

Subject: Re: PRA - Request re Less Lethal Munitions and Crowd Control Equipment
From: Marina Brown <catskillmarina@gmail.com>
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On 4/22/26 8:11 PM, Weaver, Samuel wrote:

Marina,
You may send an appeal directly to this email address.

I appeal this decision.

In the alternative, if you are able to provide more detail about what specifically you are looking for through your request or otherwise narrow it that may also help us determine if there are releasable records that meet your needs.

> Let me know how you would like to proceed.>

My request was clear. I am seeking the kinds of crowd control the VSP possesses, how much you paid for them and recent orders for these munitions.

The BTU police have already released the types of munitions they possess and the total price they paid for them but curiously not the number. ...So we don't know if they spent thousands for one pepper ball or dollars for thousands.

There is nothing secret about the fact that the VSP possesses riot shields, pepper spray, pepper balls and other crowd control munitions. My request is quite commonplace and the taxpayers deserve to know what their money is being spent on.and whether they are being ripped off by excessive prices.

It is no threat to safety or security if the public knows the VSP have riot munitions. Most of us already know. It escapes me why you are balking at releasing the specifics. There is nothing secret about the fact that police will use riot munitions if they feel it is necessary.

--- Marina Brown

Sam Weaver
Public Records Specialist
Vermont Department of Public Safety

-----Original Message-----
From: Marina Brown <catskillmarina@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 5:42 PM
To: Weaver, Samuel <Samuel.Weaver@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: PRA - Request re Less Lethal Munitions and Crowd Control Equipment

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To whom to do i direct and appeal to this denial in whole of my request ?

I disagree with your stance.

--- Marina Brown

On 4/21/26 4:42 PM, Weaver, Samuel wrote:

April 21, 2026

Marina Brown

VIA EMAIL: catskillmarina@gmail.com<<mailto:catskillmarina@gmail.com>>

Dear Marina,

I am writing regarding your public records request seeking inventories, purchase orders, and correspondence regarding a non-exhaustive list of less lethal and crowd control munitions and tools along with a follow up request for the same information regarding LRAD sonic crowd control equipment.

While the Department of Public Safety values transparency, there are times, such as this, that it must withhold certain information from public release when that information pertains to law enforcement preparedness and strategy, and especially where public release of that information would endanger public safety or the security of public property.

The records you have requested would reveal the current capacity of and preparedness level of the Vermont State Police to respond to a major event of civil unrest. It would also reveal information and specifications regarding munitions and equipment subject to the request that could endanger the safety of law enforcement officers and members of the public.

Consequently, the Department is withholding public release of the records subject to this request pursuant to:

1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(32), which provides that records are exempt from public release and copying if public disclosure of "the information contained in the record would present a substantial likelihood of jeopardizing the safety of persons or the security of public property"; and

1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(25), which provides that "passwords, access codes, user identifications, security procedures, and similar information, the disclosure of which would threaten the safety of persons or the security of public property" are exempt from public release.

The Department of Public Safety has interpreted your request to be inquiring about information related to an event in South Burlington on March 11, 2026. The Vermont State Police have issued an After Action Report that details the timeline of the event and describes the Vermont State Police's response. You may access the Vermont State Police After Action Report and all of the body worn camera footage captured from the March 11, 2026 incident at: VSP News Releases: Vermont State Police releases after-action report, video footage from March 11 incident in South Burlington<https://vtstatepolice.blogspot.com/2026/04/vermont-state-police-releases-after_0694115058.html>.

If you believe that a record has been withheld in error, please feel free to contact me at this email address. Please be advised that you may also file an appeal. If you choose to file an appeal, we request that you do so in writing and send it to this email address.

Kind Regards,

Sam Weaver

Public Records Specialist

Vermont Department of Public Safety

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