



# DESERT MARKSMEN RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

ANTELOPE VALLEY, CA

2018 FIRST QUARTER



**\*What's happening at DMRPC new this year\***

## **Special classes offered for DMRPC members:**

Many members of Desert Marksmen R&P Club have been asking for some time about the availability of NRA sanctioned classes focusing on basic skills such as rifle, handgun, and firearm safety. DMRPC is proud to announce that those classes are becoming available and will be scheduled for 2018. We now have nine certified instructors who donate their time and skills to teach those classes. DMRPC is offering these classes in an effort to help members improve their skills, and to advance safe gun handling practices. Some of the classes to be offered are described below:

**\*NRA Basic Pistol Course**: Covers firearm safety rules, proper operation of various handgun types, ammunition selection, storage, inspection and maintenance, fundamentals of shooting, demonstrations and participation in live fire, shooting from stable positions, a final shooting skills qualification exercise, written test, and other subjects. Included in the class materials for the students are the Basics of Pistol Shooting Handbook, and other resources. This class is at least eight hours in duration. Upon successful completion, students will have earned a certificate from the NRA.

**\*NRA Basic Rifle Course**: The primary focus of this courses on the safe use of rifles in a target shooting environment. Included in this class are subjects such as safe firearms handling, rifle components and operation of different types, ammunition selection, range safety rules, shooting from various positions, rifle cleaning and maintenance, etc. As part of this class, students will receive the Basics of Rifle Shooting Handbook, safety brochures, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Booklet,

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a basics of rifle shooting examination, and upon completion receive a course certificate.

**NRA Range Safety Officer Course:** This course was developed in response to the demand for a nationally recognized range safety officer certification. The RSO is not the same as the Range Officer classification, who has responsibility for conducting NRA sanctioned competitive shooting events as defined by NRA rules. Rather, the RSO organizes, conducts, and supervises safe shooting activities and range operations. DMRPC is in need of additional RSO's to help insure safe range operations with our growing membership base. Currently, there are two ways to achieve RSO certification: existing NRA certified Firearm Instructors can complete the course online, or you can take the class through DMRPC that is taught by one of our CRSO's. Further advancement to the position of Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) allows one to teach RSO classes. Some of the subjects covered in the RSO class include RSO responsibilities, standard range operating procedures, safe range inspection, dealing with various firearm stoppages and malfunctions, Range Safety Briefings, emergency operating procedures, etc. Also covered are DMRPC specific guidelines regarding member relations and how safety issues are addressed.

All of the above classes are offered exclusively to DMRPC members, age twenty-one years and over. The reduced-rate cost for the classes is \$25.00 each, which covers the costs of the NRA training packets, targets, and other related class materials. This is a substantial cost savings, and as noted above that qualified DMRPC members are conducting and teaching the classes. For more information and specific dates, see the DMRPC website section "[Training & Classes](#)".

**NOTE:** RSO class January 27th; NRA Basic Pistol class February 24th.

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## **Safety Message**

Usually I write a safety message relating to some aspect of safe gun handling skills or range use. This DMRPC newsletter edition however will focus on roadway safety, and specifically the roadway leading into the DMRPC complex.

The major issue that we face on our roadway to the DMRPC is that too many of us simply drive too fast. The posted speed limit is **15 MPH**, as dictated by USFS. In case you missed it, there is an actual speed limit sign posted on the roadway below the main gate off the Angeles Forest Highway. **SLOW DOWN!**

Blind corners: these areas can be particularly hazardous if vehicle traffic is moving too fast. The images below illustrate this:



As you approach a blind corner or narrow section, **SLOW DOWN!** It takes more distance to stop when driving on loose dirt/sand than it does on dry pavement. Be aware of other vehicles and hikers/hunters who may be on the road.