



## MEMORANDUM POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: August 26, 2020  
TO: All Personnel  
FROM: Andrew G. Mills, Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: Use of the Federal 10-33 Program

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### BACKGROUND

Santa Cruz police department personnel have used the Federal 10-33 program to obtain surplus military equipment. The purpose was to save the city money in the acquisition of equipment and supplies.

### DISCUSSION

Many police agencies have abused the program to obtain military items not aligned with their community's values. Most departments have used the equipment appropriately after first seeking authority from elected officials or city executives. There is no evidence to suggest Santa Cruz has misused the 10-33 program.

### POLICY

To prevent abuse of military equipment and to ensure the police do not needlessly militarize its civilian police force, all personnel will not seek equipment from the federal government without first seeking authorization from elected officials through the chain of command.

This policy is effective immediately.