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RANGE SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM



THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO) PROGRAM

The Range Safety Officer (RSO) Program, provided through the **Alberta Federation of Shooting Sports (AFSS)**, is designed to train, or enhance the experienced shooter to be able to preside over a shooting range with confidence, while ensuring the safety of the shooters and the bystanders.

This program is **not intended as a specific** training program for disciplines such as IPSIC, or AHA etc. Many disciplines have incorporated their own safety program which enables them to safely enjoy their style of shooting.

There are some people in the shooting fraternity who do not aspire to train or oversee other shooters. However, this program is oriented around those who want to provide their shooting knowledge and safety measures to other leisure target shooters.

It is the expectation of the AFSS that all who undertake this program and become Range Safety Officers (RSOs) intend to do so with the professionalism that is required when using firearms and dealing with a variety of shooters and the public.

**EDUCATION.
SAFETY.
RESPONSIBILITY.
A STRONGER SHOOTING FUTURE.**



MAIN OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the AFSS RSO program are:

- To understand the purpose of the Range Safety Officers course.
- To help provide the knowledge, attitudes and skills required to be an RSO.
- To know what range safety programs can provide.
- To understand the minimum qualification to be an RSO.
- To ensure the highest possible standard of general range safety.
- To carry out their RSO duties with the highest form of professionalism.
- To educate the Range Safety Officer about the responsibilities required while supervising shooters.
- To ensure the Range Safety Officer has a working knowledge of all aspects of Firearm safety with the many types of firearms available.
- To stay current on product knowledge, general firearms laws, and safety procedures.
- To know and follow emergency response plans when required.
- To Adhere to AFSS policies always.
- To provide a uniform Range Safety Officer training course which can be available to all shooting clubs and organizations throughout the province who do not now use RSOs for safety.
- To further the development of shooting sports and to enhance the opportunities for shooting as a safe, enjoyable recreation.
- To create effective working relationships between RSOs, shooters, instructors, other shooting clubs and organizations, the AFSS organization, and the public.

*Building Safer Shooters
for Tomorrow*



RSO QUALIFICATIONS

Mandatory Requirements

- Successful completion of the Canadian Firearm Safety Courses in both Restricted and Non-Restricted Firearms.
- A current Restricted Possession and Acquisition Licence (RPAL).
- Fluent in English (All course material and testing are in English).
- A demonstrated interest in shooting and a desire to participate in furthering the development of the shooting sports.



Plus, any one of the following

- Certificate – Alberta Hunter Education Conservation Program.
- Canadian Firearms Verifier.
- Certification as an Alberta Hunter Education Instructor c/w any of several Firearms Workshops endorsements.
- Holds Certification as an instructor in any firearms program or discipline.
- Completion of any Range Officer, Officials, or other Range Safety Officer course.
- Completion of any course involving firearm repair, firearm safety, reloading/hand loading ammunition, etc.
- Experience with firearms as a gunsmith, collector, or target shooter.
- *Candidates having completed the Canadian Firearm Safety courses in the prescribed time are preferred to those having opted to challenge the examinations.*

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Stronger Communities.*

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