

# **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ALL RANGES RUN BY THE COLORADO SPRINGS MUZZLE LOADERS**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a safe shooting environment for shooters, spectators, range safety officers, range officers, and the surrounding area.

**SCOPE:** Develop CSML Range Standard Operating Procedures to guide CSML Range Safety Officers and CSML Range Officers

## **RANGE SAFETY OFFICER DUTIES:**

1. Inspect the Range for layout, ensuring the impact area is adequate, left and right limits are marked, loading/firing line areas are adequate, CSML Range Rules and Procedures are posted, etc.
2. Setup a communications network in case of an emergency.
3. The Range Safety Officer is to position himself/herself to have a clear view of the down range area. The position is to be as near center of the range as possible, depending on the range layout
3. The Range Safety Officer controls the opening and closing of the range, ensuring the down range area is clear of personnel prior to opening the range for live fire and ensuring the firing line and loading area are SAFE prior to personnel going forward of the firing line.
4. The RSO is in charge in case of an emergency
5. Have copies of the CSML Range Standard Operation Procedures available for anyone who requests a copy.
6. The Chief Range Safety Officer may be called upon to greet persons entering the range to ensure safety protocols are followed.

## **RANGE OFFICER DUTIES:**

1. Assist the Range Safety Officer in the opening of the Range by visibly checking the area in front of the Firing Line to the Backstop for personnel or other hazards AND assist in the closing of the range by ensuring all firearms are racked or benched and firearms are not being handled prior to the closing of the range.
2. Be alert for any shooter whose actions are unsafe or has unsafe equipment.
3. Assist shooters in clearing misfires or malfunctions, ensuring the shooter stays at the firing line until the muzzleloader is clear. A loaded firearm is not to leave the firing line and must always be pointed in a safe direction.
4. Observe the shooters' loading procedure for any unsafe actions listed in the Range Rules
5. If a situation develops which the Range Officer is unable to resolve, bring the situation the Chief Range Officer immediately.
6. Ensure that all Range Commands are being followed by shooters.
7. Range Officers are to remain vigilant and not become distracted to ensure the range operates safely