

TANGO DOWN TACTICAL



"...Shall not be Infringed."

Shooting Range

Located at
519 British Rd
Kinston, NC 28501
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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to outline the rules and regulations governing the use of the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL outdoor shooting range located at 519 British Rd, Kinston NC, 28501.

The following range rules and regulations are established to ensure the safety and discipline for individuals utilizing the range as well as the safety of our neighbors and surrounding properties.

Section 2: Note

The following is a list of definitions used throughout this document and have the expressed meaning as stated:

“Range” – TANGO DOWN TACTICAL Shooting Range.

“Shooting Assistant”- Individual approved by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL that has recognized firearm training and is assigned to assist 1 or more shooters.

“SOP” – Standard Operating Procedure

“RSO” – Range Safety Officer.

“RM”- Range Master. The RM can also act as RSO if the RM meets the requirements outlined in this SOP for RSO.

Section 3: Modifications

The rules and procedures in this SOP can be modified at any time. Should any modifications be made, TANGO DOWN TACTICAL will post the modified SOP on our website.

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Section 4: General

Live fire conducted at the range is designed to provide authorized individuals access to a facility where they can become proficient with firearms and practice both individual and group shooting activities. Individuals using the range shall become familiar with SOP prior to using the range. The range safety rules and procedures help to provide range supervision and allow enforcement of these rules to reduce or eliminate incidents from occurring.

All Users are required to abide by this SOP.

All Users are required to complete the outdoor range orientation given by the RSO. The range orientation will be given at the range prior to each use regardless of whether the user(s) have been to the range previously and have had prior orientation presentation.

Section 5: Definitions and Range Commands

Course of Fire (Definition): RSO/RM supervised step-by-step control of firing on the range that results in the positive control of the direction of fire such that projectiles leaving a firearm will impact the intended target and backstop and that adhere to a prescribed course of fire as outlined in the shooting activity.

Firing Line (Definition): The part of the range where shooting commences and designated as a live fire activities area. Loading of firearms is only allowed on the firing line once the Make Ready command is given.

Live Fire Activities (Definition): An activity that involves the firing of a firearm. Individuals involved in a live fire activity include the shooter(s), RSO/RM and shooting assistants.

Range Master (Definition): Absolute authority figure of the range. The Range Master can serve as the RSO if the Range Master meets the requirements outlined in this SOP for RSO.

Range Safety officer (RSO) (Definition): An NRA or USCCA certified Range Safety Officer that is TANGO DOWN TACTICAL approved and is charged with monitoring and enforcing the rules of this SOP.

Rapid Firing (Definition): Firing more than two shots in a one second period.

Uncontrolled Firing (Definition): Firing from the hip, firing a rifle/carbine/shotgun without the butt of the stock against the shooters shoulder, or in a secured stand, or any other type of firing in which the firearm is not aimed by having the shooters eye aligned with the firearm sights and the sights aligned with an approved target.

Eyes and Ears (Range Command): All individuals at the shooting range are to place eye protection and ear protection on.

Make Ready (Range Command): Shooters are to proceed to the firing line and firearms can be loaded. Shooters are to ready themselves for live fire. Muzzle and trigger discipline is to be strictly adhered to with each firearm pointed down range and fingers off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.

Cease Fire (Range Command): The command that all shooting is to stop immediately. Muzzle and trigger discipline is to be maintained with the firearm pointed down range and fingers off the trigger and out of the trigger guard. Safeties are to be engaged on firearms so equipped. ANYONE AT THE RANGE CAN CALL FOR CEASE FIRE SHOULD ANY UNSAFE ACTION OR EVENT BE OBSERVED. All individuals at the range are to await further instructions by the RM/RSO.

Make Safe (Range Command): The command to remove ammunition and clear firearms. Magazines are to be removed, Revolver Cylinders are to be emptied, Rifle/Shotguns are to be cleared appropriately and all actions on all firearms are left open with visual and tactical inspections by at least two people to ensure no ammunition remains in the firearm and that all firearm chambers are clear of ammunition. Firearms are to be holstered with the action open when possible.

Range is Hot (Range Command): Active range (no cease fire in effect), where guns may be handled and fired.

Range is Cold (Range Command): Cease Fire and Make Safe commands have been issued AND all shooters are to remain away from the firing line after following and completing the

proper Cease Fire and Make Safe procedures. No handling of firearms is permitted while Range is Cold is in effect.

Section 6: Restrictions

The following are strictly prohibited on the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL outdoor range:

1. Cell Phone ringers. To be courteous to all shooters concentrating on hitting their target on the range and to reduce distraction, all cell phones are to be placed on silent.
2. No shooting of wildlife.
3. No shooting cross-range
4. No shooting from in front of the firing line
5. Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medication) that will affect his/her ability to participate with a maximum state of awareness and in a completely safe manner, before or during live fire activities. The Range Master will deny range access to anyone that is or appears to be in violation.
6. Firing of armor-penetrating, incendiary or Tracer ammunition is prohibited.
7. No bullet impacts off the range, into buildings, signs, storage containers, sheds or any other structure or range feature that is not an approved impact area.
8. No disruptive activities, such as loud music or unattended children on the firing line.
9. No handloaded ammunition. All ammunition must be factory loads and come from factory containers.

Section 7: Allowable Firearms

1. Rifles – all calibers.
2. Handguns – all pistol calibers
3. Shotguns – all types
4. Any lawfully owned and possessed firearm accessories such as silencers and NFA items such as short barreled rifles, etc.

Section 8: Range Master and Range Safety Officer

Range Master is a TANGO DOWN TACTICAL authorized individual that has a formal firearms training (including live fire) certification AND Range Safety Officer credential from a national organization such as USCCA or NRA. The Range Master can serve as the Range Safety Officer.

Range Safety Officer is a TANGO DOWN TACTICAL authorized individual that has a formal firearms training (including live fire) certification AND Range Safety Officer credential from a national organization such as USCCA or NRA. The Range Safety Officer works closely with and under the direction of the Range Master when two or more supervisors are present for live firing events.

Range Masters are required as part of live fire at the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL outdoor range. The Range Master will be in charge of the firing line and range at all times. When no other qualified supervisor is present, the RM will also perform RSO responsibilities.

The Range Master and Range Safety Officers on duty are tasked with:

- Ensuring that all individuals adhere to the rules and SOPs in this document.
- Stopping and addressing any and all unsafe behavior. The RSO will address the individual to inform and point out all unsafe behavior and ensure that they are aware of any safety concerns. The Range Master may call a “Cease Fire” and address the entire line at his/her discretion.
- Escorting anyone off the range if the person(s) are deemed a safety risk to others on the range or are in violation of the rules and regulations set forth in this SOP.
- Require anyone shooting on the range to be given additional training prior to being allowed to shoot on the range again.
- Write a detailed incident report of any of the following;
 - o Accidental discharge
 - o Personal injuries such as slide bites, forehead scope hits, etc., that draws blood.
 - o Trespassers – to include wildlife, pets, and unauthorized people.
 - o Any other incidents deemed reportable.

Section 9: Range Rules

Universal Safety Rules

- 1) Treat every firearm as if it was loaded.
- 2) Always keep the muzzle of the gun pointed down range toward the backstop.
- 3) Always keep your finger off the trigger until your target is aligned in your sight and you are ready to shoot.
- 4) Always be aware of your target and beyond.
- 5) Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
- 6) All firearms used on the range must be in safe operating condition and use only the ammunition intended for it.
- 7) All firearms being transported to and from the firing range will be cased and unloaded.
Exception: concealed carry firearms by individuals in possession of a valid Concealed Carry Handgun permit recognized by the State of North Carolina.

General rules

- 1) A designated, non-shooting, TANGO DOWN TACTICAL Range Safety Officer will be present at all times during all range shooting activities.
- 2) Guests MUST abide by the Range Safety Officer’s decision. If you disagree with the Range Safety Officer’s decision, you must still follow their decision.
- 3) All shooters must keep their firearms, ammo, and targets in designated areas.
- 4) All firearms and ammunition are subject to inspection by the range staff prior to entering the range.
- 5) All firearms WIL ONLY BE loaded and unloaded in the assigned shooting area. NO loaded firearms may leave the firing range. (Except properly holstered concealed firearms.)

- 6) All shooting will be done from the common firing line. There will be NO shooting from in front of the firing line.
- 7) All targets will be placed in the provided target holders. No binary (exploding) targets will be allowed. There is NO shooting of bottles, cans, jugs, rocks, pieces of wood, or anything else other than approved targets. (Authorized steel targets will be allowed for certain events)
- 8) All targets will be placed in front of the backstop so that all rounds go through the target and into the backstop (berm).
- 9) Shooters are to fire only one firearm at a time.
- 10) There is to be NO hand to hand transfer of firearms on the firing line with the exception of the RSO relieving an individual of their firearm.
- 11) If you have a misfire, keep the muzzle pointed down range; notify the Range Safety Officer; wait a minimum of 30 seconds before attempting to clear the firearm.
- 12) NO persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be permitted to participate in any shooting activities on the property.
- 13) A CEASE FIRE may be called by anyone that notices an unsafe situation.
- 14) When a CEASE FIRE is called all shooters will immediately stop shooting; keeping the muzzle pointed down range and follow all directions of the Range Safety Officer.
- 15) "Horseplay" is strictly forbidden and WILL result in immediate removal from the range.
- 16) NO unattended children allowed on the property.
- 17) NO pets allowed on the property when the range is active. (Except for service animals)
- 18) NO food, drink (except water), or tobacco products (including vape and e-cigarettes) are allowed on the firing line. Smoking/vaping is allowed only in designated areas.
- 19) Shooters must have a safety briefing and sign a waiver before proceeding to the range.
- 20) Shooters through age 11 must be accompanied and directly supervised by a **non-shooting** parent/ legal guardian. Shooter's ages 12 thru 17 must be accompanied by, and can shoot simultaneously with, a parent/legal guardian.
- 21) Approved eye and ear protection is required.
- 22) Rules may be modified for a special event, match, or other requirement ONLY by approval of TANGO DOWN TACTICAL management.
- 23) Everyone is required to adhere to the written Range Rules and Range SOP.
- 24) All vehicles shall be parked in the designated parking area, unless authorized by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL management to park elsewhere.
- 25) Range is to be used as posted, and as directed by the Range Master.
- 26) Shooters through age 11 must be accompanied and directly supervised by a non-shooting parent/legal guardian.
- 27) Shooters age 12-17 must be accompanied by, and can shoot simultaneously with a parent/legal guardian.
- 28) Only authorized targets may be used on the range, paper targets can be purchased from the club.
- 29) Safety Glasses and Hearing protection are required prior to entering and while on the range.
- 30) Follow the "Cease Fire" process when that command is called.
- 31) Firing in a careless manner will not be tolerated. Only shooting at the allowed target is authorized.
- 32) Range Master commands and range rules are to be followed at all times.
- 33) At least one Range Master is required for each range in use.

34) The Range Master on duty will be equipped with first aid supplies, basic tools, and a cell phone for communications with appropriate authorities and emergency services should the need arise.

35) No unapproved videos or photography will be allowed.

Section 10: Liability Waiver and Age Restrictions

All individuals using the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL range must fill out and sign a liability waiver on each day that they use the range. The liability waiver can be found at the end of this SOP and at www.tangodowntactical.com NO unattended children allowed on the property.

- Shooters through age 11 must be accompanied and directly supervised by a **non-shooting** parent/ legal guardian. Shooter's ages 12 thru 17 must be accompanied by, and can shoot simultaneously with, a parent/legal guardian.
- Rifle and Shotgun users must be age 18 or over. If younger than 18, refer to the underage shooter requirements above.
- Handgun users must be age 21 or over. If younger than 21, refer to the underage shooter requirements above.

Section 11: Range Training Requirements

All individuals using the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL outdoor range must complete an on-site orientation conducted at the range. The required orientation will consist of training set up by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL trainers to include on-site range familiarization. Individuals will only be allowed access to live fire events on TANGO DOWN TACTICAL's range once they have completed this orientation and signed any necessary documents.

All individuals desiring the use of the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL outdoor range must review the SOP with the Range Master each time they visit the range.

Section 12: Eating, Drinking and Smoking on the property

Eating and drinking of non-alcoholic beverages will be limited to designated areas. Smoking/vaping is allowed only in designated areas.

Section 13: Dress Code

No bare feet. Flip flops, or open toed sandals on any of the ranges.

Shirt shall be worn while shooting on the range.

Section 14: First Aid Procedures

When in doubt of a medical problem call 911 and follow operator's instructions.

-If the injury sustained is a gunshot, it is imperative that you inform 911 that there has been a TRAINING ACCIDENT AND THERE IS A GUN SHOT VICTIM. EMPHASIS on TRAINING ACCIDENT. Inform 911 that all firearms have been secured and there

are no threats to life and that the area is safe. This ensures medical personnel will respond ASAP and not wait for police to arrive and secure the area and wasting life saving time.

-For other non-life threatening injuries requiring first aid, follow American Red Cross or similar first aid training procedures. Log injuries in the range first aid treatment log. Call 911 should the injury become life threatening OR should there be any question as to the severity of the injury. Follow all instructions given by the 911 operator.

Section 15: Cleaning Bio-hazardous Material

Put on nitrile gloves and tight fitting glasses- spray with disinfecting spray or 10% bleach solution, pick up with absorbent material and place contaminated material in a biohazard bag- seal with tape. Blood soaked material should be transported with the victim if they go to the hospital. **RSO SHALL IDENTIFY AND MAKE AWARE TO EVERYONE AT THE RANGE THE LOCATION OF FIRST AID AND BIO-HAZARD CONTAINMENT IMPLEMENTS.**

Section 16: End of SOP

End of SOP.

I attest that I have read and will abide by all of the rules of the TANGO DOWN TACTICAL shooting range and acknowledge that VIOLATION OF THE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION! I further agree to pay for all damages by me caused by violation of the rules while at the range. I have attended a range orientation.

Signed:

(signature)

(dated)

(Instructor signature)

(printed)

(printed)

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

THIS RELEASE is executed on the date set forth below by _____
Hereafter referred to as "Releasor." Print Name

In consideration of being permitted to utilize the shooting range and facilities of TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC, I Hereby:

1. Acknowledge the use of, discharge of, or being in the vicinity of firearms is inherently dangerous and may result in serious injury or death.
2. Agree to release and discharge TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC, its members, officers, owners, agents, employees, and any organizations hosting events at TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC facilities from all liability to me, my spouse, children, legal representatives, heirs, and assigns for any and all loss or damage, and any claim for damages resulting therefrom, related to injury to persons or property. Including injuries resulting in death, while Releasor is present on property or facilities operated by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC.
3. Indemnify TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC, its members, officers, owners, agents, employees, lessons, and any organization hosting events at TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC, facilities from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of Releasor in or about such facilities, from any cause whatsoever.
4. Agree to assume full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage from any cause whatsoever while present on property or facilities operated by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC.
5. Agree to pay and be responsible for damage to persons or property resulting from Releasor actions or Releasor's guests' actions occurring on property or facilities operated by TANGO DOWN TACTICAL, LLC.

I expressly acknowledge and agree that the foregoing provisions are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Washington and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect. The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs this document and further agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE*

(*Parent/Guardian signature required for all patrons under the age of 18yr.)

DATE

WITNESS

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