

Portland Police Bureau

Request for Council Authorization to Purchase Controlled Items



December 2020 , City Council passes Resolution 37520 requiring Council authorization for Bureau purchases of “controlled items”.

April 2022, City of Portland agrees to addendum of remedies under the Settlement Agreement including, paragraph 189, which requires the City to hire an outside consultant to review the City’s actions in 2020.

August 2023, Independent Monitor LLC report outlines 12 areas viewed as needing corrective action along with recommendations.



IM LLC Recommendation #5

“The City Must Create a New Specialized Public Order Team Consistent with Emerging Standards for Advanced Public Order Units”

March 2024, City Council approves LOA establishing incentive pay for members of new public order unit.

Rapid Response Team is now in process of being reconstituted.

Public Order Response and
Operations Standards



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Public Order Officer PPE (Type 3) Equipment:

- 1 First Aid Kit (IFAK)/Tourniquet etc.
- 2 Radio
- 3 Ballistic Vest
- 4 Handgun
- 5 Baton
- 6 Handcuffs
- 7 An outer duty belt
- 8 Public Order Shield
- 9 Public Order Helmet
- 10 Eye Protection
- 11 Hearing Protection
- 12 Air-purifying respirator (APR) (NIOSH) approved filters.



Public Order Shields

October 11 2023, City Council passed Ordinance 191480 authorizing the Police Bureau to purchase 12 public order shields for research and development.

April 2024 the Rapid Response team evaluated various public order shields for protective qualities and de-escalation strategies.

Request is to purchase 50 long shields and 50 round shields for \$28,500.



PUBLIC ORDER UNIT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
	BASIC (BPOU)	INTERMEDIATE (IPOU)	ADVANCED (APOU)
Foundation Training	16 hours	30hrs	40hrs
Minimum Refresher Training	8 hours	8 hours quarterly or 32 hours annually	8 hours monthly or 24 hours quarterly or 96 hours annually
Task Specific Fitness Standards (TSFS)	Fitness standards should be developed based on specific operational fitness demands and local policy.		
Police Command Team	40 hrs Advanced Public Order Unit Command Training		
Specialist Functions (+ Foundation Training) Specialist must complete training commensurate to legal and tactical needs to perform their additional designated functions.	<p>*Not all inclusive*</p> <p>Evidence Gathering Teams, Forward Intelligence Teams, Police Liaison Teams, Arrest Teams, Munitions Teams (Grenadiers), Protestor Device Extrication</p> <p>** Should receive specialist training in addition to the Foundation and Refresher Training **</p>		

Less Lethal Munitions Training

- 30 hours initial + 20 hours annually
- Bureau Directives
- Oregon Law
- Constitutional Case Law
- De-Escalation
- Equipment
- Written Testing
- Skills/Qualifications



Munitions Inventory

Expires Jan 2025



Tear gas



Obscurant



Kinetic Impact Projectiles



Flash Sound Diversionary Device



Current Inventory (expiring in 2025)

(2161) Tear Gas

(770) Obscurant

(2998) KIP

(3662) KIP w/ CI

(33) FSDD

Request to Purchase (\$27,700)

(350) Tear Gas

(50) Obscurant

(350) KIP

(300) KIP w/ CI

(100) FSDD



Alternative Strategies

- Alternative approaches including the use of Demonstration Liaison officers to facilitate peaceful events, and the use of bicycle officers for limited interventions, are preferred.
- The use of protective equipment is determined by the Incident Commander based on actual or credible indicators of violence.
- ORS 181A.708 and Directive 635.10 still restrict the use of tear gas and other munitions for crowd management to very limited circumstances.



Questions?

