

VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Range Safety Officer Program

Chief Range Safety Officer

1. A Chief Range Safety Officer shall be appointed by the President.
2. The Chief Range Safety Officer is responsible for the development and implementation of the Range Safety Officer Program, and his/her responsibilities include:
 - a. Content of the Range Safety Officer Course;
 - b. Approval of the content of all firearms handling courses;
 - c. Approval of instructors for firearms handling courses and orientation training;
 - d. Training and development of Range Safety Officers;
 - e. Making recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes/enhancements to Range Rules and Policies regarding safe usage of the ranges;
 - f. Providing assistance to the Incident Review Committee as requested;
 - g. Scheduling/organizing of the team of Range Safety Officers;
 - h. Granting equivalency certifications, e.g., holster training.
3. The Chief Range Safety Officer can delegate duties such as the authority to grant holster training equivalencies to designated Range Safety Officers. The Board of the Association must be advised of those Range Safety Officers granted this authority and their names shall be reported in the newsletter.
4. The Chief Range Safety Officer shall maintain a list of qualified Range Safety Officers, authorized trainers and those granted the authority to grant training equivalencies, and provide the Board a copy of this list semi annually.

Range Safety Officers

5. Successful completion of the Association's Range Safety Officer course is required to become a Range Safety Officer (RSO).
6. The purposes of the Range Safety Officer program are to:
 - a. Help ensure safe usage of Association ranges by ensuring that Association range rules and policies are followed;
 - b. Educate/mentor members in safe shooting skills;
 - c. Facilitate the efficient operation of Association ranges.
7. Range Safety Officers (RSOs) shall be identified by the wearing of the RSO approved uniform (one or more of hat, vest, and shirt). They will also be provided with an RSO identification/qualification card.

8. Range Safety Officers can require anyone who persists in engaging in unsafe practices, violation of range rules/policies, inappropriate behaviours, or use of unsafe equipment/ammunition, to leave the Association property immediately
9. RSOs are authorized to request the assistance of the RCMP in evicting anyone who refuses to comply with their instruction to leave the property (i.e., trespass) – normally through the non-emergency number. (RCMP Shawnigan Lake: 1-250-743-5514).
10. RSOs shall report any incidents resulting in the expulsion of someone to the President through the Chief Range Safety Officer.

Member/Range User Responsibilities

11. **Do not argue with the Range Safety Officers.** Argumentative or abusive behavior towards the Range Safety Officers and/or Caretakers will not be tolerated. The Range Safety Officer's ruling regarding conduct on the range is final. If you disagree, you can forward your concern(s) to the Chief Range Safety Officer/Range Manager. However, if you wish to continue to use the range, you must comply. If you are unwilling to comply, you must stop using the range immediately.