

Defense Preparedness Training – Shoot Meet Range Safety Rules

This is considered a Cold Range

Treat every gun as if it is loaded

No loaded guns except under the direct supervision of a **Range Safety Officer (RSO)** – they are the members in a red shirt, vest or cap.

Carry your unloaded weapon to and from your vehicle in a closed range bag, case or holster to the Safe Table to holster or un-holster.

Handle firearms, out of bag/case or holster, at the Safe Table or under direct supervision of an RSO.

There is no handling of ammunition at the Safe Table, load magazines other than at the Safe Table, load revolvers at the firing line.

When called to shoot, carry your weapon to the firing line in a closed range bag, case or holster.

Always keep weapons pointed in a safe direction – **Down Range when at the firing line.**

Always keep your finger off the trigger and along the frame until you are ready to shoot.

Always be sure of your target and what is beyond.

At the firing line the **RSO** will announce that the **range is hot**, will direct you to **load and make ready** and then tell you to **fire**, at which time you will disable the safety (if you have one) and **fire**. When done shooting the **RSO** will call **cease fire**, you will release the magazine, eject any remaining rounds, show the **RSO** that the chamber and mag-well is clear then enable the safety and re-holster or place your firearm back in a range bag or case and close or zip it up which time the **RSO** will call **cold range**.

Anybody can call **cease fire** if they see an infraction (improper procedure) or range/firing-line interference such as pedestrians or vehicles approaching the area.

If the **RSO** sees an improper procedure they have the authority to cup their hands over yours and your weapon to immediately cease action.

Leave anything that you have dropped on the ground until the range is cold, or the RSO can retrieve for you until cease fire, cold range is called.