

2025 Annual Military Equipment Report

South San Francisco Police Department Equipment

Category 1 – Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles

Equipment Category:	Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
Description:	Unmanned aircraft systems (commonly known as drones) are used to enhance the department's mission of protecting lives and property when other traditional resources are not available or are less effective.
Quantity:	15
Acquisition Costs:	\$936,048.11
Funding Source:	\$182,584.00 Police Operating Budget (over 5 years) \$617,416.00 Public Safety Impact Fees (over 5 years) \$136,048.11 Asset Forfeiture Funds
Annual Costs:	None
Summary of Use:	Unmanned aircraft systems were used 551 times in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The drone use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	The police department added 4 Skydio X10 drones, 3 docking stations, and a digital media evidence/storage software as part of a Drone as First Responder program. The acquisition was approved by City Council in 2025.

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Category 2 – Armored Transport Vehicle

Equipment Category:	Armored Transport Vehicle
Description:	A white Ford Transit 350 HD EcoBoost van designed to transport officers to critical incidents while providing ballistic protection to its occupants. The vehicle is a county asset and can be requested for use by outside agencies but is stored and maintained by the South San Francisco Police Department.
Quantity:	1
Acquisition Costs:	None
Funding Source:	Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant
Annual Costs:	\$1,500 estimated annual maintenance
Summary of Use:	The armored transport vehicle was used 6 times in 2025. The vehicle was used to safely transport officers to locations involving a firearm or when circumstances required additional ballistic protection.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The armored transport vehicle use complied with South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 5 – Command or Control Vehicle

Equipment Category:	Command or Control Vehicles built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
Description:	2010 Titan-X composite tagalong trailer capable of serving as a mobile command center for large operations.
Quantity:	1
Acquisition Costs:	None
Funding Source:	Office of Traffic and Safety (OTS) grant
Annual Costs:	\$500 estimated annual maintenance
Summary of Use:	The command center trailer was used 1 time to coordinate a large festival on the 400 block of Grand Avenue.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The command center trailer use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	None

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Category 5 – Command or Control Vehicle

Equipment Category:	Command or Control Vehicles built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
Description:	2025 Dodge Ram 5500 Chassis Cab Service Truck capable of serving as a mobile command center for large operations.
Quantity:	1
Acquisition Costs:	None
Funding Source:	California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant
Annual Costs:	\$1,000 estimated annual maintenance
Summary of Use:	The command vehicle was not used in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	N/A
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	None

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Category 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition of Less than .50 caliber

Equipment Category:	Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber.
Description:	Specialized firearms capable of accurately firing .223 or 5.56mm.
Firearm Quantity:	75 – Owned by department
Ammunition Quantity:	5.56mm training ammunition – 6,500 5.56mm duty ammunition – 2,900
Rifle Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture Funds
Ammunition Funding Source:	Training Budget, Operational Budget
Annual Costs:	Replace/repair as necessary
Summary of Use:	Specialized firearms (patrol rifles) were used twice in 2025 during two separate officer-involved shootings.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The specialized firearm use complied with approved South San Francisco Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 12 – Pepperball Launcher

Equipment Category:	Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools, tear gas, and pepperballs.
Description:	A less-lethal option when a suspect presents a threat of serious bodily injury to a victim, officers, or themselves.
Launcher Quantity:	2
PAVA projectiles:	665
Glass break projectiles:	100
Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture funds
Annual Costs:	\$375 estimated annual maintenance
Summary of Use:	The pepperball launchers were used for training in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	N/A
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 12 – Breaching Tools

Equipment Category:	Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools, tear gas, and pepperballs.
Description:	A battery-powered, portable hydraulic Hurst rescue tool “Jaws of Life” that can pry open car doors, cut locks or other metals, and perform other lifesaving functions.
Quantity:	2
Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture funds
Annual Costs:	None
Summary of Use:	The rescue tools were used for training in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	N/A
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 12 – Flashbang Distraction Device

Equipment Category:	Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools, tear gas, and pepperballs.
Description:	CTS 7290 flashbang distraction device can be used to distract individuals during extreme circumstances like active shooter incidents, hostage situations, or while serving high-risk search/arrest warrants. It emits a bright light and thunderous noise to distract potentially dangerous individuals.
Quantity:	13
Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture funds
Annual Costs:	\$400 every five years
Summary of Use:	The distraction devices were used 2 times by trained North Central Regional SWAT personnel.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The distraction device use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 14 – 40mm Less-Lethal Projectile Launcher

Equipment Category:	Projectile launch platform and their associated munitions
Description:	The 40mm launcher is not a firearm, but a less-lethal system that uses smokeless powder to deliver 40mm projectiles from a safe distance. It can launch 40mm munitions at a subject up to 25 yards and fires one projectile at a time, which allows the user to assess the situation after every spent munition.
Launcher Quantity:	38
40mm projectiles:	258
Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture funds
Annual Costs:	Replace/repair as needed
Summary of Use:	The less-lethal 40 mm launchers were used 3 times in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The less-lethal projectile launcher use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SWAT EQUIPMENT

Category 1 – Unmanned, Remotely Piloted, Powered Aerial or Ground Vehicle

Equipment Category:	Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
Description:	Remote-controlled aerial (drone) and ground (robot) powered vehicles capable of being remotely navigated to provide scene information in the form of video and still images transmitted to first responders.
Drone Quantity:	2
Robot Quantity:	4
Acquisition Costs:	None – not owned by SSFPD
Funding Source:	N/A
Annual Costs:	N/A
Summary of Use:	A North Central Regional SWAT drone was used 3 times in South San Francisco in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The drone use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 3 – Wheeled Vehicle with Breaching Apparatus Attached

Equipment Category:	High-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
Description:	Vehicle designed for use when there is a reason to expect potential armed resistance requiring ballistic protection. It can open a door, gate, or other points of entry with assistance from a device attached to the vehicle.
Quantity:	1
Funding Source:	N/A
Annual Costs:	N/A
Summary of Use:	A wheeled vehicle with apparatus was used in 3 incidents by the North Central Regional SWAT team. The vehicle was used to safely transport SWAT Operators to the scene of the incident.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The wheeled vehicle with apparatus use complied with approved South San Francisco Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 7 – Battering Rams, Slugs, and Breaching Apparatus that are Explosive in Nature

Equipment Category:	Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatus that are explosive in nature.
Description:	Equipment capable of breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry when conditions involve potentially armed resistance.
Quantity:	20
Funding Source:	N/A
Annual Costs:	N/A
Summary of Use:	A breaching apparatus was used 1 time by the North Central Regional SWAT team when apprehending a kidnapping suspect who was barricaded inside a residence.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The breaching apparatus use complied with approved South San Francisco Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 10 – Specialized Firearms and Ammunition of Less than .50 caliber

Equipment Category:	Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber.
Description:	Specialized firearms capable of accurately firing .223, 5.56mm, .308, or .300 caliber ammunition at distances over 100 yards. The South San Francisco Police Department owns 2 specialized rifles capable of firing .308 caliber ammunition at distances over 100 yards. The 2 specialized rifles are limited to North Central Regional SWAT team members.
Quantity:	2
Ammunition Quantity:	.308 duty ammunition – 4,000 rounds
Acquisition Costs:	\$16,222.37
Funding Source:	Asset Forfeiture funds
Annual Costs:	Replace/repair as needed
Summary of Use:	The firearms were only used for training in 2025.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	N/A
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	None

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Category 12 – Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools, tear gas, and pepperballs

Equipment Category:	Flashbang grenades and explosive breaching tools, tear gas, and pepperballs.
Description:	Equipment capable of breaching doors, gates, windows, and other points of entry by creating explosive distractions, emitting bright light, and/or deploying tear gas or pepper chemicals to distract potentially dangerous individuals.
Quantity:	20
Funding Source:	N/A
Annual Costs:	N/A
Summary of Use:	A distraction device was used 1 time by trained North Central Regional SWAT personnel when apprehending a kidnapping suspect who was barricaded inside a residence.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	The distraction device use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.
Intent to Acquire Equipment:	No

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Category 13 – Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD)

Equipment Category:	Long Range Acoustic Device.
Description:	An acoustic hailing device used to send messages over long distances. The LRAD system produces much higher sound levels (volume) than normal loudspeakers or megaphones. Over short distances, LRAD signals are loud enough to cause pain or discomfort in the ears of people in their path.
Quantity:	1
Funding Source:	N/A
Annual Costs:	N/A
Summary of Use:	The LRAD was used 1 time by the North Central Regional SWAT team as a PA system to communicate with the occupants of a residence during the service of a search warrant.
Summary of Complaints Received:	None
Results of Internal Audits:	N/A
Intent to Acquire Additional Equipment:	The LRAD use complied with approved South San Francisco Police Department Military Equipment Policy.