

ON-RANGE SAFETY PROCEDURES

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The following is a summary of instructions to insure a safe range for ourselves, our guests, and others sharing the range with us.

STEP 1: Preparation and Etiquette

- Report to the Range Officer (RO) and obtain your lane assignment.
- Report any unsafe conditions to the RO immediately!
- Be sure the backstop [impact area] is secure.
- Direct your questions to the Range Officer.
- Be courteous to others.
- No running anywhere on the range – be alert, and always use caution.
- Come to the range fully prepared with your shooting supplies and first aid gear.
- In the event that an injury occurs, notify the RO and Medic immediately!
- When your weapon is not in use, put it in a SAFE POSITION – We recognize a safe position as: Safety ON, chamber EMPTY, magazine well CLEAR, bolt OPEN, and weapon laying on a flat surface or in a secure fashion so as to not roll or fall down.
- If during shooting you have a misfire or squib round, or suspect a problem with your weapon, keep it pointed down range and call the RO to assist you.

STEP 2: On a Live (Hot) Range

- Obey every order your RO gives, without hesitation.
- If you see a dangerous situation, do not hesitate to speak out.
- If you see a dangerous situation and the RO has not, call out, “CEASE FIRE!”
- Take only one weapon onto the line with you at any time.
- In the event that an injury occurs, notify the RO and Medic immediately!
- Keep all weapons that you do not bring onto the line in a safe position and secure.
- Leave your weapon, when not in use, in a safe position.
- Observe the “laser rule” at all times: never let point your weapon at anything that you do not intend to shoot. Keep your weapon pointed downrange.

STEP 3: RANGE COMMANDS and Firing Sequence

1. *CLEAR THE LINE* is called; No one at the line should be handling weapons. At this time everyone goes down range to replace or check targets.
2. *CLEAR THE RANGE*: Return to the firing line, get off the range.
3. *RANGE CLEAR, CHARGE YOUR WEAPONS*: Load your weapon, make sight adjustments, etc.
4. *READY ON THE LEFT/RIGHT?* is called; it is the RO asking if everything is OK to proceed with the firing exercise. It requires a ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ answer.
5. *COMMENCE FIRE!* is called, proceed with shooting.
6. *CEASE FIRE!*: Stop firing *IMMEDIATELY!* Clear your weapon and put it in a safe position. Return to number 1 when weapon is clear and in a safe position.

A SAFE RANGE IS NO ACCIDENT – IT TAKES TEAMWORK!

Your Range Officer(s) for today:

Today's date: _____
