

RSO COMMANDS FOR RIFLE/HANDGUN RANGES

“(Rifle/Handgun) Range is hot. You may load and fire when ready.”

Command is given:

- All targets are in place.
- After visually confirming the down range area is clear of persons.
- Shooters are at the firing line and have needed firearms/accessories at station.

“(Rifle/Handgun) Range cease fire. Unload, show clear and step back from firing line.”

Command is given:

- When it appears that shooters have finished their session.
- Whenever necessary to address a non-emergency issue on the range, such as a target stand falling or firearm malfunction that cannot be easily rectified.

“(Rifle/Handgun) Range is cold. You may proceed down range.”

Command is given:

- After everyone, including spotters, stepped back from the firing line.
- All firearms have been rendered safe with chambers open/flagged and on benches or cased.

“STOP!! DON’T SHOOT!!”

Command is given:

- Whenever anyone sees an unsafe condition, action or other emergency requiring the immediate stopping of live fire.
- Should be said loudly with sense of urgency.
- Acknowledge that all shooters have heard the command. The optional use of a whistle may accompany command to attract immediate attention.
- As necessary, further instructions may be given to shooters, such as “Step back from firing line” or “Unload and clear firearm.”