## Range Expectations Lady Hawks

Firearms safety is one of the most important aspects of any firearms owner's life. There is no other aspect civilian life which involves the responsibility of shooting, and very possibly killing, other members of our society. This is a very solemn trust. We expect you to take this trust very seriously. Because of the potential danger involved, we must expect a lot from each student. Our expectations are as follows:

<u>Honesty:</u> We expect and demand honesty from each student. If we question some behavior at the range, we expect an honest answer. If you have failed to do some task that we have asked of you, we expect you to be truthful. We can work with almost any mistake. Lying is not a mistake, but rather a means of exiting this course of instruction.

<u>Hard Work:</u> We expect you to work hard at the range and in the class portions of your firearms training. When there are jobs to do, DO THEM. We will not accept students sitting idly by while others work to set up, clean up, or complete some other range tasks. We want to maximize quality range time. Standing around and talking when there is work to be done does not produce quality range time.

<u>Courtesy:</u> We expect to be treated courteously and to treat you in the same manner. Rudeness, profanity, sexist or racist jokes or comments will not be tolerated.

<u>Safety:</u> You will receive range safety rules, as well as verbal range safety instructions. FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES!. Gross violations of range rules, or repeated minor violations of range rules, will cause you to be removed from the this course. Remember, someone could get killed if we violate safety rules.

**Effort:** We expect you to give 100% at the range. We plan to have you doing things with a firearm you may not believe are possible. Skill is the marriage

of proper training and dedicated effort. If you will not try, you will not succeed. It is especially important that students practice specific range techniques (draws, reloads, basic gun handling, etc) on their own time.

<u>Attention:</u> You will be taught many things. Much, if not all, of this instruction will be lost if you do not pay attention. When the range staff is speaking, LISTEN. We will not tolerate students speaking among themselves while lecture is under way.

Be Open to New Ideas and Techniques: We have found that many students, especially those who have some prior law enforcement experience, are often very reluctant to try new techniques. Unfortunately, these students often cling to techniques that are neither efficient, safe or suited for real life survival. We will be teaching you about virtually every aspect of shooting a duty type firearm. Everything we teach is based upon years of experience, careful study or specifically applied logic. We do not teach any method or technique "just because".

**Remember,** you are here to learn, not to know. Be open to what we have to say. If your methods are successful, you may use them. If they are unsafe to you or others, then we cannot allow you to continue. We believe we are entrusted with your survival. We take this trust very seriously and want only for you to succeed.

Ask Questions: As I have already said, we have a reason for everything we do. Please ask about anything you do not understand. It is just as important that you understand WHY we do things as HOW to do them.

<u>Have Fun!</u>: It is my hope, plan and intention to have fun at the range. I would not want anyone to dread coming to the range. We will spend a great deal of time together. I expect you to spend that time learning, listening and laughing. Fear is not a very good teacher.

## **Range Safety Rules**

- 1. Treat all firearms as though they are loaded at all times.
- 2. Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- 3. Be sure of your target and what is behind and beyond it.
- 4. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until your gun is indexed on the target/threat and you are commencing the firing process.
- 5. Absolutely **no rough housing** (pushing, wrestling etc) will be allowed in or around the <u>safe</u> **handling area** or on the **firing line**.
- 6. No **dry firing** or other **firearm manipulation** will be allowed except with the knowledge of the range master.
- 7. **Clearing malfunctions is the responsibility of the student.** Students are expected to continue the course of fire while resolving the malfunction. Range staff will intercede only if necessary.
- 8. Students on the firing line <u>shall not break 180 degrees with the muzzle of their firearm</u>. (Under no circumstances will the muzzle point up-range).
- 9. Consumption of alcohol or intoxicants before or during range training is **strictly forbidden**. Any student taking **any medication** must report this to range staff **before** any weapons firing.
- 10. All range related or performance-affecting injuries must be reported. If you cannot complete some task due to any injury, let us know. If you become injured, let us know.
- 11. **All persons at the range are responsible for range safety.** Failure to act upon any violation of range safety rules will constitute a violation of range safety.
- 12. All students are responsible for cleaning their firearms at the conclusion of their tour at the range. Do not come to a range session with a dirty firearm. Expect to be inspected.

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## **Range Expectations and Safety Rules**

## **Acknowledgment:**

I have received, read and understand the Range Expectations and Safety Rules

I intend to adhere to these expectations and regulations. I understand that failure to adhere to these regulations and expectations may be grounds for FAILURE OF THIS COURSE and immediate removal from this and future training sessions.

Signed
Date
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