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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

2.1.2. Within AMC, the authority to authorize personnel to bear and use concealed firearms will not be delegated below the Group Commander level, except as specifically addressed in paragraphs 2.1.2.1, 2.1.2.2. and 2.1.2.3. of the basic instruction.

2.11.4.1. (Added) Submit all qualification extension requests to HQ AMC/SFOS and send information copies to HQ AMC/SFXT.

2.12.2.1. (Added) Store blank ammunition in separate containers from live ammunition and, when necessary, transport in separate vehicles. To ensure appropriate segregation and storage, blank ammunition and live ammunition will not be stored side-by-side.

2.12.2.2. (Added) Blank ammunition storage container will be clearly marked with 2-inch dark blue letter tape.

2.12.2.3. (Added) Before anyone is allowed to leave the firing line (at any location), the senior responsible individual will have all personnel empty their pockets and ammunition pouches and visually check for live ammunition.

2.12.2.4. (Added) Prior to handling blank ammunition, all live ammunition will be stored and secured in live ammunition containers.

2.12.2.5. (Added) Ammunition magazines (all types) will be specifically marked (the bottom one-third of the magazine will be painted as follows):

2.12.2.5.1. (Added) Live ammunition magazines painted red.

2.12.2.5.2. (Added) Blank ammunition magazines painted dark blue.

2.12.2.6. (Added) During any exercise where blank ammunition is used, an officer and/or noncommissioned officer will:

2.12.2.6.1. (Added) Ensure that each weapon is equipped with the appropriate blank adapter.

2.12.2.6.2. (Added) Physically inspect all exercise participants to ensure they are not carrying live ammunition.

2.12.2.6.3. (Added) Inspect ammunition and magazines to ensure only blank ammunition is employed. This should include a joint inspection with the armorer when ammunition is picked up/turned in.

2.12.2.6.4. (Added) Brief all exercise participants that all weapons loaded with blanks are not to be pointed and fired at any individual who is within 25 feet of the shooter.

2.12.2.6.5. (Added) Account for and collect all unused blank ammunition at the end of the exercise.

2.12.3. Once an aircrew member has signed for all weapons required for a mission, the weapons may be placed in an empty ammunition can for transport to the aircraft. Weapons will only be placed in the container after they have been loaded IAW AFMAN31-229, Attachment 1. Before they are returned to the SF Armory, the weapons will be taken out of the container and cleared at an approved clearing barrel.

2.12.9. (Added) Installation Chief, Security Forces (CSF) will develop and implement written guidelines for firearms safety tailored specifically to Security Forces exercises/training that involves live and/or blank ammunition. In doing so, they must, at a minimum:

2.12.9.1. (Added) Establish local procedures for conducting exercises/training with blank ammunition with or without MILES equipment attached.

2.12.9.2. (Added) Establish local procedures for conducting exercises/training with live ammunition.

2.12.9.3. (Added) Establish local procedures for conducting exercises/training utilizing Military Working Dogs (MWD).

2.12.9.4. (Added) Establish local procedures for conducting training utilizing the FX marking cartridge. These procedures must be coordinated with the local Safety Office to include the approval of training sites.

2.12.9.5. (Added) Direct loading/unloading weapons (with live and blank rounds) at approved clearing barrel areas.

2.12.9.6. (Added) All weapons will be cleared/emptied prior to leaving the play box upon completion of any exercise scenario.

- 2.12.9.7. (Added) Ensure that upon return from an exercise play box, and prior to weapons turn-in, all weapons are cleared at approved clearing barrel areas.
- 2.12.9.8. (Added) Ensure handguns are carried in an authorized holster or approved container, whether carrying live, blank, or no ammunition.
- 2.12.9.9. (Added) Establish safe firing distances for all types of munitions/weapons to include during MWD training.
- 2.12.9.10. (Added) Address emergency action procedures should an accident/incident occur.
- 2.12.9.11. (Added) Establish notification procedures prior to exercise STARTEX, including at a minimum:
- 2.12.9.11.1. (Added) OIC or Superintendent of Operations Branch or Training and Resources Branch.
- 2.12.9.11.2. (Added) Security Forces Desk Sergeant will know exercise location in case of emergency.
- 2.12.9.12. (Added) Establish weapons/ammunition disposition procedures in the event an exercise participant becomes injured, sick, or incapacitated for any reason.
- 2.12.9.13. (Added) Establish local procedures ensuring 100% accountability of exercise/training ammunition.
- 2.12.9.14. (Added) Establish a training and qualification program for exercise/training supervisors.
- 2.12.9.15. (Added) Establish a range clearing checklist.
- 2.12.9.16. (Added) Develop appropriate safety briefings for the use of training munitions and weapons, and the conduct of training/demonstration scenarios to include MWD training and ensure briefings are given and properly documented prior to all exercise activity.
- 2.12.9.17. (Added) Appoint exercise/training supervisors and ammunition custodians who ensure on-site compliance with established written procedures during training exercises. (Deleted: in writing)
- 2.12.9.18. (Added) Ensure radio contact is maintained with the security forces control center or range control during all exercises.
- 2.12.9.19. (Added) Ensure personnel deploying to exercises and training centers conduct detailed inspections of their persons and equipment to detect live munitions prior to departing home station.
- 2.12.9.20. (Added) Obtain consent of the installation commander and coordinate with the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) and the installation safety office before any non-military, non-DoD personnel are given USAF weapons or ammunition or are allowed to participate in military exercises/training/demonstrations. Note: Reservists not in military status are civilians and their participation with active duty units should be scrutinized.
- 2.13.2.2.1. (Added) Send message to HQ AMC/SFO within 24 hours of the incident.
- 2.13.2.3.1. (Added) Send information copies of peacetime firearms discharge to HQ AMC/SFOS.
- 2.13.2.4.1. (Added) When an unauthorized firearm discharge doesn't involve an injury, fatality, or possible adverse publicity, send report of the incident(s) to HQ AMC/SFOS with significant lessons learned.
- 2.16.1. (Added) All armed AMC personnel performing official security duties in an Air Force medical facility are authorized to wear headgear.

A5.1.7.1. (Added) When armed with the M60 machine gun, carry it “half loaded”.

A5.1.9.1. (Added) When armed with the M249 automatic rifle, carry it “full loaded”.

A5.1.10. (Added) When armed with the M4 carbine, carry it at “port arms,” a round in the chamber, safety selector on “SAFE,” and the finger *not* in the trigger guard.

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