

# **FIREARMS RANGE RULES AND REGLATIONS**

The following safety regulations are designed to ensure the safety of all personnel, regardless of rank, on this Department and any other department, using the Firearms/Training Facility. These rules shall be posted in a conspicuous location and shall be strictly enforced. The Range Officer is responsible for safe operation of the facility and may take actions necessary to safeguard persons using the facility, protect facility property, or to ensure public safety. Failure to obey any of these regulations may result in disciplinary action and/or being ordered to leave the Firearms/ Training Facility by the Range Officer or a designated Firearms Instructor in the absence of the Range Officer. The Range Officer shall take immediate action to address rules violations and, at his discretion, depending on the seriousness, report these violations to the Training Unit Supervisor who will inform the Chief of Police.

These rules apply to Coral Springs Police Department personnel, and any person using the Firearms/Training Facility for any reason.

**A.** Parking areas are provided at the range. Vehicles will park in marked parking places only. This will not apply to vehicles being used for maintenance or special training.

**B.** All personnel are required to register with either the Range Officer or Firearm's Instructor prior to using the Firearms/Training Facility.

**C.** No personnel shall enter the Range Officer's Office without the permission of the Range Officer or a Firearms Instructor.

**1.** Only authorized personnel will enter the ammunition storage area or weapons storage area.

**2.** Weapons or ammunition will not be removed from the storage areas without the knowledge and authorization of the Range Officer or Training Unit Supervisor.

**D.** No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the Firearms/Training Facility during hours of operation. Persons impaired to any degree by alcohol or any other substance will not carry, handle, or fire any firearm. The Range Officer or any Firearms Instructor will take the firearm(s) from any suspected impaired person and secure it. The incident will be immediately reported to the Training Unit Supervisor.

**E.** Persons believed, by the Range Officer or a Firearms Instructor, to be ill or mentally distracted to the point of being a safety concern or a disruption to on-going training will be instructed to leave the facility.

**F.** Any person ordered to leave the facility by the Range Officer, Training Unit Supervisor, or any Firearms Instructor shall leave immediately.

1. If a person refuses to leave immediately, the Range Officer, or Training Unit Supervisor, or Firearms Instructor, will contact the CSPD dispatch and request that two road patrol officers come to the range.
  2. Upon arrival of the road patrol officers, the Range Officer, or Training Unit Supervisor, or Firearms Instructor, will again advise the involved person to leave the facility. The patrol officers will take necessary actions to resolve the situation.
- G.** Any firearm carried at the Firearms/Training Facility, not on the firing line, shall be unloaded with either the action, bolt or cylinder open, depending on the specific firearm.
- H.** The handling of loaded firearms is restricted to the actual firearms ranges. Loaded firearms will not be handled in any other area of the range facility.
- I.** Smoking, chewing of tobacco, and the use of snuff or any other similar products are not to be used anywhere at the range facility. Food and beverages may be consumed only in designated areas at the range facility.
- J.** With the exception of police K-9 dogs, no pets or animals are permitted at the Firearms/ Training Facility.
- K.** All firearms at the Firearms/Training Facility are subject to a safety inspection by the Range Officer or a Firearms Instructor at any time. Defective firearms shall not be used until repaired.
- L.** Only approved ammunition will be used at the Firearms/Training Facility. All ammunition is subject to an inspection by the Range Officer or a Firearms Instructor at any time. The use of armor piercing, incendiary ammunition, and *full metal jacket rifle rounds* are prohibited.
- M.** Loading and unloading of weapons will only take place at one of the covered ranges on the firing line facing toward the bullet trap and only after checking to see that no person is down range. The grass area east of the covered ranges is not to be used for the purpose of loading or unloading firearms.
- N.** Discharging of firearms shall be in the direction of the bullet trap only. No shots will be fired in the direction of any wall, ceiling, or floor.
- O.** Shooting will be done at targets approved by the Range Officer.
- P.** When on the firing line, unholstered firearms shall be pointed downrange at all times.
- Q.** Eye and ear protection are required to be worn at all times by all persons while on the range when any person is actively engaged in shooting a firearm. Double ear protection

can be worn as long as the protection does not interfere with the ability of person to hear instructions from the Range Officer or Firearms Instructor.

**R.** A hat will be worn by all individuals while on the firing line. The minimum hat required is a baseball style hat with a minimum 3-inch brim. The brim shall be worn over the eyes. The brim should reduce the chance of an ejected round falling behind eye protection. The wearing of a hat with a brim that completely encircles the crown is encouraged, as the full brim will provide increased protection.

**S.** Any person who has a firearm malfunction or ammunition misfire must keep the firearm pointed downrange while attempting to correct the problem. The Range Officer or Firearms Instructor shall be notified if the situation cannot be corrected. The Range Officer or Firearms Instructor shall intervene if, while attempting to clear a malfunction or clear defective ammunition, an unsafe condition arises.

**T.** During qualification or firearms training, firing will only be done on command from a Firearms Instructor or Range Officer. For safety reasons, when on the range, phones, pagers, radios or any other device, must be placed in silent mode or turned off. This applies to all persons on the range, not just individuals engaged in training. Only the Range Officer or Firearms Instructors are permitted to use audible devices for training when on the range.

**U.** Firearms will not be left unattended, except in designated areas.

**V.** Persons not abiding by all the above rules will leave the Firearms/Training Facility upon request of the Range Officer or Firearm's Instructor.