

Chapter 23

Range Safety

23-1. General

This chapter establishes policies and responsibilities to prevent accidents on Fort Lee ranges.

23-2. Responsibilities

a. Garrison Commander will:

(1) Enforce overall range safety per AR 385-63.

(2) Withdraw user privileges from any organization or person that willfully disobeys prescribed rules and regulations.

b. Installation Safety Office will:

(1) Monitor the effectiveness of enforcement of the installation range safety program.

(2) Inspect for safety deficiencies semi-annually.

c. Training Division, DPTMS will:

(1) Appoint Range Control personnel.

(2) Develop SOP for range operations.

(3) Develop a risk assessment of each range complex.

(4) Monitor units on the range and enforce safety requirements.

d. Range Control will:

(1) Develop a standard program of instruction for the certification of using unit Officer in Charge (OIC) and Range Safety Officer.

(2) Maintain and ensure using unit's police ranges, maneuver areas, and training facilities after completion of scheduled training.

(3) Notify installation personnel and the public of firing exercises involving possible hazard to the public.

(4) Coordinate and schedule all firing.

(5) Review and maintain a copy of the unit composite risk management worksheets prior to allowing units to fire.

(6) Ensure safety-related equipment is used.

(7) Survey and post range boundaries and off-limit areas to prevent trespass and entry by unauthorized personnel into surface danger zones and impact areas.

(8) Coordinate with local EOD unit to clear duds from ranges before allowing people to enter.

(9) Post range guards, barriers, limit of fire markers, signals, and warning signs.

(10) Establish and maintain detailed records that:

(a) Describe the range area including detailed permanent charts and overlays.

(b) Provide information on the types and amounts of ammunition fired into the range areas.

(c) Record known or estimated number of duds located in range impact areas.

(11) Clear temporary impact areas.

(12) Perform other duties and activities related to the safe operation of ranges.

(13) Assist police and other civic organizations in the development of bilateral agreements for the use of range areas.

(14) Forward safety violations and accident reports to the Installation Safety Office and maintain one copy of each as permanent records.

e. Battalion/Group/Unit commanders utilizing the range are will:

(1) Comply with the installation procedures for certification of OICs and Range Safety Officers.

(2) Ensure unit compliance with AR 385-63, CASCOM&FL Reg 350-1, applicable FMs/TMs, and local range SOPs.

(3) Designate an OIC in the grade of Sergeant First Class or above.

(4) Schedule use of range with range control.

(5) Conduct a risk assessment prior to firing on any range.

f. OIC will:

- (1) Read and comply with AR 385-63 and CASCOM&FL Regulation 350-1.
- (2) Attend range safety certification conducted by range control officer.
- (3) Designate a Range Safety Officer in the grade of Staff Sergeant or above.
- (4) Immediately record and forward safety violations.

g. Range Safety Officer will:

- (1) Read and comply with AR 385-63 and CASCOMFL 350-1.
- (2) Attend range safety certification conducted by range control officer.

23-3. Privately owned weapons (POW) range

a. DFMWR will:

- (1) Schedule range IAW CASCOM&FL Regulation 350-1.
- (2) Develop SOP for firing on the range.
- (3) Develop risk assessments of range operations.
- (4) Ensure OICs and Range Safety Officers attended the Range Safety Class.

b. Individuals using the range will:

- (1) Comply with CASCOM&FL Regulation 350-1 and the POW Range SOP.
- (2) Attend a range safety briefing.