

TITLE LIX

PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES

CHAPTER 594

ARRESTS IN CRIMINAL CASES

Arrest

Section 594:6

594:6 Aid to Officers. – Every law enforcement officer who encounters a need for assistance in the execution of his office in a criminal case or emergency situation may require any person to render suitable aid. Any person who, when so required, neglects or refuses to give such aid shall be guilty of a violation.

Source. RS 178:12. CS 189:12. GS 236:2. GL 254:2. PS 250:2. PL 364:2. RL 423:2. RSA 594:6. 1994, 286:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1995.

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Distribution: All Personnel

GENERAL

The purpose of this policy is to provide the safest firearms training possible. Firearms training demands your serious consideration. Safety is everybody's responsibility. Any attempt by a student to create a hazardous situation while on the firing range will result in an immediate investigation, possibly resulting in a suspension or dismissal.

Officers may not enter the firing range unless accompanied by a NHPSTC Certified Firearms Instructor or have a Littleton Police Department Weapons Range Certification.

It is the firearms instructor's responsibility to enforce all safety rules and regulations. The instructor is responsible for providing a safe training environment. The firearms instructor shall have all students, who will be conducting firearms training, review the Weapons Range Policy, prior to the training to be conducted. The firearms instructor is required to give a verbal safety briefing, as outlined in this policy, prior to conducting training on the firing range. This policy applies to any weapons training conducted on or off the Littleton Police Department Weapons Range.

PART I - SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each time a weapon is picked up for any purpose, open the action and inspect to insure that it is unloaded. Never trust your memory. Consider every weapon as loaded until you have proven otherwise.
2. Do not leave a loaded weapon unattended. Leave the cylinders or actions open at all times when not being fired. The safety on a shotgun or rifle shall be activated.
3. Never place your fingers within the trigger guard until you are pointing the weapon at the target. This is especially important when drawing the weapon from the holster.
4. Dry firing is allowed only under the supervision of an instructor, and then only on the firing lines.
5. Never load until the command is given. Never anticipate a command. All range commands will be directed by the primary range instructor.
6. The muzzle of each weapon shall be pointed downrange at all times when not holstered. At no time shall it be pointed over the top of the backstop or ceiling (indoor range), if applicable.
7. Do not handle a weapon on the firing line while there is someone downrange.

8. No conversations are allowed between students while on the firing line.
9. If you drop a weapon accidentally, report this fact immediately to an instructor, who will inspect the weapon to insure that it can be loaded and fired safely. If the dropped weapon is loaded, do not pick it up, but let it lie and notify an instructor. Weapons that come into contact with the ground during the running of a stress course will be reported immediately and an inspection conducted by an instructor.
10. The safety strap shall be snapped secure on holstered weapons at all times.
11. Do not smoke, eat or drink on the firing line.
12. The actions on all unholstered weapons shall be open when being carried to and from the range. Revolvers shall be carried by the top of the frame, with fingers through the cylinder opening and muzzle pointed forward. Shotguns and rifles shall be carried with the muzzle pointed down and the actions open. Pistols shall be carried with the muzzle point down and the magazine out of the weapon.
13. Never bend over to retrieve ammunition dropped during loading procedures. You will be permitted to do so after the line has been declared safe. You will also be instructed when to pick up speed loaders, loading strips, or dropped equipment. Never pick up any items on the firing line unless directed by the instructor.
14. Anytime you observe a safety violation, you have the responsibility to shout "cease fire" and raise your non-shooting hand.
15. Any injury sustained during firearms training, regardless of how minor it may seem, shall be reported to an instructor immediately.
16. For your protection, it is mandatory that all students wear eye and ear protection while engaged in live fire on all ranges.
17. When a cartridge totally fails to fire, continue the stage of fire engaged in, and report same to an instructor upon completion of that stage of fire. However, if only the primer fires or there exists the possibility that a round has not left the barrel, stop the action and wait until the stage of fire is completed, then report it to an instructor.
18. A police revolver shall never be cocked or fired single action. If the revolver should accidentally become cocked, the following are the procedures for uncocking a revolver safely:
 - a) Keep the weapon pointed down range.
 - b) Place the thumb of your free hand between the hammer and the frame, keeping the fingers clenched and behind the fore-end of cylinder.
 - c) Place the thumb of the gripping hand over the spur of the hammer and move the trigger slowly to the rear. As soon as the hammer is released, remove the finger from the trigger guard, and allow the hammer to move forward as the thumb or small

finger of the free hand is slipped out from between the hammer and frame.

- d) Open cylinder and unload.
- 19. Once you are instructed to step to the firing line, remain there unless told to do otherwise.
- 20. Staplers used to fasten targets should always be loaded carefully, as the staples will be under tension. Do not put your hands behind the target cardboard when stapling targets.
- 21. First-aid kits are available on all firing ranges.
- 22. Keep talking to a minimum while on or near firing ranges and observe the no talking rule while on the firing line. Exercise courtesy while others are shooting or engaged in classes.

PART II - GENERAL RANGE INFORMATION

WEAPONS

- 1. Each time a weapon is issued or turned in, open the cylinder or action to insure that it is not loaded.
- 2. Weapons shall not be abused (i.e. opening the cylinder hard, slamming automatics, shotguns or rifles).
- 3. Always check for loose screws and sights on weapons. Notify an instructor if loose screws are found.
- 4. Weapons will be administratively loaded and unloaded on the firing line when directed by the instructor. Always keep the muzzle pointed down range.

OTHER

- 1. No civilian personnel are allowed on the firing range unless authorized by the Chief of Police.
- 2. When members from outside Law Enforcement Agencies are conducting training on the Littleton Police Department Weapons Range, they must be accompanied by a Littleton Police Department Firearms Instructor or a member of the Littleton Police Department who has completed the Department Weapons Range Certification Course.

OFFICER UNIFORMS

- 1. Officers shall wear the uniform prescribed by the instructor. If Department uniforms are worn they must comply with Departmental SOP.

2. High heel shoes or sandals are prohibited.
3. Bring corrective eyeglasses if you normally wear them.
4. If civilian clothes are worn, pants should have pockets to keep cartridges in.

REMEMBER THE CARDINAL RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY:

1. Treat every gun as though it is loaded at all times.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

By signing this form, I attest to the fact that I have read and understand the Littleton Police Department Range Safety Policy.

Please print entire name

Signature

Date