

# ST. JAMES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RANGE / TRAINING CENTER

### GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

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- THINK SAFETY
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRISONERS.
- Muzzle shall be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- All firearms will be fired from the shooting bench from a sitting position on the 100 yard range.
- No loaded firearms are to be brought to the shooting range. Persons bringing a loaded firearm will be barred from shooting for one business day. Firearms shall be considered to be loaded if shells or cartridges are in the chamber, magazine, or cylinder).
- No firearms are allowed in the Range Training Center without prior permission of the R.S.O. Range Safety Officer.
- No firearms will be handled in a careless or irresponsible manner.
- No armor penetrating, explosive, tracer, incendiary, steel shot, steel jacketed rounds allowed.
- Shooters must register before going to the firing line.
- Non-shooters are not allowed on the firing line. They are to remain quiet and sitting in the rear.
- Shooters are responsible for the conduct of their non-shooting guest.
- Shooters must be 18 years of age.
- Shooters under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult.
- Young shooters (under 18 y.o.a.) are required to stay within arms reach of their parent or adult guardian at all times while on the firing line.
- **Fully automatic** and **rapid fire** is prohibited by general public. (Rapid fire is one shot every 5 seconds or faster)
- Persons who have been drinking or appear to be intoxicated are barred from the range.
- Shooters and guests must obey all range commands of the Range Safety Officer (R.S.O.)
- The violation of any firing range safety rule will result in immediate expulsion from the firing range.
- No one is allowed in any restricted areas. If you see a STOP sign DO NOT proceed any farther.
- No one is allowed on the burms.
- Shooters who damage or destroy range property are liable for the cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed equipment
- Shooters are responsible for returning all equipment to the range building before leaving.

- Accidental discharges, damages, or injuries **NO MATTER HOW MINOR** must be reported to the Range Master immediately.
- Eye and Ear protection shall be worn at all times. (not provided)
- Shooters will limit their use of the shooting bench if others are waiting to use it.
- Shooters will limit themselves to one firearm at a time. (one gun on shooting bench and other(s) on the gun rack)
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased in order to enter the range.
- Firearms can only be uncased at the shooting stations on the firing lines. They must be unloaded and cased prior to leaving the shooting station. When the case is opened the muzzle must be pointed down range.
- Shooters are responsible for policing litter, cartridge cases, etc. from around their shooting station.
- During periods of inclement weather the range may be temporarily closed.
- Tobacco Products (smoking, chewing, etc.), Eating, and Drinking is prohibited on the shooting ranges.

## Rifle Range Rules

- THINK SAFETY
- **Muzzle shall** be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- No human silhouette targets allowed. (L.E. only)
- Only one shooter or one shooter and coach at a time is allowed per shooting bench. All other shooters will stay in the waiting area until it is their turn.
- Rifle caliber as follows .17 caliber through .45 caliber. (except muzzle loaders)
- All rifles / shotguns will remain unloaded in the gun rack with their actions open.
- **Only one** rifle at a time is allowed to be fired from a shooting bench.
- **Only one** caliber of ammo is allowed on the shooting bench.
- When clearing the range, all rifles will be unloaded, actions open, and placed in the gun rack.
- Eye and Ear protection shall be worn at all times. Shooters and Guest. (not provided)
- Do not step forward of the firing line until the range officer has given permission to do so.
- No firearm is to be handled while the range is clear.
- When permission to fire has been received, a rifle will be placed on the bench with the muzzle pointed down range before loading or making sight adjustments, dry firing, etc.
- Muzzleloaders may be loaded with the muzzle pointed up. Muzzleloaders must be on the bench pointed down range before capping.
- Shooters shall clean the area after the shooting session. Brass / hulls go into buckets, and trash into the garbage cans.
- Firearms may not be taken down range.

## **Pistol Range Rules**

- No holstered handguns allowed. (L.E. only)
- No human silhouette targets allowed. (L.E. only)
- When the range officer clears the range, all handguns will be unloaded, magazines removed, slides locked back, or cylinders swung open, handguns then placed on table.
- Eye and Ear protection shall be worn at all times. Shooters and Guest. (not provided)
- Do not step forward of the firing line until the officer has given permission to do so.
- No firearm will be handled while the range is clear.
- When permission to fire has been received, the handgun muzzle will be pointed down range before loading.

## **Muzzleloader Range Rules**

- A brass flask or cow horn, holding less than 1/4 pound of black powder or a black powder substitute, may be used. (unless using pellets)
- Load muzzleloaders from a separate powder measure only, not from the container - and only at the shooting stations.
- Muzzleloaders may be loaded with the muzzle pointed up. **Muzzleloaders must be on the bench pointed down range before capping.**
- No open powder or pellet containers are allowed on the firing line.
- Firearms larger than .70 caliber are prohibited.
- Before target check occurs, all muzzleloaders must be discharged and have no obstruction in the barrel.

**St. James Parish Sheriff's Rifle & Pistol Range was established in 2005. It is made available to the public in order to provide a safe environment for the shooting sport. The above listed rules have been implemented with the safety of the shooter in mind. Any violation of these rules may result in expulsion from the range.**