

RAPPEL TOWER AND INCLINED WALL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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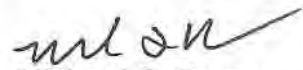
MEMORANDUM FOR USERS OF FRA TRAINING FACILITIES

SUBJECT: 44 Foot Rappel Tower and Inclined Wall Standard Operating Procedures

1. DESCRIPTION: A 44 foot Rappel Training Tower and Inclined Wall located at Camp Carrol (Grid UN 54289454).
2. WEAPONS AUTHORIZED: None.
3. AMMUNITION AUTHORIZED: None.
4. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Level 3.
5. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:
 - a. USAG-AK Regulation 350-1 Issued by Range Operations
 - b. Facility SOP Issued by Range Operations
 - c. FM Radio/ALMR (back-up recommended) Furnished by Using Unit
 - d. Dedicated evacuation vehicle Furnished by Using Unit
6. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:
 - a. OIC/NCOIC (for Rappel training must be SSG or above and Air Assault, Rappel Master qualified or Mountaineering Instructor with an E-3 ASI).
 - b. Safety NCOs (SGT or above with the same qualifications).
 - c. Medic with aidbag.
7. RESPONSIBILITIES: OIC/NCOIC will ensure that:
 - a. The facility is opened and closed via radio (FM 38.30/ALMR) with Range Control.
 - b. All incidents/accidents are reported to Range Control as they occur.
8. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
 - a. The OIC/NCOIC should inspect the facility at least three days prior to training for protruding screws, loose boards, and other safety hazards.

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- b. Equipment receipted from Range Control will be returned following the completion of training.
 - c. All required repairs will be reported to Range Control upon completion of training.
 - d. Radio checks are not required but the unit must open and close the facility via radio (FM 38.30/ALMR) and therefore must ensure that the radio is operating properly.
 - e. Joint annual inspections are conducted by POST Safety, and Range Control for structural safety.
9. RANGE FIRES: If a fire is discovered in the vicinity of the facility, the OIC must stop training, notify Range Operations, and dispatch troops to extinguish the fire pending arrival of the Fort Richardson Fire Department.
10. POLICE OF THE FACILITY: Police of the facility is the responsibility of the using unit. The entire training facility will be policed prior to clearance by Range Control. Trash bags or cans must be provided and removed by the using unit.
11. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned 384-6230.


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ANNEX A

TROOP BRIEFING

The OIC/RSO will brief all soldiers on the hazardous associated with the use of this facility prior to requesting **HOT** status from Range Operations. This is a general list and does not preclude the unit from emphasizing other areas of concern.

- a. Movement on the range.
- b. Weapons/ammo malfunctions.
- c. Safe handling of weapons/ammo.
- d. Duds (reporting and marking).
- e. Conduct while on the firing line.
- f. Hearing conservation.
- g. Firing limits and rounds observed out of the approved firing limits.
- h. Personnel, vehicles, or aircraft downrange.
- i. Animals on the range.
- j. Range fires.
- k. Medical emergency procedures.
- l. Command & Control (duties of OIC & RSO).

NOTE: Anyone observing an unsafe act will immediately issue the command “**CEASE FIRE**” however only the Range OIC or RSO (after investigating the situation and taking necessary actions) will give the command to resume firing.

ANNEX B **MEDEVAC SUPPORT**

1. When ground vehicles would not provide acceptable service, a helicopter for aero MEDEVAC will be provided. Units will contact Range Control on frequency modulation (FM) 39.30/ALMR to request MEDEVAC assistance. Range Control will coordinate with the responsible agency/unit to activate and establish a line of communication to enable the MEDEVAC. The MEDEVAC aircraft will contact Range Control to either monitor and respond on Range Control frequency FM 38.30/ALMR. Once the MEDEVAC is in progress, units will be directed by Range Control to either monitor and respond on Range Control frequency FM 38.30/ALMR or switch to the MEDEVAC frequency of FM 40.50/ALMR. For adequate preparation before evacuation, the following information must accompany a request for aero MEDEVAC:

1. Location of pickup site (grid coordinates with common name, if available (i.e. Firing Point 28)).
2. Radio frequency, call sign and suffix.
3. Number of patients, by precedence.
4. Special equipment required.
5. Number of patients by type (litter or ambulatory).
6. Number and type of wounds.
7. Method of marking pickup site
8. Status (Military or Civilian).
9. Terrain description.

2. Range Control will monitor FM 40.50/ALMR and assist MEDEVAC personnel in the following manner:

- a. When necessary, live fire facilities will be placed in a check fire situations to allow the helicopter to enter the area (this includes operations within the restricted area).
- b. Provide landmark information and grid coordinates to aid the pilot in reaching the reported incident. This information includes a description of the loading zone (LZ), how the LZ is marked and any hazards in the vicinity of the LZ.

NOTE: Range Control will also contact the Ground Emergency Response Team (911) and report the incident and location.