


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order Number: 12.09</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: FIREARMS COMPLEX</p>	<p>Amends:</p>		<p>Rescinds:</p>
<p>Index as: Firearms Complex, Range Rules</p>	<p>State Certification Standards: 1.16</p>		

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the rules of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding the RCSO Training & Shooting Range.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that all employees participating in training at the RCSO Training & Shooting Range abide by the safety rules and regulations prescribed in this policy. The assigned range master or firearm instructor has authority over all personnel regardless of rank while on the firing range.

I. SAFETY RULES

- A. Treat all weapons as loaded.
- B. Never point your weapon at anyone unless DEADLY FORCE is justified.
- C. Know your muzzle direction 100% of the time.
- D. All participants have the responsibility to shout "Cease Fire" if they observe any unsafe act(s).
- E. Keep your finger off of the trigger until ready to fire.
- F. Be sure of your target and backstop. Know where your round will go in the event of a miss or a through and through shot.
- G. A Firearms Instructor or Range Officer must be present during firearms training.
- H. Eye, ear and ballistic protection must be properly utilized.
- I. Follow all commands and instructions by the designated range officers and / or instructors.
- J. No horseplay on the range. This shall include conduct/noise level in all areas.

II. SHOOT HOUSE SAFETY RULES

- A. Participants will adhere to all safety rules.
- B. All participants have the responsibility to shout "Cease Fire" if they observe any unsafe acts.
- C. If a participant is unsure of the safety of an action or is confused with a technique, he/she should not fire. The participant will be critiqued after the scenario.

- D. When a whistle is blown, "Freeze", or "Cease Fire" is heard, the participant will stop in place and stop all action.
- E. Engage a target only when you are the designated shooter.
- F. Know when you are the designated shooter.
- G. DO NOT turn around to engage a target after you have passed it.
- H. DO NOT engage a target if you recognize that the designated shooter has failed to engage properly.
- I. DO NOT fire above established painted safety line on the tires in the house.
- J. DO NOT engage a target if another student or instructor is closer than 1 yard (3 feet) to the target.
- K. Double-action handguns will be de-cocked when moving from room to room.
- L. Long guns will be carried at the low ready position and slung. If a malfunction causes you transition to your secondary weapon the long gun will be placed on safe prior to releasing it.

III. REMOVAL FROM THE FIREARMS COMPLEX

Employees of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office participating in training at the Firearms Complex will be removed for any of the following:

- A. Violation of the Safety Rules;
- B. Covering anyone with the muzzle of any weapon. Participants will utilize the low ready position with handguns and long guns; and
- C. Repeated violations of technique, demonstrating an inability to perform under stress. The participant will be removed as a safety liability.

IV. UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

Any employee who removes any supplies, equipment, ammunition, weapon, target, etc., without the express consent of the training division will be immediately removed off of the range and reported to the Chief Deputy.



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