

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 87

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE CLAYTON COUNTY FIREARMS RANGE; TO ESTABLISH FEES AND RULES FOR THE USE OF THE FIREARMS RANGE; TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 2008-50; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the County expended a large sum of money to upgrade the firearms range and rules regulating the use of the range are needed to protect the County's investment; and

WHEREAS, the County can no longer fund the daily operations and upkeep of the range solely from the police department's budget; and

WHEREAS, the setting of reasonable fees for the use of the range by law enforcement agencies outside of Clayton County will provide funds to help maintain this valuable asset; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County and the County will be best served by placing the range under the complete control of the police department and setting rules and fees for the use of the range.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby designates the Chief of Police as the county official in charge of the firearms range. The Chief of Police is

authorized to designate a police department employee as the "Range Master" and to empower the Range Master with the day to day operational responsibility for the firearms range. In addition to sworn members of the Sheriff's Department, investigators from Office of Solicitor General and District Attorney, the Chief of Police may authorize any law enforcement agency in Clayton County to use the range subject to the rules contained in this resolution. The Chief of Police may also allow other state and federal law enforcement agencies that support County law enforcement operations to use the range subject to the rules and fees contained in this resolution.

Section 2. Fees for Federal and Georgia law enforcement agencies outside of Clayton County.

RANGE USE FEES

• Daily use of the improved (main) range	-	\$450.00 per training day
○ Includes use of a classroom		

• Daily use of the secondary (steel) range	-	\$300.00 per training day

• Use of both ranges simultaneously	-	\$700.00 per training day
○ Includes use of a classroom		

• Daily use of the shoot house	-	\$300.00 per training day

• Daily use of a classroom	-	\$50.00 per training day

• Daily use of the Defensive Tactics area	-	\$100.00 per training day

• Instructional assistance	-	\$50.00 per hour

THERE IS A DAILY USE FEE FOR ANY PART OF A TRAINING DAY

Subject to space availability and approval of the Chief of Police or his designee, Federal and State agencies outside of Clayton County, may enroll individual officers in range fire or use of force classes offered to Clayton County police officers for a daily fee of \$45.00. The officer or his or her agency must provide ammunition; however, the officer may use range safety and cleaning equipment provided by the County subject to availability. Agencies within the County may enroll individual officers in range fire or use of force classes subject to space availability and approval of the Chief of Police or his designee. The officer or his agency must provide the ammunition to be used by the officer.

Ammunition to be used on the range must be approved by the Range Master. Any ammunition that would create safety issues or cause unnecessary damage to the range will not be allowed.

Payment for any fees due will be by check made payable to Clayton County or by in kind contributions approved by the Chief of Police.

Section 3. Rules for the Use of the Firearms Range.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The required instructor to student ratio is 1 to 7 (daylight) and 1 to 3 (low light)
- Normal range operation is from 0800-1600 Monday through Friday (Training Day)
- The range is closed from 1200-1300 each training day
- Low-light scheduling is permitted from 1800-2200 hours
- Low-light shooting may be scheduled at a rate of \$35.00 per hour beyond the regular daily use fee
- The range is closed on all holidays observed by the county
- No firing is permitted on Sundays

To request range usage;

- 1- A letter of request must be sent to the Clayton County Police Department addressed as follows:

Clayton County Police Department
ATTN: Firearms Range Training Coordinator
7911 North McDonough Street
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

- 2- This letter must include:

- Date of requested usage

- Copy of the primary instructors certification (If a copy has been previously submitted, this requirement is waived for all future range use)
 - Copy of the intended course of fire
 - Weapon types and ammunition used in course of fire.
- 3- Scheduling of range use is contingent upon the review and approval of all such requests by the Chief of Police or his designee. Utilization requires the attendance of a Clayton County Police Department firearms instructor and would, therefore, be subject to some limitations relative to available manpower.
- 4- Departments which utilize the range are required to provide all range supplies. This would include, but not be limited to, such items as;
- Ammunition
 - Targets
 - Staples
 - Weapon Cleaning Supplies
 - Target Scoring Implements
 - Timing Devices, if turning systems are not to be utilized
 - Hearing Protection
 - Eye Protection
 - First Aid Equipment
 - Frames
- 5- Officers who utilize the range must adhere to the following range rules, as a minimum.
- a) All weapons will be cleared/loaded by utilizing the clearing barrel at the range entrance prior to entering or leaving the training complex. Participants shall not load or unload their weapons while at their vehicles in the parking lot. Utilization of the clearing barrel ensures that the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction during the loading/unloading process.
 - b) Never place your finger inside the trigger guard and upon the trigger unless you are prepared to fire the weapon at an intended and authorized target.
 - c) Never point your weapon at anything that you would not be justified in shooting should the situation so merit.
 - d) Do not unload your weapon unless following the direction of a line firearms instructor or utilizing an approved safe unloading procedure that is followed by all officers reporting to the range for training.

- e) Treat every weapon as though it were loaded.
- f) Always personally inspect any weapon, of which you are in control, to ensure its condition.
- g) When field stripping the weapon for cleaning, point the muzzle in a safe direction; remove the magazine from the magazine well and separate it from the weapon; extract any live rounds from the chamber; work the action several times to insure that the weapon is empty; visually and physically check to insure that the chamber is empty; proceed with the field stripping and cleaning procedure as authorized by the manufacturer.
- h) Upon entering the training complex, and once the weapon has been rendered safe at the clearing barrel, the weapon shall remain holstered at all times unless the shooter is directed to do otherwise by a member of the firearms training staff or when directly involved in a training exercise led by an agency firearms instructor.
- i) IMMEDIATELY follow all directions given by any member of the firearms training staff or as directed by an agency firearms instructor. Participants are not bound by directions that are illegal or unsafe. Illegal action should be immediately and appropriately dealt with. Unsafe action should be reported to the firearms training staff. Shooters may choose at any time to cease personal participation in any training activity that they find or believe to be beyond their personal capability.
- j) Safety is YOUR responsibility. Be and ACT as a professional.
- k) Individuals who have failed to follow the above stated rules or who are engaged in activities that any member of the firearms training staff construes as unsafe shall be escorted from the range and that officer's agency shall immediately forfeit all range use privileges.
- l) Pyrotechnic or other explosive devices shall not be utilized without the prior written approval of the Clayton County Police firearms training staff. Pyrotechnic devices will not be utilized during any period where a burn ban has been issued by the Clayton County Fire Department.
- m) The dispensing of chemical agents or irritants within the confines of the range facility is strictly prohibited unless such use has been previously approved by the Clayton County Police Department's Training Coordinator or Range Master.
- m) Stated ignorance of these rules shall not be considered as a defense for unsafe action.

- 6- Departments which use the range are responsible for the cleanliness of same. All trash must be properly disposed of and the range surface left in a neat and orderly condition. All ejected cartridges and shell casings must be removed from the range surface unless other arrangements have been made with the firearms training staff. Failure to adequately clean the range may result in the revocation of future agency range use privileges and a \$50.00 clean-up fee will be assessed upon the violating agency.
- 7- Range utilization assumes user responsibility with relation to all materials or equipment provided by the Clayton County Police Department. Items which have been damaged during training shall be either repaired or replaced at the direction of the Chief of Police. Range property will not be altered, modified, or removed without prior approval of the Clayton County Chief of Police.
- 8- The Clayton County Police Department reserves the right to withdraw or deny range usage to an individual, a department or an agency at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee.
- 9- The driving track will not be utilized for any training other than static vehicle stops without prior written approval by the Chief of Police.
- 10- A safety/release from liability document will be signed by all individuals participating in range activities under the authority of this agreement. Prior to any such range usage, range safety rules and the Departments' release from liability agreement shall be discussed with all participants by a member of the firearms training staff.
- 11- When reporting to the range, it shall be assumed and implied that the officer has agreed to a release from liability and assumption of risk agreement in that;
 - a) For, and in consideration of, being permitted to shoot on the Clayton County Police Department firearms range, operated by or on behalf of the Clayton County Police Department, for and on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs and assigns, I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless Clayton County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and its elected officials, officers, agents, employees and assigns, from any and all claims for property damage, and/or personal injury resulting from or during the operation of said police firearms range or continuances thereof or from any other police operation outside of said firearms range.
 - b) By reporting to the range, the officer asserts that (a) he or she is presently in good physical and mental health; (b) he or she has no reason to believe that he or she is not in good physical and mental health; (c) he or she is fully aware of, and does acknowledge and

assume all risk of injury inherent in such range training, as conducted at the firearms range and has been advised of and fully understands this agreement, as outlined above.

- 12- Neither the Clayton County Police Department, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, Clayton County Government, nor the Clayton County Board of Commissioners assume responsibility for techniques or tactics taught as a result of non-departmental range instruction.
- 13- Utilization of the range facility and participation in firearms training activities could result in personal injury or death. Individuals who choose to partake of the training opportunities offered within the confines of the range environment are forewarned of such possibility.
- 14- Frangible ammunition is required when utilizing the shoot-house. Steel targets will not be shot with ANY shoulder weapon.

Section 4. This Resolution repeals Resolution 2008-50.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 1st day of May, 2012.

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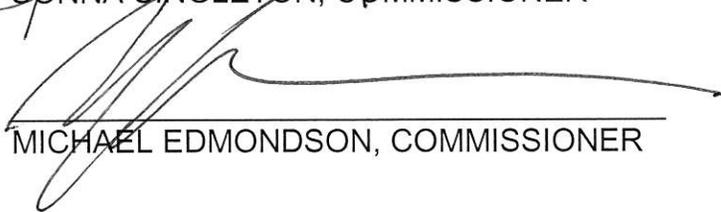
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