



# MTU 13 RANGE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## **MAIN SAFETY RULES**

### **Treat All Firearms As Loaded**

- Even When You Know They Are Empty. Don't Allow Bad Gun Handling to Occur Because the Weapon Was Checked for Empty, Using a Blue Gun or Conducting SIMS Training. When Safety Standards Are Relaxed Bad Habits Begin That Can Manifest Later During Live Fire.
- Know the Status of Your Firearms at All Times. Is it Loaded, Unloaded or Partially Loaded.

### **Know Your Backstop**

- Practice Situational Awareness. The Berm is a Designated Impact Area- Down Range is Truly 360° Degrees.
- Understand What is Behind My Target, On Either Side of My Target, What is Between Me and My Target and What is On Either Side of My Target. Be Ready to Stop Shooting or Move Yourself Out of Danger Should a Problem Occur.

### **Never Point Your Firearm at Anything You Don't Want to Shoot**

- Be Aware of Where Your Muzzle is Pointed At All Times. This Includes Body Sweeping Yourself During Movement and Re-Holstering.
- Pay Close Attention to Where Your Gun Is Oriented During Complex Exercises, Clearing Malfunctions, etc.

### **Finger Off Trigger Until Sights on Target**

- Finger Straight Until You Make the Conscious Decision to Engage.
- Have a Deliberate Point When the Finger Goes On and Off the Trigger, When The Safety Goes to Fire and Re-Engaged and When the Decocking Lever is Applied.

## **ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES**

**Zero Tolerance for Negligent Discharges:** Any shooter having a negligent discharge on the range facility or exhibiting egregious gun handling errors is immediately removed from training.

**Load & Unload on Command on the Firing Line:** Shooter report to the firing line with an empty firearm. The instructor controls the admin load and unload process, or to allow a loaded pistol in holster during breaks. Unsupervised load or unload practices in a classroom or parking lot increases the probability of a negligent discharge.

**Dropped Items:** During admin load or unload process, shooters should leave dropped items [including ejected round] on the ground until the instructor confirms all pistols are in holster or long guns slung before giving specific command to retrieve dropped items.

**Cell Phone Use:** Allow shooters to take important phone call or texts by stepping outside the classroom. The instructor can monitor what information was missed and update the trainee as needed. Shooters playing games, checking social media or playing on their phones in a classroom setting will miss information that can jeopardize safety. They receive one warning before removal from training. Cell phone use on the firing line is prohibited.

**Steel Targets:** Minimum distance of 10 yards for pistol and manufacture's specific recommendations for their specific target [generally 100 yards for rifle]. Conspicuously mark target for rifle or pistol rated. Pitted or cratered targets should not be used.

**Personal Protection:** All participants on range area must wear eye & ear protection.

**Movement Drills & Exercises:** On multiple stage course of fire, shooter must exhibit muzzle in safe direction, finger straight and engage safety [decock] if equipped.

**Range Inspection:** Before starting live fire, instructors will check the impact area to ensure no hazards occurs and target placement to ensure all rounds are contained within the berm or side berm. Check target height placement when shooting from kneeling or prone positions so that rounds are contained in the lower 2/3 of the berm.

**Low Light Range:** Clearly mark range boundaries and provide special instructions for low light shooting protocols. When changing or repairing targets, conduct a 100% accountability of all personnel before starting live fire iteration.

**Safety Briefing:** All training or qualification ranges begin with a safety briefing that includes main protocols, specific protocols for venue or course of fire and emergency injury plan.

**Individual Safety:** Any participant can call "Stop" at any time or choose not to shoot when they believe a hazard is occurring or about to occur.

**After Action Report:** Instructor should submit a memo or email covering the training session: what went right – any problems or deficiencies – recommendations for future training or equipment – persons arriving late or leaving early.

## **EMERGENCY INJURY PLAN**

**Trauma Kit on Firing Line at All Times:** At start of session the Instructor will show the kit for familiarization and designate location on the range for nearby quick retrieval.

**Medical Personnel:** At start of training poll the group for anyone having advanced first aid skills, EMT or paramedic training. Designate who will handle patient care in case of injury.

**Location:** Exact title of range location a 911 address to summon EMS.

**Evac Vehicle:** In case of major trauma, designate evacuation vehicle. Vehicle is backed into parking spot and staged for quick exit. Designate location of ignition keys.

**Route to Hospital:** Verbally describe route to nearest medical facility or emergency room. Preferably have a map with aid bag or evac vehicle, or have hospital address available for GPS navigation.

### **Aid Plan:**

- In case of injury [person] and [person] will provide initial care to the casualty
- Nearest available person will bring the trauma bag
- Next available person will call 911 and give our location and details- stay on the line

### **Trauma Plan:**

- In case of major injury [person] and [person] will provide initial care to the casualty
- Nearest available person will bring the trauma bag
- Next available person will call 911 and inform we are coming to hospital and details- stay on the line
- Casualty and Care Givers will go into back seat of evac vehicle
- Nearest available person will drive – the keys are located at:
- Route to hospital: