

DMRPC NEWSLETTER

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What's happening at DMRPC

As we leave another hot summer behind, we look forward to the fall season and the arrival of cooler temperatures, shorter days, and the upcoming holidays.

***Currently, we have 1,350 members.

***There is an upcoming RSO class scheduled for September 30th; student spots are available. This is a great opportunity to serve your club, and receive some valuable training in addition. This is taught by some of our very own CROS's, and the cost is only \$25. Normally a class like this costs \$150; we are offering this to current members as one means of improving our club. For details, visit the DMRPC club home page for more.

***Our weather station is still being planned, as several logistical considerations have been and continue to be addressed; we want to complete this project very soon, so look for updates in the near future.

***October work party: watch the calendar for dates.

Safety Message

***For every edition of the newsletter I try to include a “message of safety”; being that DMRPC operates as a “hot” range, and we police the complex ourselves, these will serve as good reminders. If you have something to add, please use the contact form for the newsletter section. Keep reading below for this edition’s message.

DMRPC is unique in that members may elect to wear fully loaded sidearms (handgun, pistol, revolver, etc.), at any time while on the complex, either openly or concealed. Like all other aspects of proper and responsible firearms ownership, there are several important points to consider when carrying your sidearm on the DMRPC complex, some of which will be covered here. Long guns (such as stocked rifles, shotguns, etc.) will be covered in a later edition.

Functional: If you elect to carry on our complex, you need to have a sidearm that is safe, and functions properly. If it has mechanical issues, get it repaired first. Ensure that you are using the correct ammunition, and it is of good quality. (See the last edition for the message about “squib” loads).

Holsters and belts: This cannot be overstated: Always use a good quality holster that is designed specifically for your particular sidearm!...a piece of string looped through the trigger guard or wherever, and tied to your belt loop (or your waist, belly, shoulder, etc.) is NOT acceptable (yes, I have actually seen that done); nor is simply shoving the sidearm into your waistband as seen in movies, t.v., etc. When that is done, sooner or later that sidearm is going to fall out, and possibly discharge. You don't want to be that idiot. Same applies to belts (or harness for shoulder style carry, etc): select a model that is sturdy enough to support the weight and size of what you are carrying.

Gearing up: For our purposes this is the process in which we actually move firearms and other assorted equipment from a condition of storage or transport to that of readily accessible on our own person for immediate use. For many, it works best to secure the properly fitting holster and belt to your pants first, making sure that it is in the proper position and adjusted before inserting the sidearm into it. Make sure that no clothing or anything else gets in the way when inserting the sidearm in, including your fingers (see rule #3), otherwise a negligent discharge may result. Always gear up in a place that is considered safe to do so. DO NOT load firearms while in the parking areas, etc; go to a specific shooting area facing

downrange, ensure that nobody else is downrange, and when safe to do so load and holster your sidearm. Do not do this during a cease-fire when others may be placing targets, etc. Wait until the line is clear, and then do what you need to. Do not handle any firearm behind any firing line, or when when others are downrange. If you are not going to carry your sidearm after you leave the complex when done with your visit, draw and unload at a safe firing line before stowing your firearm in a suitable case, container, etc. Always be aware of your surroundings, and of who/what else is around you.

NOTE: Our club is in the process of planning and constructing some “fiddle areas”, which will be specifically designated as places to do the aforementioned tasks; these will have walls of railroad ties, and face specific directions to maximize safety.

The two pistols pictured here are in properly fitted, good quality holsters. When used with a sturdy belt, they are secure enough for every-day wear, and at the DMRPC complex. The holster on the left features a thumb snap. The other uses a friction fit with adjustable tension.



The pistol pictured on the right is wrapped in a section of stapled cardboard with some para-cord around it; it is **NOT** an acceptable method of carry. While I have yet to see someone use this while at DMRPC, I have seen this somewhere else. **DO NOT USE** something like this; it is for illustration only.

