

Greetings neighbors! In accordance with AB 481, we are hosting a community meeting to discuss and answer your questions about military equipment used by the Sheriff's Office. The meeting will start with a brief presentation about AB 481 and a summary of our equipment, followed by an opportunity for you to speak with Sheriff's Office staff and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to stop by when you can and leave when you'd like.

You can find our current inventory of equipment here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SonomaAB481>. Please note that none of the listed equipment comes from the military; it simply meets the definition in State law AB 481 ([https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB481](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB481)). This meeting and the inventory list satisfy AB 481 requirements for the Sheriff's Office, Sonoma Police Department, and Windsor Police Department.

📅 Tuesday, March 21 ⌚ 4:00 PM

### Community Meeting - AB 481

📍 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA

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**Paula P.** • Cooper Road



How can the law enforcement protect communities when they have military equipment use against them and the citizens unless they have the stuff to fight back against certain people. We will still have SWAT that we use more than you think.

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**Marcy C.** • Rural Near West Side



I hope you all the military equipment you need-these days the Sheriff needs to use everything in hand to protect we who follow the law.

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**Mari-Lynne E.** • Sonoma



**Marcy Cooper** I don't want to live in a country where local police act and look like stormtroopers-just to Banana Republic and invites abuse of power against citizens.

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Wayne S. • Loma Vista

Mari-Lynne E. Do watch the news, tell me your not serious.

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Kathy A. • Forestville

**Marcy Cooper** You are right unfortunately. I think it's extremely dangerous to protect the community when they are so severely under equipped.

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Mari-Lynne E. • Sonoma

**Wayne Smith** I watch news from France24, BBC, and other sources as well as US news. I am very serious. Death of innocent citizens at the hands of the police is very low in the UK, for one example. Our police receive few hours of training in de-escalation and want to be armed like soldiers. Its one thing to have SWAT teams, quite another for every cop in a car to be armed for war. Ever watch a 200lb cop slam a tiny woman onto the ground over a traffic stop? I have. Ever been stopped for driving while black? Too many have. So, I am not ok with local police buying military weapons to police civilians.

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Mari-Lynne E. • Sonoma

Not thrilled about local law enforcement geared up like military. See how law enforcement works in the U.K.

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Susan S. • Fitch Mountain

Why is this necessary???? Cannot think of one good decent human reason!!!!

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Joanne F. • Joy Ridge

Sure love those high rise military vehicles rescuing people in snow and flood. Does military equipment mean only fire power? Hmm, last time I was in the UK, there were not a lot of "citizens" shooting up schools and synagogues and preschools. I did see some actual armed police. Oh that's right the Tube had had a bombing.

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Mari-Lynne E. • Sonoma

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Joanne F. I ask everyone to follow the link and read the entire AB-481 proposal. Click on the pic of the notice to find the link. I did, and it looks reasonable and prudent. This is not a Second Amendment issue. 1. Armored tanks do not make the best rescue vehicles. 2. And I suggest NPR.org.2022/06/01 school-shooting article "In Britain, it took just one school shooting to pass major gun control" (and that was in 1996). In Switzerland, private gun ownership is very high, yet gun crimes are low. Why? Complex, but strict laws regulating gun ownership helps. Perhaps if our police knew that fewer guns were on the street, they'd feel less need to gear up like an army. So, AB-481 looks good to me.

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**B**

Beth B. • Bodega Harbour

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We are so very lucky to have Sheriff Eddie Engram and his staff at the helm. Sonoma County Sheriff's Department is full of remarkable men and women, dedicated to protecting the citizens of Sonoma County and beyond. Thank You!!

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Mari-Lynne E. • Sonoma

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**Beth Bruzzone** Our sheriffs are only able to perform as well as their training. In the US, the average police recruit receives less than ten hours of de-escalation training, if that, and 58 hrs. of firearm training. Our cops are told that they are 'warriors' in training and referred to as 'troupes'; in the UK they are told that they are peace and order guardians. Ours tend to enter into each encounter with the public with a 'win' or paramilitary mind set. A handful of states are putting more emphasis on de-escalation. The sheer number of unarmed people shot or otherwise killed by police in the US is horrifying to Europeans and Brits. So, the notion of arming ours with military equipment should be very thoroughly examined, to my mind. And respect for police officers in the UK is pretty high compared to the distrust (often for cause) of ours. No blame on officers doing a great job, but let's give them better training, end the 'blue wall' over misconduct, and do something about gun control???

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Beth B. • Bodega Harbour

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Mari-Lynne E.

I have personally witnessed our Sheriff Deputy's use remarkable compassion protecting and caring for vulnerable people having some form of mental health crisis, by using de-escalation techniques. We are all entitled to our opinions, and I am passionate about our Freedom of Speech, enjoy exercising yours.

Every last man and woman in Law Enforcement has the unbridled right to go home to their families, healthy and unharmed. Crime is hideously out of control and only going to get worse if we don't do something about it. If some military equipment insures that a Deputy arrives home to his or her family at the end of their shift, prevents the criminals from eluding arrest and prosecution, "Bring It On" I say.

I refer to Sheriff's and Sheriff Deputy's ( and ALL First Responders) as:

Saints, Hero's, Warriors, Gifts from God, and pure Blessings to this crime riddled, thug-crud-felon-drug binging-child molester hugging upside down state. Europe is a horrid hot mess that we should not be emulating. (edited)

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Mari-Lynne E. • Sonoma

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**Beth Bruzzone** Fact: de-escalation skills reduce the risk for both law enforcement and the public. I sense your distress and fear. And sadly, arming our local police to the level of 'warriors' will not reduce the violence and certainly won't decrease the rising numbers of innocent citizens killed by police either. Sorry about your dystopian view of the world. It must be miserable. Here's the thing; our courts cannot order the death penalty for misdemeanors so I don't think anyone committing one deserves a death sentence from law enforcement for fleeing the scene...for example. Yet, it happens all the time. And on the side of cops, when we had them walking the streets, meeting shop owners, and chatting with teens, that helped them find the culprits and helped the people trust the cops. Good days, those...so, we might agree to disagree.

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Don H. • Larkfield



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Anna N. • Downtown Guerneville



If we had sensible gun laws and the country wasn't totally awash in guns, law enforcement wouldn't need to be so protective of themselves. Seriously, I don't like a militarized law enforcement yet I can understand the mindset when anyone can have a gun. Perhaps it's time to repeal the 2nd amendment.

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Jim Duffy

If people are unable to attend in person, is there an E-mail address where they can send comments?

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Sonoma Sheriff ✓

Absolutely! [sheriff-feedback@sonoma-county.org](mailto:sheriff-feedback@sonoma-county.org). They can submit comments in English or Spanish.

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Jim Duffy

Sonoma Sheriff, Thank you!

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Jim Duffy

How was attendance? I hear there was a storm that day.

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Sonoma Sheriff ✓

Jim Duffy 4 people attended.

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IV Rosario

Disappointing.. found out about this meeting today 3/23  
Please do better promotion in future

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Sonoma Sheriff ✓

Hello IV Rosario, after we created this event on 3/7, we put out reminders on Facebook (3/15), Instagram (3/16) and Twitter (3/7 and 3/14), in addition to day-of reminders on both our Instagram and Facebook stories! Sorry to have missed you at this year's meeting, we hope to see you next year! You can also give feedback about the topic to: [sheriff-feedback@sonoma-county.org](mailto:sheriff-feedback@sonoma-county.org)

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IV Rosario

Sonoma Sheriff

Thanks for the response!

So I should be checking you FB to keep up to date?

Thanks again

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**Jim Duffy**

Sonoma Sheriff, how many in the public attended? I was out of town for the week and sorry to miss it.

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**Sonoma Sheriff** ✓

IV Rosario you're welcome! Yes, check our FB regularly. You can also mark us as a "favorite" so our posts are higher up in your feed. Go to our Page. Click on the "following" button and select "favorite." We hope that helps!

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**Sonoma Sheriff** ✓

Jim Duffy 4 people attended. You're welcome to send us an email if you'd like.



**Laurel Wiltsey Martin**

By all means necessary to protect the citizenry of the United States against the foreign invasion! Use it to its fullest extent.

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**Kiel Gillis**

So, the military and law enforcement are allowed to use military equipment against the citizens , but the citizens aren't allowed to protect themselves against other citizens using military equipment. Citizens have finally been legislated into second class citizens.

The wolves dictating how the sheep will live.; How quant.

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Top fan

**Russell Haynes**

Kiel Gillis with the cartel invading the United States our Law Enforcement needs all the advantages they can get BUT!!!!

I %100 agree. It's unconstitutional for one group of people be allowed to use any and all devices and tools at their disposal but a second group is restricted from the same devices and tools when we are fighting against the same bad people. Murder is already illegal. Making more laws to restrict law abiding citizens does NOTHING!!!

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As Amends the Law TodayAs Amends the Law  
on Nov 18, 2021

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares  
all of the following:

(a) The acquisition of military equipment and its deployment in our communities adversely impacts the public's safety and welfare, including increased risk of civilian deaths, significant risks to civil rights, civil liberties, and physical and psychological well-being, and incurment of significant financial costs. Military equipment is more frequently deployed in low-income Black and Brown communities, meaning the risks and impacts of police militarization are experienced most acutely in marginalized communities.

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