



NEWS RELEASE

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Military Equipment Annual Reports & Community Presentation

VENTURA, Calif. –The Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Ventura County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation will be hosting a community presentation to share required annual military equipment reports with the public. All Ventura County residents are welcome to attend.

The report and corresponding community meeting are part of legislation (Assembly Bill 481) signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 30, 2021, intended to increase public transparency, and provide government oversite when California law enforcement agencies seek to fund, acquire, and/or use "military equipment." On May 25, 2022, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved the local ordinance tied to AB 481 (VC Ordinance 4603) and approved both agencies' policies related to military equipment.

The term "military equipment" does not necessarily indicate equipment used by the military. Most of the equipment possessed by the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office is used by most law enforcement agencies across the country to enhance resident and officer safety.

The Sheriff's Office will also provide information on additional items it possesses that were obtained from the federal government through the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office military surplus equipment program.

The Military Equipment Annual Reports for both agencies are available on our websites: <u>Ventura County Sheriff's Office (venturasheriff.org)</u> <u>Policies and Procedures – Ventura County District Attorney (vcdistrictattorney.com)</u>

Community Presentation Details:

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Where: Camarillo Police Department - 3701 Las Posas Rd, Camarillo, CA 93010

When: 2:00 p.m.

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