

Chapter

Law Enforcement Operations

Article

Firearms Range

PURPOSE

To establish rules and regulations concerning the use of firearms ranges used by the agency.

POLICY

A firearms range possesses great risk for serious injury or death. It is imperative that rules and regulations be established to maintain safety for all users of a firearms range as well as anyone in the area.

DEFINITIONS

Indoor range refers to any indoor range used for approved firearms qualification and training (to include the Northern Colorado Law Enforcement Training Center [NCLETC] shooting range).

Outdoor range refers to any outdoor range used for approved firearms qualification and training (to include the shooting range located at the water treatment plant).

GENERAL GUIDELINES**Firearms Range Regulations** <CALEA 4.3.5 (a-c)>

The Department utilizes approved Department and outside firearms ranges for approved firearms qualification and training. Department members will adhere to all LPD policies and procedures as well as the rules of the firearms range when utilizing the range for such purposes.

Department members will adhere to range safety procedures and rules. These procedures and rules are documented and will be reviewed prior to every training/qualification event held at the range.

The Department firearms range operations shall be governed by guidelines for the safety and protection of persons using the range.

The firearms instructors shall be responsible for:

- Safety procedures on the range.
- Enforcing posted rules and taking necessary and appropriate actions for all violations.
- In-service/pre-service firearms instruction for Department members.
- Firearms lesson plan design.
- Range scheduling and use by Department personnel.

Use of Indoor Range

Officers using indoor ranges shall abide by the rules, regulations, and procedures of the respective range and shall not interfere with pre-scheduled training at either facility. Click the link to see [NCLETC's SOPs](#).



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Loveland Police Department Personnel Use of Outdoor Range

Use of the LPD outdoor shooting range will be restricted to authorized training only.

Personnel using any range shall be responsible for clean up after shooting and shall be held accountable for any damage to the range during that time.

Safety Equipment <CALEA 4.3.5 (e)>

All members utilizing a firearms range for LPD firearms training/qualification will utilize the following safety equipment:

- Ear and eye protection

The following items are recommended:

- Body armor
- Hat with bill

Safety Plan

Whenever training or shooting occurs at a range a firearms instructor shall complete a safety plan and explain this plan to all instructors and students. This plan should explain proper firearms safety rules, range rules, and a medical plan that applies to the specific range being utilized.

Medical Emergencies <CALEA 4.3.5 (f)>

All officers are trained in emergency medical response to include types of injuries that may occur during firearms training. Officers are also trained in the use of and provided with a tourniquet. Medical supplies will be available in the range for any emergencies.

Storage of Weapons and Ammunition <CALEA 4.3.5 (g)>

Weapons and ammunition will not be left unattended on the range. Weapons and ammunition may be secured in vehicles.

Use of Outdoor Range by Outside Agencies or Civilians

No other agency or civilian may use the Department range unless that agency is participating in Department-sanctioned training in conjunction with Department personnel or with permission of the Chief of Police or designee.

Range Rules

Every person on the range shall abide by all range rules at all times. Anyone who violates any of the rules is subject to removal from the range by the range staff.

- Always treat every gun as a loaded gun.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Never point the gun at anybody or anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to shoot.
- Be aware of your target and what lies beyond.
- Keep gun in holster unless directed to do otherwise by a Department firearms instructor.



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- When using long guns, keep the muzzle up and the action open, unless directed to do otherwise by a Department firearms instructor.
- Do not climb on or over the berms.
- No glass or glass-like targets on the range.
- No tobacco usage allowed on the firing line.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the range.
- Access to the range supplies shall only be after approval of the range staff.
- Members will utilize only approved Department firearms, ammunition, targets, and equipment when conducting firearms training/qualification at a firearms range (see the Approved Weapons and Ammunition List in Annex A of [LPD Policy 11.31 Uniforms and Equipment](#)). <CALEA 4.3.5 (d)>

