



PASADENA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

AB 481 Acquisition of Armored Personnel Carrier through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)

Presented to
City Council

Police Chief Eugene Harris
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Background

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- **Program Overview:** The LESO 1033 Program allows eligible law enforcement agencies to acquire surplus military equipment for public safety purposes
- **Cost-Effective Acquisition:** Provides eligible agencies access to surplus equipment at little to no cost
- **Public Notice:** PPD has maintained its required Notice of Intent to Acquire on its Military Equipment webpage since May 2024
- **AB 481 Compliance:** In June 2022, City Council approved PPD's Military Equipment Use Policy, authorizing qualifying equipment categories, including armored vehicles
- The policy has been renewed annually in accordance with California Government Code § 7071



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- **Equipment Availability:** On October 7, 2026, PPD was notified that a Northern California agency had an APC available through LESO.
- The vehicle matches equipment identified in PPD's posted Notice of Intent to Acquire
- **Annual Report:** PPD's 2025–2026 Military Equipment Report was posted in July 2026 and presented to City Council on September 29, 2026, during the annual policy renewal process
- **Unanticipated Availability:** Due to the unpredictable availability of surplus equipment, the APC was not included in the annual report as anticipated equipment
- **City Council Notification:** PPD is notifying City Council of its intent to acquire the APC.
- CPOC's next meeting is scheduled for December 2026; waiting could delay the transfer and jeopardize the acquisition opportunity



Vehicle Overview & Operational Benefits

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(Actual vehicle)



(AI rendering with Pasadena PD markings)

- **Vehicle Condition:** 2008 International MaxxPro rescue APC with no known mechanical issues, available through LESO
- **Operational Benefits:** Enables safer personnel transport, emergency evacuations, and rescue operations during critical incidents



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- **Operational Demand:** Since 2024, PPD's BearCat has been deployed over 100 times, with outside agencies providing additional armored vehicles for 11 operations
- **Enhanced Readiness:** A second APC would increase deployment flexibility, strengthen emergency response capabilities, and reduce reliance on outside agencies



Critical Considerations

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- **Enhanced Response:** Improves PPD's response to active shooters, terrorist threats, and other high-risk incidents
- **Community and Personnel Safety:** Provides secure transportation during evacuations and rescue operations
- **Operational Readiness:** Supports simultaneous emergencies while maintaining critical response capabilities
- **Regional Support:** Enhances public safety and provides additional armored resources to assist neighboring agencies
- **LA28 Preparedness:** Strengthens PPD's readiness for high-risk incidents and emergency evacuations during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- **Cost-Effective Acquisition:** Provides a low-cost acquisition opportunity, with expenses limited primarily to outfitting, modifications, and annual maintenance
- **Time-Sensitive Opportunity:** Delays may result in the vehicle being reassigned to another eligible agency



Conclusion

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- **Transparency:** PPD is providing City Council with available information in compliance with AB 481
- **Existing Authorization:** City Council's approved Military Equipment Use Policy authorizes qualifying equipment, including armored vehicles
- **Annual Reporting:** PPD will include the APC in future annual Military Equipment Reports as required by AB 481
- **Vehicle Transfer:** PPD intends to promptly transfer and take possession of the APC, subject to applicable legal and administrative requirements