

DCWC Pistol Recertification

The DCWC Range Officers are only there to recertify existing members' pistol safety.

Member must have a badge displayed with PISTOL on the badge!

No badge or no PISTOL on the badge = NO TESTING

Do not use your firearm for testing. Only use the provided Rubber Gun

Must have eye and ear protection! The range is open!

Testing will occur:

- At the far righthand end of the range (100 yard bench) away from the 50 yard shooters.
- The range is active and all range commands are to be obeyed! Honor the GREEN LINE!
- If you have questions, ask the RO. They are TESTING but can help you understand the rules.
- Testing is done as the ROs are available. Testing is done at the RO's discretion based on the number of shooters and guest at the range. If the range is busy come back later.

Member is to complete the Written portion of the test provided to them by the RO. Fill out name and badge number on the pistol safety test **LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK PEN.** You must get 100% correct. If you miss one the RO will tell you check your answers and fix the ones that are incorrect. They will NOT tell you which are wrong! Since these are Y/N that would be too easy. And these are not hard questions. You should know the answers!

Once completed the written test and all answers are correct (100%) you may proceed with the "Rubber Gun" portion of the test. **You are being TESTED not TAUGHT! If you have questions, ask but do not expect to be coached through the process.**

Explain every step you must take when entering the range and setting up prior to shooting and during the shooting process. The first steps 1 through 11 below should be obvious to all Members at our range.

- 1) **Must have a badge displayed with PISTOL on the badge**
- 2) **Eyes and ears on**
- 3) **All guns must arrive at the range**
 - a. Cased - soft case, hard case, box, bag, sock, whatever! But it must be cased.
 - b. Unloaded – All firearms must be unloaded, with no magazine in the gun!
 - c. All magazines must be unloaded. This is to deter a CCW from being unholstered and brought on the range with a mag still inserted and round in the chamber!
- 4) **On Hours: pay the RO and sign the log, present their badge to the RO on duty**
- 5) **Off Hours: fill out token envelope and sign in on OFF HOURS log.**
- 6) **Prep your target.**
 - a. One centered bullseye unless you're shooting a rifle from the bench at 25 to 50 yards, then more than one bullseye is allowed.
- 7) **If the range is in "Commence Firing" mode (no red light on and no one downrange) you may unload your gear on the bench**
 - a. NOTE: you cannot shoot yet!!! You have not gotten to a cease fire to set up a target!
 - b. Uncase guns ensuring the muzzle is pointed downrange and place an open chamber indicator (OBI) empty chamber indicator (ECI) in all uncased guns on the bench.
 - c. You may load magazines
- 8) **On Hours: wait for the RO to call a cease fire to then go downrange to set up your target**
 - a. Step behind green line to indicate you're ready to go downrange.

b. Be ready with your target. Target staples to a frame and your target dot, if you want it, in place.
9) **When the command is given, “The line is safe, you may go downrange and place your target” you can go downrange.**

a. You may NOT step over the green line to get, targets, stapler, or anything during this time!

10) **Wait for the command “Shooters to the firing line” before crossing over the green line and touching ANYTHING on the bench.**

11) **MEMBER will go through the command process twice.**

a. OFF HOURS: Ask them “Who is RO?” and explain the passing of the RO responsibility. I call this the “Tag your it” process. Be sure to have whoever you’re handing off the RO is accepting the responsibility. **Call off all range commands even if you’re the only one there** Someone may have slipped in and is signing up or out in the parking lot walking in. **CALL LOUDLY so the archers can hear you!**

b. ON HOURS: Listen to the ROs on duty and follow their commands.

i. Cease fire means CEASE FIRE! Not just one more shot!

NEW TO THE PISTOL RECERTIFICATION PROCESS THAT WE WILL DISCUSS WITH ALL MEMBERS

#12 Below is handling issues like jams and misfires is something you may not be aware of and need to understand. This is new in the testing and you may need some specific direction on what to do. Listen and learn!

12) **Describe how to handle a misfire or jam.**

a. Maintain muzzle control - DOWNRANGE AT ALL TIMES!

i. Turn your body not the gun!

b. Misfire - wait 30 seconds before clearing round in case it is a delayed discharge.

i. There is no cause for embarrassment if you have a problem. Misfire and jams happen. A stuck case you may need help clearing the brass.

ii. In the case of a misfire, jam or odd sounding round, make sure the barrel is clear before shooting your next round. Use a pipe cleaner to poke all the way through from chamber to muzzle.

iii. If the shot sounds ODD, STOP and check the barrel for a stuck round in the barrel!

iv. If a bullet is stuck in the barrel do not attempt to remove it at the range. Take it home or to a qualified gunsmith.

v. Don’t leave the range with a live round stuck in the chamber. Make the gun safe to transport in a case.

vi. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO ASK FOR HELP!

Lastly, complete the process demonstration how to close the range.

- Clean up all brass,
- Put away your target frame.
- Last one out turns off the lights!

Once done with the test fill out your name, badge number on the LOG SHEET and have the RO check the boxes in the LOG.

For questions or issues, contact the pistol chairman as listed on the DCWC club website.