

Making The Line Hot

After all shooters are back from setting up their targets and behind the red firing line, double check to make sure that no one is still down range. This should be done by visually scanning all of the down range area. Look to make sure that there are no legs/feet below each target stands. Look up to the 200 yard higher ground to ensure that there is no one at that target area. Scan down the left side road to the 200 yard stands to ensure that there are no shooters either driving or walking back from that target area. Scan the right side pistol range to confirm that it is clear. After confirming that all shooters are accounted for and behind the firing line and that no one is left down range then you may commence to make the line "hot".

To make the line hot, the RSO will loudly announce:

- "PUT ON YOUR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION"
- "THE LINE IS HOT"
- "LOAD AND COMMENCE FIRING WHEN YOU ARE READY"

While the line is "hot", the RSO should periodically traverse the firing line and ensure that all shooters are obeying all range rules.

Making The Line Safe

A few minutes before calling a cease fire, warn shooters of the upcoming event by announcing:

"WE NEED TO HAVE A CEASE FIRE."

Once the shooters have fired their last rounds, announce:

"CEASE FIRE."

"WE ARE MAKING THE LINE COLD."

"SHOOTERS WILL UNLOAD THEIR FIREARMS & LEAVE ACTIONS OPEN."

"STEP BACK AWAY FROM THE FIRING LINE."

"DO NOT TOUCH ANY FIREARM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE."

"STAY BEHIND THE FIRING LINE UNTIL THE RED LIGHTS ARE TURNED ON."

The RSO will then go down the firing line and inspect all firearms, confirming that all firearms are unloaded and their actions are open with chambers visible and empty, muzzleloaders are unloaded and uncapped, the hammer lowered and frizzen open on flintlocks, that everyone is standing back behind the firing line and no one is touching a firearm. Once you are satisfied that it is safe to go down range, turn on the flashing red lights and announce:

"THE LINE IS COLD."

"YOU MAY GO DOWN RANGE."

"THERE IS TO BE NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE."