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TO: SFSU Community Members

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SUBJECT: AB 481 – Authorized Regulated Tools and Equipment

In July 2022, the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees approved the system-wide Regulated Tools and Equipment policy, as recommended by the chiefs of police representing all 23 CSU police departments. The policy was adopted and published as outlined by Assembly Bill 481 and requires every law enforcement agency in California to publish certain information annually regarding specified equipment.

The San Francisco State University Police Department (UPD) is committed to transparency and community engagement, and this communication is being shared in accordance with the system-wide requirement. Of the 16 regulated types of equipment and tools, UPD owns or utilizes two:

- Extended Range Impact Weapon “Bean Bag” shotgun

Information regarding the use, policy compliance, funding and inventory for UPD’s regulated types of equipment and tools for calendar year 2023 to date is outlined below.

Summary of how regulated tools and equipment were used, and the purpose of its use:

a. Extended Range Impact Weapon (ERIW) “Bean Bag” shotgun

- i. The San Francisco State University Police Department issues bean bag shotguns to its officers in the standard course and scope of their duties. Only those that have been trained in the deployment and use of the bean bag shotguns may carry them while on duty. The following policies regulate the use of the bean bag shotguns: [General Order 3-1 \(Use of Force\)](#) and [General Order 3-33 \(Use of Firearms\)](#).
- ii. In addition, allied agencies or mutual aid partners, including but not limited to the San Francisco County Sheriff’s Department, San Francisco Police Department and the University of California San Francisco Police



Department may deploy bean bag shotguns, and may support the San Francisco State University Police Department during hazardous or critical situations.

1. At this time, the San Francisco State University Police Department was not able to acquire a full and complete list of manufacturers, models and capabilities of this equipment used by allied agencies and mutual aid partners.
- iii. **Description:** This ERIW is a standard Remington Model 870, 12-gauge shotgun, pump action, magazine tube holding four (4) rounds of less lethal shells, standard grip, equipped with a sling, and has been modified with an orange stock and fore-end.
1. The quantity of bean bag shotguns available for use by allied agencies or mutual aid partners is dependent on the allied agency or mutual aid partner responding to assist the San Francisco State University Police Department, and the type of hazardous or critical situation that is unfolding.
 - a. At this time, the San Francisco State University was not able to determine the number of bean bag shotguns utilized by the California State University CRU Team, if any.
- iv. **Quantity:** The San Francisco State Police Department deploys one to two (1-2) bean bag shotguns depending on patrol staffing.
1. The bean bag shotguns utilize Defense Technology 12-gauge drag stabilized less lethal bean bag rounds. It consists of a fabric sock containing lead shot contained within a standard 2 ¾ inch shot shell casing.
- v. **Capabilities:** Bean bag shotguns can fire a 12-gauge bean bag round with maximum effective range of 20-50 feet.
- vi. **Lifespan:** Lifespan varies on operational usage and wear but is approximately 10 years.
- vii. **Purpose and Authorized Use:** Bean bag shotguns utilized with bean bag rounds may be deployed to impact a subject(s) demonstrating assaultive behavior or life threatening behavior, in accordance with [General Order 3-1 \(Use of Force\)](#) and [General Order 3-33 \(Use of Firearms\)](#).



1. They may also be used to control an actively resistive subject believed to possess or have immediate access to a deadly weapon.
- viii. **Fiscal Impact:** \$3920.00 for maintenance and annual training.
- ix. **Legal and Procedural Rules:** Deployment of the bean bag shotgun is governed by department policy, allied agency or mutual aid partner policy.
- x. **Required Training:** Only authorized department members trained in its deployment may use the bean bag shotgun. The bean bag shotgun must be used in a manner consistent with department policy and training. Officers must pass an annual qualification to maintain proficiency.
- xi. **Compliance:** The Chief of Police or designee, CRU supervisors, allied agencies or mutual aid partners are responsible for ensuring that all authorized operators have completed all required and department-approved training in the operation, applicable laws, policies and procedures regarding use of a bean bag shotgun.

Summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning regulated tools and equipment:

- UPD has received no complaints or concerns regarding the use of any of the three tools/equipment possessed.

Results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the regulated tools and equipment policy, and any actions taken in response:

- UPD has received no audit findings or information about violations associated with the regulated tools and equipment policy.

Annual cost and source of funds for regulated tools and equipment:

See above

To further our efforts toward transparency and open communication, UPD will host a community engagement event with the campus Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to discuss information contained within this report on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024.**