

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2023 MEU Recommendation #7

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PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION	X	DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

SPD policy is unclear about the type of chemical agents possessed in its military equipment inventory and does not report the potential hazards to public health or local environments from deployments of chemical agents.

Amend GO 410.06(H)(7,12,14): Consolidate all military munitions, grenades, or canisters that deploys any type of chemical agent listed under AB 48 into the "Chemical Agents and Smoke Canisters" category. Under the consolidated category, add language or links to manufacturers' websites that contains information including, but is not limited to:

1. Clear definitions for each type of chemical agent possessed by SPD (i.e. pepper spray, tear gas, smoke cannisters, etc).
2. Any health or environmental hazards from the deployment of each type of chemical agent.
3. Procedures for cleaning up after deployments of chemical agents.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

A key takeaway from community members was the need for greater transparency about the SPD's inventory and use of chemical agents. Community members want clarity about the type of chemical agents it possesses and information about their chemical make, how SPD or City staff clean up after deploying smoke canisters, flash-bangs or chemical agents which may linger in the air or leave surface residue, as well as any health or environmental dangers from use of this military equipment.

SPD RESPONSE

The annual report has categorized equipment consistent with the Government Code, which would implement this recommendation.

Chemical agent information has been added to a revision draft Reference Manual 580.07 (Chemical Agents Manual).

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A