

## **RANGE RULES**

## **AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT - FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT**

(Revised April 2022)

- 1. BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
- 2. Officers will notify a Firearms Instructor if they are using ANY type of medication, alcohol, drug, or substance that is capable of altering one's abilities, judgment, or state of alertness.
- 3. Loading and unloading of weapons that is not conducted as part of guided training/qualification will take place at the designated clearing barrels.
- 4. Armed visitors will keep their weapons holstered.
- 5. Unholstered/uncased weapons being transported, stored or turned in shall have the actions open.
- 6. Eye and ear protection will be worn when weapons are being fired.
- 7. Officers shall follow all commands of the Firearms Instructor(s).
- 8. Anytime you hear the command "CEASE FIRE", you will stop shooting immediately, remain in position and await further instructions.
- 9. Officers should check for a "HOT" range before heading downrange.
- 10. DO NOT engage in HORSEPLAY!
- 11. During guided training or qualification DO NOT draw your weapon unless instructed to do so.
- 12. DO NOT draw or holster a weapon with your finger in the trigger guard or on the trigger.
- 13. During guided training or qualification DO NOT load your weapon unless instructed to do so.
- 14. Weapons should generally be pointed down range or at the ground when on the range.
- 15. DO NOT holster a double action weapon with the hammer cocked to the rear.
- 16. DO NOT move forward of the firing line or go down range until instructed by a Firearms Instructor and/or ensuring that other shooters have completed shooting and holstered or slung their weapons.
- 17. DO NOT step back from the firing line unless your weapon is safely holstered or slung.
- 18. <u>DO NOT</u> bend over to pick up dropped items on the firing line unless instructed by a Firearms Instructor and/or ensuring that other shooters have completed shooting and holstered or slung their weapons.
- 19. DO NOT eat, drink or smoke on or near the firing line.
- 20. <u>DO NOT</u> attempt any exercise or drill which you may not be able to perform safely based upon your own ability, equipment, or physical condition.
- 21. Brass <u>SHALL</u> be picked up at the end of each shooting session and general policing of the area shall be done by ALL officers.
- 22. Junk training vehicles shall not be shot unless it is part of a guided training exercise.
- 23. All range property shall be returned to the designated storage area at the end of use.
- 24. Weapons shall be cleaned in designated cleaning areas only.
- 25. ALWAYS wash hands and face after a shooting session or weapon cleaning.
- 26. Hats with a front bill are required when more than one shooter is on the line. They must be worn with the bill forward, and low on the head.
- 27. Covered footwear and long pants are required when shooting (allowances can be made by the Range Staff).
- 28. No one may shoot alone on the range during open practice (in case of an emergency), and no Recruit Officer may shoot without a Firearms Instructor present.
- 29. Firearms Instructors are in charge of all persons while they are on the range. Only Firearms Instructors have the discretion to modify range rules.
- 30. <u>FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM TRAINING OR SHOOTING ACTIVITIES FOR ANY CAUSE DEEMED NECESSARY.</u>
- 31. REMEMBER Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility!!!