

# SAN PABLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Ron P. Raman, Chief of Police*



**DATE:** January 9, 2020

**TO:** LESO Program Manager  
DLA Disposition Services Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)  
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**FROM:** Ron Raman, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Armored Vehicle Justification

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1. The primary intended use of an armored vehicle for the San Pablo Police Department is to support our 14 person SWAT team in the handling of critical incidents, search warrant services, etc. Below are examples of its intended uses:

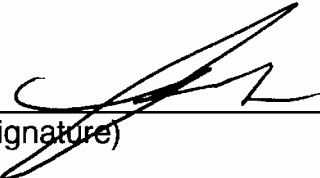
- a. **Barricaded Subject/Officer Down** – The use of an armored vehicle in dealing with a barricaded subject allows for officers to be in close proximity to the subject while still remaining protected. It also allows for a trained negotiator to communicate with the suspect utilizing a PA system.
- b. **Transport SWAT team members** – An armored vehicle will allow us to transport officers safely to a scene. Currently, officers walk up to a scene completely exposed.
- c. **Surround and Call Out** – In a majority of our SWAT operations, the goal is to make a safe arrest of a wanted individual inside a residence/building, utilizing the least amount of force necessary. The safest way for this to occur is to have the SWAT team surround the structure and call the subject out, as opposed to forcing entry and agitating the suspect inside. The use of an armored vehicle will allow the SWAT team to be staged inside the vehicle in front of the structure and allow a trained negotiator to talk with the suspect in order to gain compliance, increasing the probability of keeping both the suspect and officers safe during the incident.
- d. **Active Shooter** – The utilization of an armored vehicle during an active shooter situation would allow officers protection when being deployed. It would also be a great asset in evacuating injured persons. Presently, the response time for an assisting agency to respond to the City of San Pablo with their armored vehicles is approximately 1-3 hours.
- e. **Mutual Aid** – The San Pablo Police Department works closely with its surrounding agencies and regularly assists these agencies during critical incidents or multiple location search warrant services. The San Pablo Police Department would be better suited to assist with these incidents with the use of an armored vehicle.

2. The San Pablo Police Department currently has 59 full-time sworn officers.

3. The City of San Pablo is located in Contra Costa County. Contra Costa County is identified as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.
4. The San Pablo Police Department is involved with the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, which is overseen by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office.
5. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the City of San Pablo's population to be 31,124 of July 1, 2018. The City of San Pablo has a total area of 2.63 square miles.
6. Should an armored vehicle be transferred to the San Pablo Police Department, it would be stored within a locked storage yard at the San Pablo Police Department facility.
7. It is estimated the armored vehicle will be used approximately 10-15 times per year for our agency's search warrants and critical incidents. It will also be used 2-4 times a year for community events such as local parades and a National Night Out event. It is estimated to be used an additional 5-10 times per year for mutual aid with surrounding agencies.
8. We are not requesting a tracked armored vehicle.

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