(b)

Agenda

Introduction - Chief of Police Bernie Escalante

30 Minute presentation - Sergeant Josh Trog

- AB 481 Overview
- AB 481 Military Equipment Categories
- AB 481 2024 Military Equipment Use
- AB 481 2024 Military Equipment Cost
- AB 481 2025 Intended Acquisitions

Questions from the community to the
panel

Assembly Bill 481

Effective January 1, 2022, establishes requirements for the funding, acquisition and use of items deemed "military equipment" (Gov't Code § 7070(c)) in law enforcement and state agencies.



Policy

May 10, 2022, City of Santa Cruz City Council adopted SCMC Chapter 9.90, approving the SCPD Military Equipment Use Policy (705) (Gov't Code § 7071)

- Authorized Use
- Fiscal Impact
- Legal & Procedural Rules
- Training
- Description
- Quantity
- Capabilities
- Lifespan
- Purpose



Reporting

A law enforcement agency must submit to their governing body an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. (Gov't Code § 7072(a))



Approval

AB 481 requires a governing body to review the ordinance adopting a military equipment use policy at least annually and to vote on whether to renew the ordinance at a regular meeting; and shall determine, based on the annual military equipment report whether each type of military equipment identified in that report complies with the standards for approval (Gov't Code § 7071(e)(1,2))



Safeguard

Establishes legally enforceable safeguards, including transparency, oversight, and accountability measures to protect the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties before military equipment is funded, acquired, or used.

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Gov't Code § 7070(c)

Categories

01 Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles

02 Mine-resistant ambush -protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers

03 High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMW V), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached

04 Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion

05 Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units

06 Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind

07 Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature

08 Firearms of .50 caliber or greater

09 Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater

10 Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber

11 Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles

12 “Flashbang” grenades and explosive breaching tools, “tear gas,” and “pepper balls”

13 Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

14 40mm projectile launchers, “bean bag,” rubber bullet, and specialty impact munition (SIM) weapons

15 Any other equipment as determined by a governing body or a state agency to require additional oversight

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Gov't Code § 7070(c)

01 Robot & Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)



02 & 03 Armored Personnel Carrier



05 Command & Control Vehicles

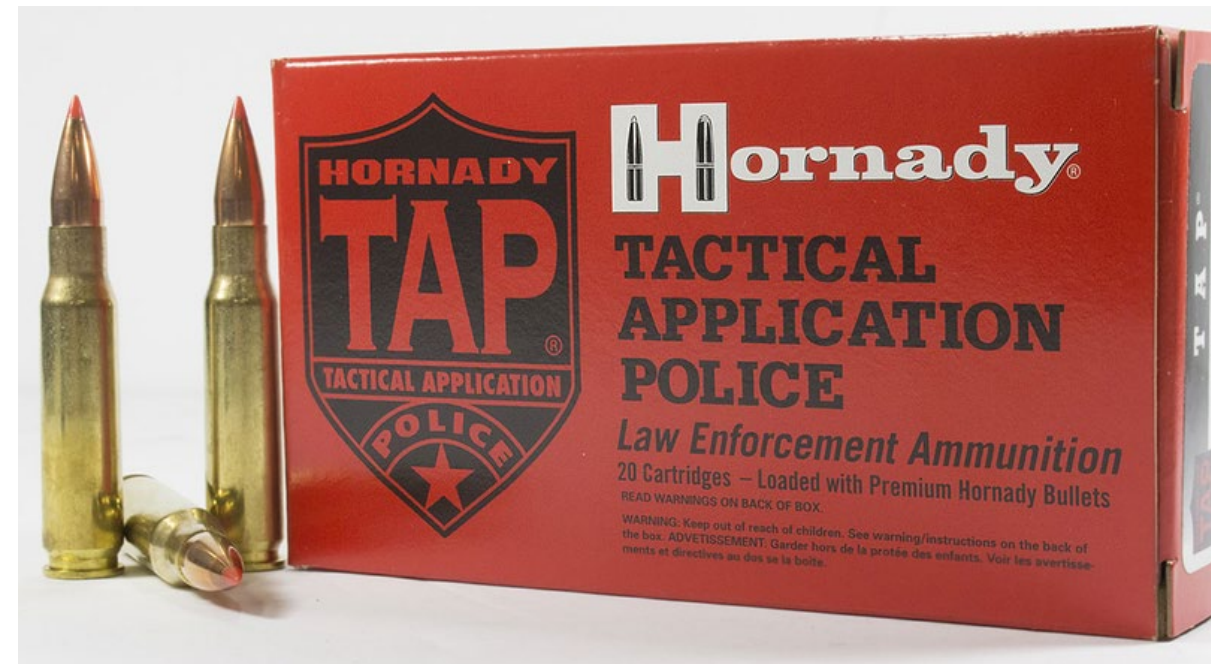
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05 Transport Vehicles



08 & 09 Firearms and Ammunition Greater than .50 Caliber



10 Specialized Firearms and Ammunition Less than .50 Caliber



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12 Flashbang, Teargas
& Pepper Balls



13 Long Range Acoustic
Device



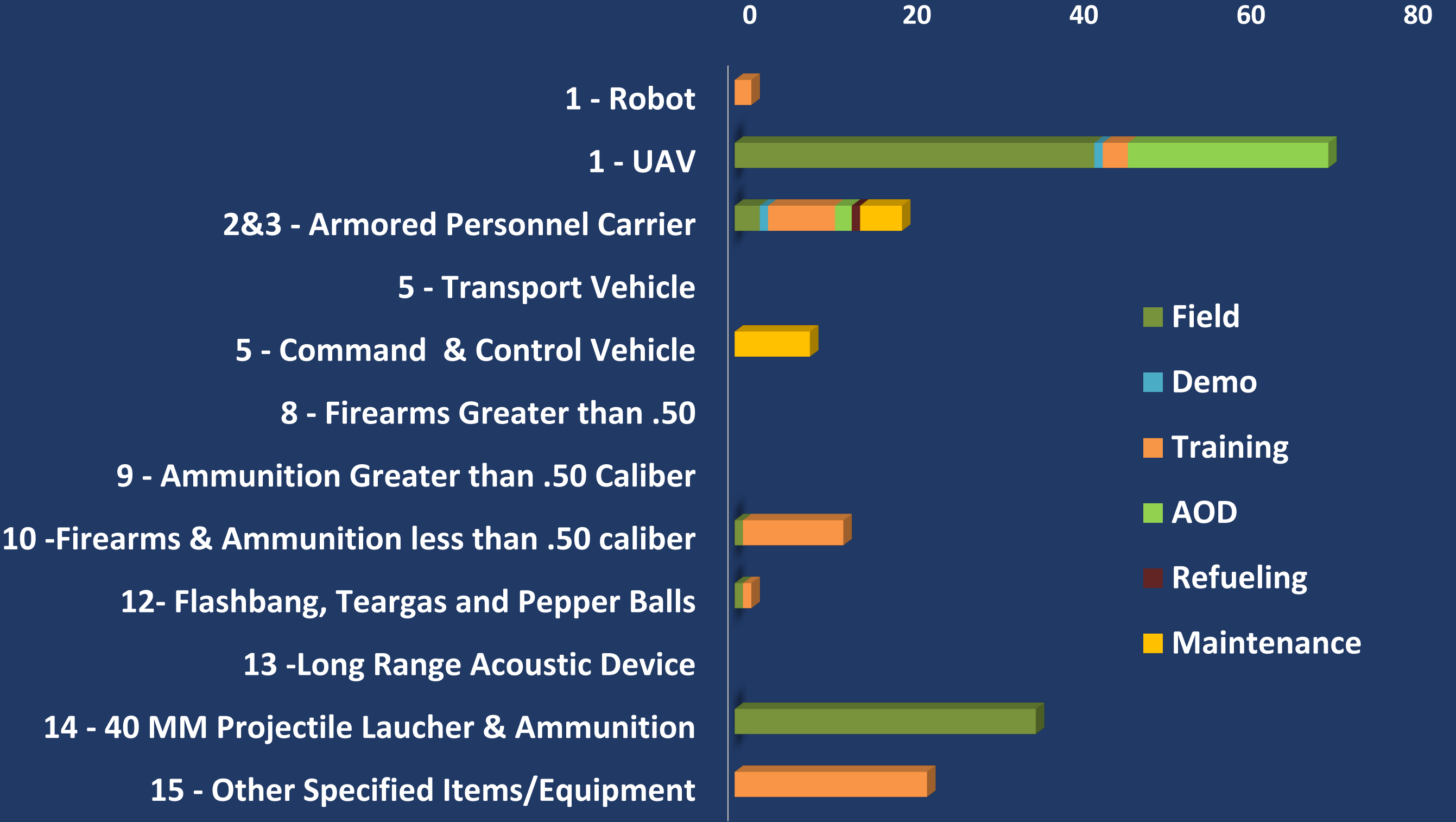
14 40mm Launchers &
Ammunition



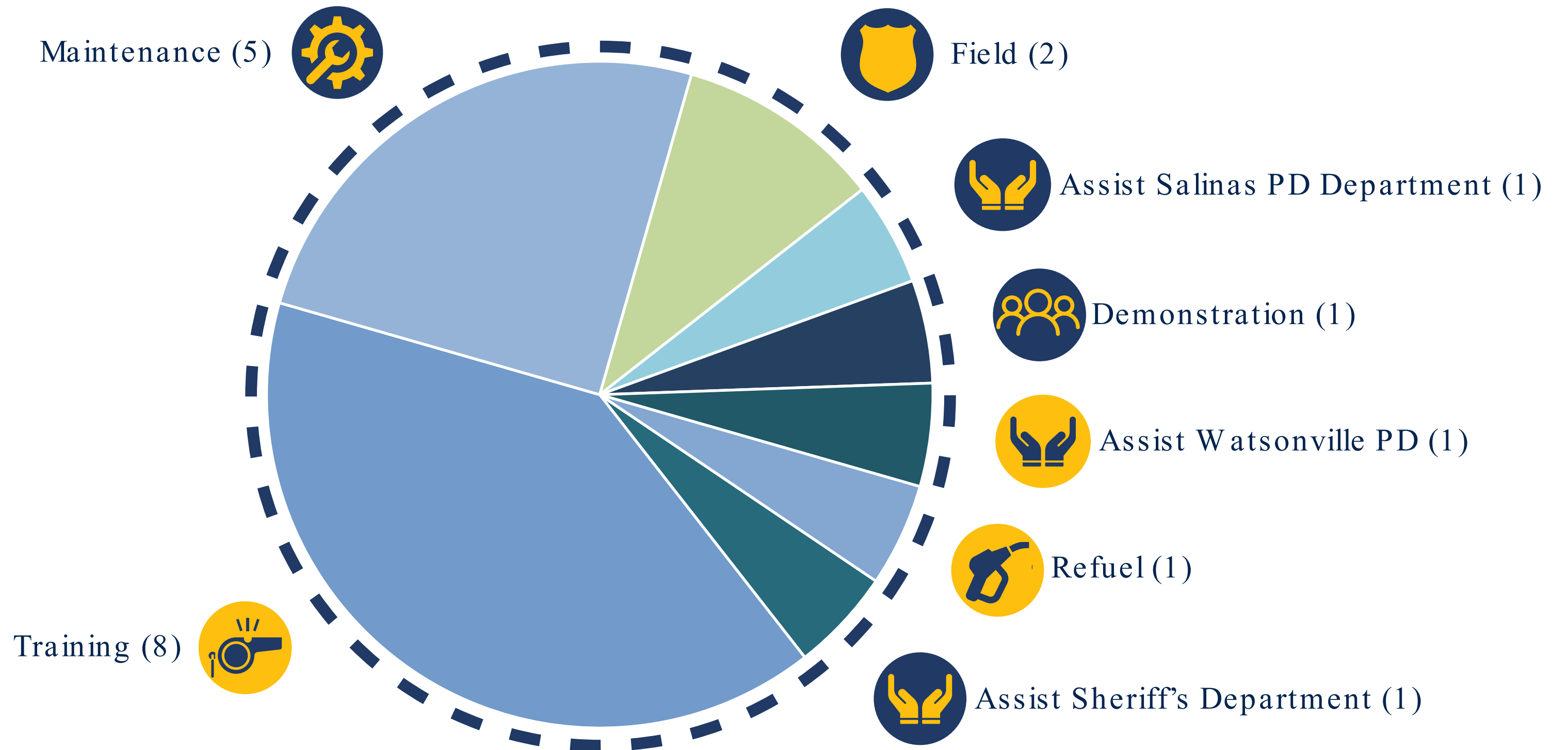
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15 Other Specified Items/Equipment



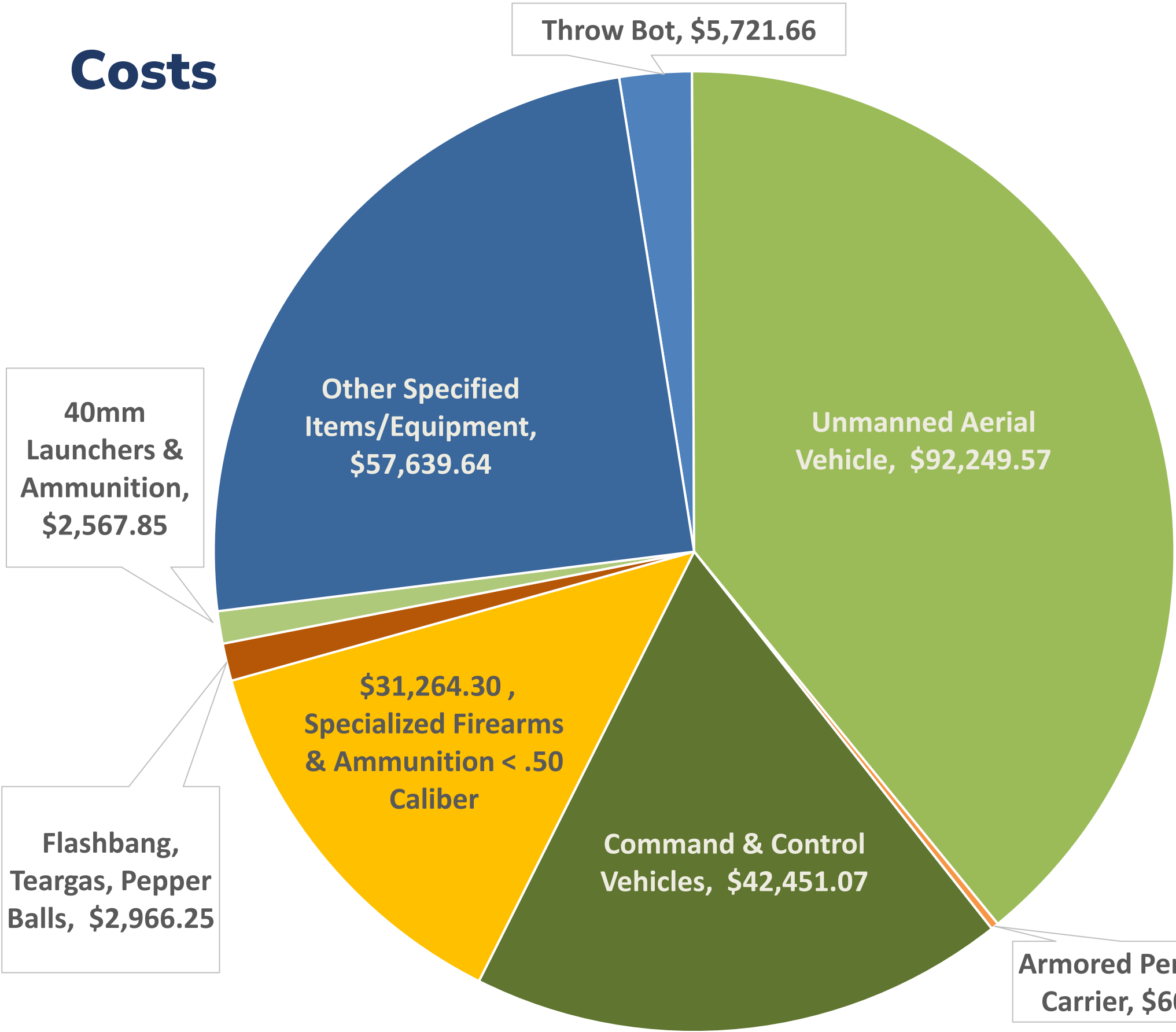
Armored Personnel Carrier | BearCat



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Gov't Code § 7072(a)(4)

Costs



*Refuel costs unavailable. In late 2024, the City Corporation Yard changed to a different vendor to manage the City's fuel pumping stations. As a result, all individual vehicle refuel records were not retained.

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Gov't Code § 7072(a)(6)

Intended Acquisitions in 2025

Category 1 – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle	Pending Council approval, the Department intends to purchase fifth-generation wireless technology (5G) connectivity to the existing unmanned aerial vehicles.
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