

# BCSO Range

## Expanded Outline

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- I. Introduction, paperwork
  - a. Introduce Instructors/Safety Officers
    - i. Rank/Name
    - ii. Roles for each instructor
  - b. Introduce range objectives
    - i. Quarterly qualifications
    - ii. Improve safe gun handling skills
    - iii. Provide proper care and maintenance of firearms
    - iv. Complete range paperwork
- II. Policy/Safety Briefing
  - a. Review BCSO Policy 2001 Use of Force
  - b. Review BCSO Policy 2012 Firearms
  - c. Provide Range Safety Briefing
    - i. Eye and ear protection is to be worn by all parties on the range while live fire is taking place.
    - ii. Body armor will be worn during all tactical and movement type courses
    - iii. No handling of handguns outside the holster unless at a safe table or under the direction of range staff.
    - iv. Long guns are to be kept slung muzzle down or in a rack unless at a safe table or under the direction of range staff.
    - v. There is no safe “muzzle up” direction on the range. Keep muzzles oriented down or into a safe backstop.
    - vi. 4 basic Range Safety Rules:
      - 1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
      - 2. Don’t point a firearm at anything that you are not willing to destroy.

3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to shoot.
  4. Know your target and what is beyond it. Know what is near the target that may move in front or behind the target.
- vii. After firing, engage manual safety or de-cock double/single action weapons.
  - viii. Identify primary medical officer and medical bag location.
  - ix. Notify an instructor if a pre-existing injury would be aggravated by or prevents you from completing an evolution as described.
  - x. Injury reporting procedure.
    1. If an injury has occurred, take appropriate action to make the scene safe.
    2. Notify nearest range staff
    3. Provide first aid if appropriate
    4. Primary instructor will be notified and will request appropriate resources through dispatch for a “training accident”
  - xi. Everyone is a safety officer and can call “Stop” at any time to prevent unsafe situations from occurring.

### III. Deployment of Handgun/Rifle/Shotgun, shooting decision

- a. Deployment of firearm
  - i. Based on agency policy
  - ii. Based on reasonableness
    1. Situation
    2. Environment
- b. Shooting Decision
  - i. Based on applicable agency policy, State and Federal laws
  - ii. Know the limits and abilities of yourself and your weapon
  - iii. Use force that is legally and morally justified.

### IV. Qualifications/Courses of fire

- a. Firearms training is mandatory for all personnel who carry firearms in the course of their duties.
- b. Qualifications will be a part of regular firearms training

- i. Qualifications include; handgun, long gun, shotgun and back up/off duty firearms
    - ii. Qualification courses will be approved by the training division
    - iii. Range sheets indicating pass/fail will be maintained by the training division.
  - c. Courses of fire will vary from each range day.
    - i. Each training day will consist of multiple courses of fire, including static line fire, dry fire, movement drills, and Shoothouse entry drills.
    - ii. Ranges will also incorporate scenario based training utilizing force options decision making to include shoot/no-shoot situations.

#### V. Maintenance

- a. During each range session, all firearms will be function checked by a department armorer.
- b. If a firearm is found in disrepair, arraignments will be made by the armorer to get the firearm back to working order, or replaced with a county issued firearm.
- c. All firearms will be cleaned and lubed at the conclusion of each training session.