

# Sheriff Eric Aden

## OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### TRAINING FACILITIES WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Undersigned acknowledges and fully understands that there are inherent risks during use of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) training facilities that include but are not limited to physical injury and/or property damage. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**

The Undersigned also claims that he or she is physically able to participate in rigorous physical activity and no known injuries or limitations exist that would be aggravated or result in further injury. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**

WHEREAS, in return for the use of OCSO premises, facilities and/or law enforcement style training or assessment of any kind, the Undersigned agrees to the following:

- In consideration for utilizing the range facilities at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Training Complex located at 650 Chappie James Street, Crestview, Florida 32536 for training purposes and other valuable consideration, the Undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and any of his employees, directors, trainers, members, officers, or agents, from any and all fault, liabilities, cost, expenses, claims, demands of lawsuit arising out of, related to or connected with the course of instruction even if such claims result from direct negligence of any trainers, officers, or agents during the Undersigned's participation in the course of instruction; Undersigned's presence on or use of said premises; and any and all acts of omissions of the Undersigned. And should such claim, demand of lawsuit arise or be asserted in any way whatsoever related thereto, whether arising under the laws of the United States or of any State, or under any theory of law of equity, the Undersigned will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Sheriff, from any and all costs, expenses of liability including, but not limited to, the cost of any settlement of judgment made or rendered against Sheriff, whether individually, jointly, or expenses incurred in connection with any such claim, demand of lawsuit, including attorney's fees. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**
- I further agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my participation in said activity on the premises, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**
- I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**
- I understand that I bear the responsibility of any medical costs associated with an injury I sustain. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**
- This shall remain in effect for the calendar year, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Initial\_\_\_\_\_)**

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING BEING CONDUCTED BY OCSO. BY SIGNING, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND SIGN IT.**

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Range Safety Rules

### CARDINAL RULES:

1. Treat all weapons as if they are loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anyone unless you are justified in using the weapon.
3. Know your target and beyond.

### SPECIFIC RULES:

- DO NOT HORSEPLAY or behave carelessly. It will not be tolerated during training.
- Upon picking up a firearm, immediately point the weapon down range, open the slide or cylinder and ensure the weapon is unloaded and safe.
- Never give or receive a firearm unless the slide/cylinder is open.
- NEVER ANTICIPATE A COMMAND.
- Before loading your firearm, make sure it is free of obstructions (bullet/dirt).
- Load only after position is taken at the firing line and the command to load is given by the instructor.
- Point your weapon down range when loading or unloading and when using a clearing barrel.
- NEVER draw or re-holster your weapon with your finger in the trigger guard. If your weapon is so equipped, De-Cock your weapon after each string of fire before you holster it.
- THERE IS NO TALKING ON THE FIRING LINE or to shooters on the line - except by an instructor.
- Never permit the muzzle of a firearm to touch the ground.
- Training is conducted on a HOT RANGE. If you have a misfire, remember your training and clear the weapon (Tap - Rack). If you need an instructor, keep your weapon pointed down range, stay in position, and raise your non-weapon hand for assistance.
- Never walk in front of the firing line until an INSTRUCTOR has cleared the range and instructs you to do so.
- ALL shooters will wear eye and ear protection when the range is HOT (on the line and behind it)
- Load your duty weapon magazines before you leave the training area. Proceed to the designated loading area or clearing barrel, and charge your weapon with issued duty ammunition only.

I have read and understand the above safety rules.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Radio/ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_