

Range Safety Officer (RSO) Duties

The first duty of range safety officer (RSO) is to run a range that is both safe and fun. The concepts of safe and fun are not at odds, but work well with each other. In all cases, the RSO's decisions are immediately final and binding. The RSO's decisions are based on the current situation as it exists and as his/her judgement dictates. The RSO's decisions may override the general printed/posted rules or this document with the provision that the decision is to err on the side of safety. A member not pleased with a RSO decision will immediately abide by that decision but may choose to later discuss it at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. These meetings are held at 7:00p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

There are three distinct Range Safety Officer classifications:

Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) - The CRSO is responsible for rules establishment and changes, training, RSO authorization, and Range oversight. The BOD appoints the CRSO. The CRSO should be a NRA training counselor if possible.

Range Safety Officer (RSO) - The RSO is a Unaka Rod & Gun Club (URGC) approved officer to monitor the range operation and is to enforce range safety rules.

RSO Trainee - An RSO Trainee is a RSO who has not completed formal training or has not met the minimum requirements of the BOD. A RSO Trainee will not stand RSO duty alone.

To operate a range safely, a number of standard processes need to be followed WITHOUT variation by ALL RSO's.

Procedures For Opening The Range

- Arrive at least 10 minutes early in order to have the range prepared and inspected before opening.
- Set the range hours sign (near the main club house) to the "OPEN" position.
- Unlock the swing gate using the issued key
- Unlock the door to the target shed using the issued key
- Re-lock the padlock at the gate and target shed to ensure they are not lost or stolen.
- Unlock the restrooms and range house using the issued key.
- Test the flashing red lights of the firing line by operating the switch on the pole to ensure functionality.
- If the season warrants it, turn on the air conditioning unit in the range house to heat or cool.
- Locate the range sign-in log book. It is usually on the table in the range house.
- On the next clean sign-in sheet, fill in your name, the date, and the time you arrived at the range.
- Place the sign-in log book in the shooting area under the cover.
- Make sure shooting positions are clean and free of debris that may present hazards.
- Wear the Range Safety Officers ball cap provided. This will identify you to arriving members.
- Be ready to welcome shooters and treat them with courtesy.