



## **YORK COUNTY LODGE #73 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE PISTOL RANGE AND PROPERTY**

1. No alcoholic beverages permitted at any time, UNLESS A WAIVER IS GRANTED FROM THE FOP BOARD.
2. Shooting is permitted only at regulation targets, or other targets that may be approved by the Range Committee.
3. Good firearm safety will be practiced at all times. Handguns will be holstered except on the firing line. If a handgun must be carried around the range, the cylinder must be open and/or the slide locked open, and the magazine removed.
4. No one is to go forward of the firing line unless all firearms are empty and safe.
5. Persons wishing to place target(s) will get permission from the Range Officer on duty or, in their absence, the officer or member who was there first; and then only when the entire line is made safe.
6. Only authorized firearms and ammunition may be used on this range.
  - a. The only rifles which may be utilized on the range are .223 caliber rifles.
  - b. Only handgun ammunition is authorized to be shot at the FOP owned steel targets.
  - c. Only frangible ammunition is authorized to be shot at steel targets when within 15 yards of the target.
7. If a qualified Range Officer is present, all of his/her range commands must be obeyed.
8. The use of eye and ear protection is required when shooting.
9. Dry firing is only allowed on the firing line.
10. If a misfire or malfunction occurs, keep the firearm pointed down range, count to ten, and signal for the Range Officer if one is present, unless instructed differently by the Range Officer.
11. After a malfunction, check the firearm for obstructions in the barrel, chamber, etc. Never try to shoot an obstruction from the barrel.
12. Clean firearms only in designated areas.
13. Do not conduct short range firing, such as one to three yards, unless the backstop has been inspected for rocks, lead buildup, or any other obstruction which may result in a ricochet.
14. The direction of ALL firing is toward the targets. No firing around shed or parking lot.

15. Make sure that no one is working in any of the fenced-in area before shooting.
16. When finished shooting, **PLEASE POLICE THE AREA FOR ALL BRASS**. Keep it clean, this is your range.
  - a. Brass left in the brass container(s) is property of the Lodge, and proceeds are used to offset the cost of running the range. **DO NOT TAKE OUR BRASS**. You are welcome to take your own brass, but consider leaving it to help offset our costs. Our goal is to keep the range fees low. Shotgun shells are trash, **PUT THEM IN THE TRASH CONTAINER, NOT THE BRASS CONTAINER**.
  - b. **Return all training aids** (barrels, barricades, moveable targets, etc.) to their proper storage area. It should be where you got them from, unless someone else didn't put them away, which you should report. Most of these items are kept in the range house, and are available for any department to use.
  - c. **Empty all trash into the dumpster when leaving the range**. The range is yours; regard and care for it as your own property. Please do your share to keep the range orderly, safe, and clean.
  - d. **Move all tables and benches back onto the concrete**. NOTHING should be left sitting on the grass. The Lodge spends a lot of money and time trying to keep the grass nice, and we want to keep it that way.
17. Shooting hours are Monday through Saturday: 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Sunday: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
18. There will be no hunting or chasing of game on the property of York County Lodge #73.
19. Use of this range is restricted to Active and Associate members of York County Lodge #73, and their family members, as well as any individual and/or organizations which contracts with the Lodge for the use of the range.
20. Associate members will have access to the range after having been given proper instructions by a certified Range Officer.
21. Both Active and Associate members may bring a maximum of two guests, not including family, and those members will be held responsible for their guests' conduct while they are on the range.
22. Minimum age of guests is 12 years old.
23. Children 12 years of age or older must be under direct adult supervision at all times.
24. Spectators must stay behind the 50-yard line at all times.
25. All agencies must reserve range time by contacting the Range Coordinator in advance
26. **VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE GRASS**, except when needed for qualification purposes.
  - a. No vehicles should be driven on the grass inside the fenced area. The two exceptions include: one vehicle may be used to transport range equipment onto the range; and one vehicle may be used on the range for night fire. These vehicles should not be left to idle, except when necessary for night fire. Vehicles that sit and idle generate extreme heat, and kill the grass underneath.
27. Pets will be allowed within the fenced area of the range, but the owner is responsible for cleaning up after it. Pets shall be leashed if other members are on the range and request it.
28. The Range Committee has the final word on any and all disputes and inquiries.
29. The strictest discipline and adherence to all rules of safety and common sense must be maintained at all times while on the firing range in order to prevent accidents and injuries.

30. York County Lodge #73, Fraternal Order of Police Home Association will not and does not assume responsibility or liability for any accidents or injuries caused by a violation of any of these rules and regulations.
- a. All accidents shall be reported to the Lodge Range Committee within 24 hours.
  - b. Report any problems, damage, or if the person before you did not leave the range in order as described above immediately to [range@yorkfop73.org](mailto:range@yorkfop73.org) , so we can investigate and take action.
  - c. Video cameras with audio recording capability have been installed to identify those not following the rules. If you are caught violating the rules and regulations, you and/or your department may not be permitted to use the range.