

Laurel Police Department – General Order  
Chapter VI, Section 100, Order 105 – Scenario Based Training  
June 7, 2015

**6 / 105.05 POLICY**

It is the policy to ensure safety during any departmental training

**6 / 105.10 PURPOSE**

To ensure that safety measures are maintained during departmental Simunitions as well as force on force training to include scenario based training, active shooter training, any and all departmentally sanctioned simunition training, including Emergency Response Team training.

**6 / 105.15 DEFINITIONS**

Safe Zone	The central location of all Simunitions training weapons and Simunitions FX marking cartridges at training location. No live weapons or live ammunition will be allowed in this area at any time, to include live weapons possessed by safety officers. This is to prevent cross contamination of ammunition.
Safety Corral	The designated area where all persons involved in the training scenarios will be held after weapons safety checks until their turn in the training evolution.
“End Exercise or End Ex” Rule	Any and all training will cease immediately if the word “End Exercise!” or “End Ex!” is sounded by any person. This is the responsibility of every person involved in training any time a safety infraction is observed or any training situation becomes dangerous.
Safe Standoff	The safe standoff is the distance that will be used during any Force on Force Simunitions training when FX rounds are being fired. Instructors will ensure students maintain a 36” standoff from role players during force on force scenario training. Participants under no circumstances will conduct “contact” shots to role players or other students.
Force on Force	Simunitions FX ammunition is deployed on role players. Protective equipment shall be utilized during any force on force scenarios. Only Simunitions FX marking cartridges will be used for this purpose. Role players may also be armed with Simunitions FX marking cartridges.

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**6 / 105.20 PROCEDURES**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Prior to the start of any training, a safety meeting will be held with the instructors, SOIC, Security Officer, and all students.
  - a. The brief will include:
    - 1) Location of the first aid equipment
    - 2) Any hazards located on site
    - 3) Review of the “End Exercise or End Ex!” Rule
    - 4) Noted areas that are to be considered out of play
    - 5) Any other rules for that days training venue.
2. Each and every time a break is given where students leave the training venue, to include meals, students will line up for a weapons safety check by the SOIC and instructors.
3. Safety checks will be conducted prior to entry into the venue at the safety corral.
  - a. If any participant leaves and returns to the training venue during training, a student arrives late to training, or training is being observed by non-participants, they will be held from entering the training venue by the Security Officer until a weapons safety check has been performed by the SOIC.
    - 1) They will also have the safety briefing advised to them, and proper safety equipment will be checked prior to entry.
    - 2) This includes civilians and commanders.
4. Under no circumstances will live ammunition, a duty firearms, or prohibited items be allowed inside a training venue or training area.

**B. Weapons Safety Check**

1. All participants will line up and are both visually and physically inspected for prohibited items.
2. The checks are performed from each end of the line so each participant is checked by a minimum of two safety officers prior to being allowed into the training area.
3. Prohibited items include:
  - a. Live ammunition
  - b. Duty weapons,
  - c. Knives
  - d. Live O.C. spray
  - e. And any other items specified by the safety officer in charge of training.

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C. Designated Officers

1. Safety Officer in Charge: (SOIC)
  - a. The Safety Officer in Charge will be designated prior to the start of training but the officer in charge of training.
  - b. The SOIC will have the sole responsibility of maintaining a safe training venue, and the safety of all personnel at the training venue.
  - c. They will have no additional responsibilities during the training and will be precluded from instruction.
  - d. The safety officer will don a traffic safety vest or other clear marking to identify them as a safety officer.
  - e. The SOIC will not have a live firearm or live ammunition in the training venue.
2. Security Officer:
  - a. A non-participant in training who has the responsibility of being at the entry way for the training venue.
  - b. The security officer will prevent people from entering live training.
    - 1) If officers are concerned about safety issues due to a venues location, the Security Officer can maintain a loaded firearm and radio for officer safety OUTSIDE of the training venue entry point.
    - 2) This officer is not to enter the training area for any reason.
3. Loading Officers:
  - a. All loading of dedicated simunition magazines with FX marking ammunition will be done by the instructors or the SOIC in the Safe Zone.
  - b. No live ammunition or duty weapons will be allowed in the Safe Zone.

D. Simunitions Equipment

1. Dedicated Simunitions equipment includes:
  - a. Simunition FX handguns
  - b. Magazines and rifles
    - 1) Both to be checked prior to use by SOIC
    - 2) Magazines will have the floor plate painted or taped bright blue for easy identification.
    - 3) Any rifles being converted for FX use during training will have blue tape placed on the magazine during use, as well as a blue FX marking cap on the rifle barrel.
    - 4) The rifle bolt will be changed out to an FX Simunitions bolt by the SOIC in the Safe Zone.
  - c. Simunition handguns
    - 1) Dedicated handguns will have a gold FX barrel, blue grips, or bright blue tape on grips

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- d. Protective Equipment shall be mandatory and will be provided by the training instructor to all persons inside the training venue or area.
  - 1) Soft / hard body armor
  - 2) Eye Protection- for use with static Simunitions drills or when firing on paper targets
  - 3) Protective Helmet- for use with all force on force training
  - 4) First Aid Kit- will be centrally located and easily accessible
  - 5) Gloves, groin, and throat protection- for use with all force on force training.

**6 / 105.25 GOVERNING LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES**

None