

Memorandum



Date: September 1, 2020

To: Retired Miami-Dade Police Officers

From: Carlos D. Gonzalez, Major
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Subject: HR 218 Qualification (THIS IS NOT AN OPEN SHOOT SESSION)

Due to COVID related health issues, all prior dates for the HR 218 qualification dates of March 16, 2020 and June 22, 2020, were cancelled. In order to provide a continuum of the qualifications required by the State of Florida, the qualification date scheduled for September 21, 2020 will be honored.

Unfortunately, this will present a severe backlog with the number of retirees qualifying. In order to effect a professional, orderly and well organized manner for qualifications, the following rules will apply and be strictly adhered to:

- Retirees will be allowed into the MDPSTI starting at 7:00 am. No one will be allowed inside prior to the listed time.
- Geographically, all attendees will be entering via the west gate located on NW 97th Avenue. Range one (1) is the first range, with Range two (2) and Range three (3) in numerical order east of range one.
- All three ranges will be utilized simultaneously. Range one (1), Range two (2), and Range three (3).
- Retirees will only be allowed to qualify with one weapon – **no exceptions!!**
- Retirees will be responsible for supplying their own ammunition – **no exceptions!!**
- The times of operation will be 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. If inclement weather forces a halt to the qualifications, all operations will cease until the all-clear is given via Doppler radar. The hours may be extended to handle the retirees that have entered the west gate prior to 4:00 pm. Anyone coming after **4:00 pm** will not be permitted entry.
- Retirees will be responsible for bringing their own eye and ear protection.
- It is incumbent upon the individual retiree to refrain from coming on the listed date for qualification pertaining to HR 218 if they have been exposed, have symptoms or currently positive with COVID-19.
- **Upon entry through the west gate, the retirees will have their temperatures taken and basic health questions will be asked.**
- **The retiree will be required to wear a mask at all times.**
- The retirees will be given numbers corresponding to the range number, the range lane number and the sequence/round number of when they will report to the assigned range.
- The retirees will provide their cell phone number to the west gate personnel assisting in the sequential positioning of the retirees and their vehicles.
- **Retirees will remain in their vehicles until called over a series of PA speakers situated throughout the west parking lot areas.**
- Retirees may also be called on their cell phones.
- If restrooms need to be accessed while waiting to qualify, retirees will leave their vehicle in the lane where the vehicle is currently situated.

- After qualifying, proof of the retirees qualifying paperwork will be presented to them to carry to the simulator building. Retirees will then make their way to the simulator building where PMB personnel will provide the retirees with their qualifying card. Please notify the MDPSTI via email at HR218qual@mdpd.com to be added to the attendee list and be able to receive to identification card immediately after qualification. IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR NAME PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, YOUR QUALIFICATION CARD ISSUANCE WILL BE DELAYED.
- **After obtaining the qualification cards, retirees will expediently exit the MDPSTI facility via the main gate.**
- **Due to COVID-19, congregating will not be permitted.**

GENERAL RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY

1. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, where an unintentional discharge will not cause harm.
2. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
3. Immediately upon picking up a firearm, check to see if it is loaded.
4. Never give a firearm to anyone unless the cylinder or action is open.
5. Never point a firearm at anyone unless compatible with MDPD Departmental Deadly Force Policy Chapter 31 Part 01 Section 2 -1D and Chapter 776 F.S.
6. Never leave a loaded weapon unattended.
7. Always keep firearms out of reach of children and untrained adults.
8. Exercise extreme care in storing a firearm as defined in Chapter 790 F.S.
9. Only an approved armorer should make repairs, adjustments, and modifications.
10. Notify the instructor before class if you are taking any medication.
11. No person under the influence of alcohol and / or drugs shall handle any firearm.
12. Safety glasses and hearing protection must be worn on or near the firing line.
13. No talking on the firing line.
14. No food or tobacco products are allowed on the firing line.
15. Never anticipate a command while on the firing line.
16. Never pick up a dropped firearm, ammunition or reloading devices unless the command is given.
17. Never go in front of the firing line unless the line has been declared safe and the command has been given.
18. Never draw the firearm from or return it to the holster with your finger on the trigger.
19. Never leave the line until the line officer has inspected your firearm and a command has been given.
20. Before shooting, be sure of your target, backstop, and beyond.
21. If a weapon fails to fire, keep it pointed in a safe direction and notify the range officer by raising your non-shooting hand.

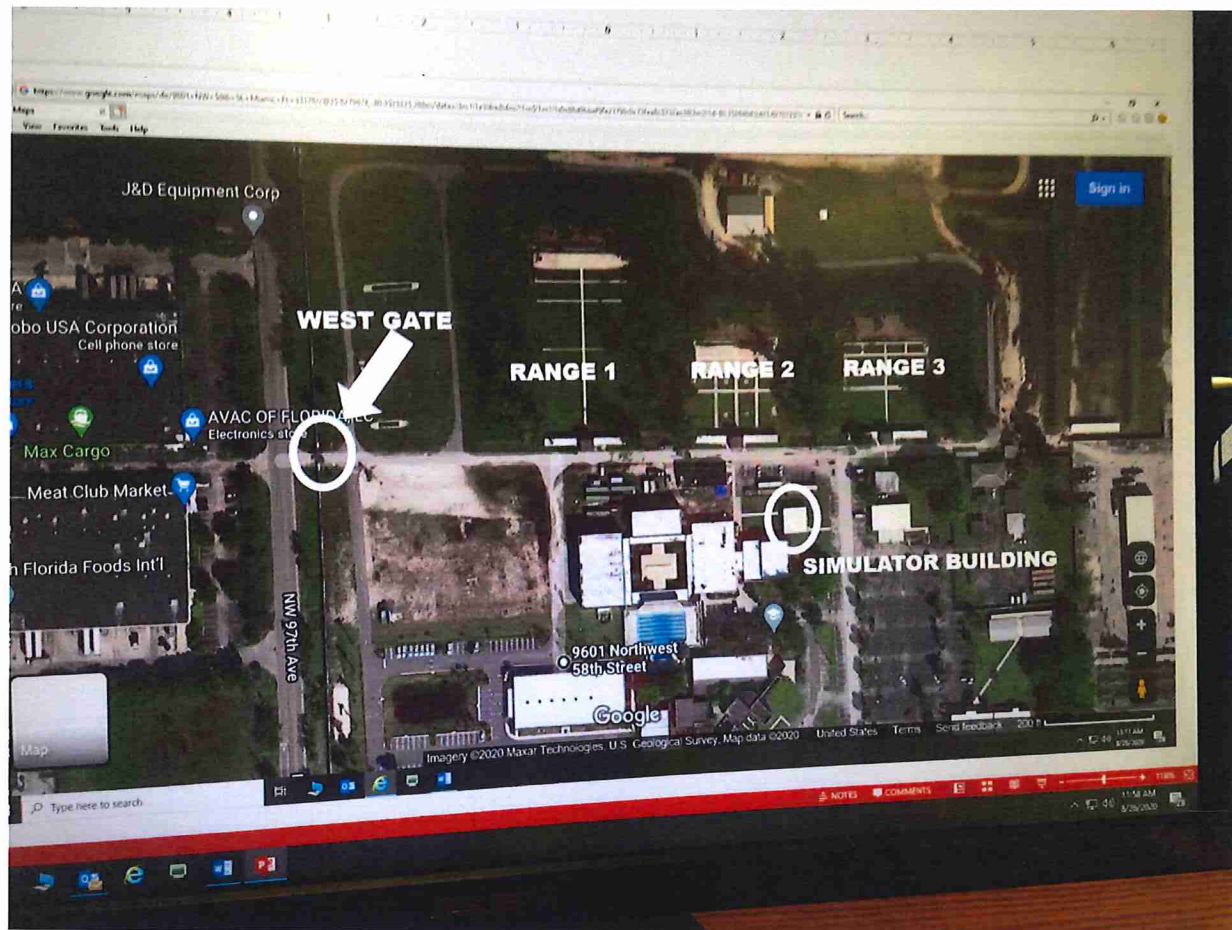
SPECIFIC RANGE RULES FOR ALL MDPSTI RANGES

1. A State Certified Firearms Instructor will be on the firing line when firing is in progress.
2. Dry firing will be conducted only with the approval of the Range Officer.
3. Eye & ear protection will be worn on the firing line and vicinity.
4. No shooting above the target line.
5. No person will go forward of the firing line without permission of the Range Officer.
6. No food, beverages or smoking on the firing line.

7. Talking is not permitted except by or with instructors.
8. The access road must be kept clear of parked vehicles.

**THE FOLLOWING RULES PERTAINING TO WEAPONS WILL BE ADHERED TO ON ALL
MDPSTI RANGES**

1. Cease fire command will be obeyed immediately.
2. Weapons will:
 - Be unloaded and holstered when a person is not on the firing line.
 - Not be handled when persons are down range.
 - Be pointed down range when unholstered.
 - Be loaded or unloaded on command of the Range Officer.
3. All semi-automatic weapons will have actions open and unloaded when unholstered.



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