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COUNTY OF HIDALGO

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AND MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR SHOOTING RANGE USE/TRAINING**

This Agreement is entered into, by and between the HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE and the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT for the purposes of providing training, as more particularly described as follows:

WHEREAS, COUNTY and MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT have agreed to contract with each other for the performance of governmental functions and for the joint use of facilities or services for police protection and for the promotion and protection of the health and welfare of the inhabitants of this State and the mutual benefit of the parties;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, for the purposes of performing functions of law enforcement through its SHERIFF'S OFFICE, has a shooting range/training facility (RANGE);

WHEREAS, the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT has a need for use of the RANGE which will be utilized in the service of crime prevention and for law enforcement purposes, such as training;

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF'S OFFICE and MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT are located in close proximity and have a common law enforcement and crime prevention initiative and close working relations; and

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF'S OFFICE and MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT have heretofore entered into this Agreement providing for the facility sharing and use of the RANGE to the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT for law enforcement purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, to enhance cooperation amongst local law enforcement agencies and express their mutual commitment to the service of crime prevention and for law enforcement purposes, the SHERIFF'S OFFICE and the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT hereby agree as follows:

1. FACILITY SHARING: the SHERIFF'S OFFICE will share and allow use of its RANGE to the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT for use in training related to law enforcement purposes under the following terms and conditions outlined below.

2. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACILITY SHARING: To the extent permitted by federal law and regulations, and applicable policies, directives, guidelines and/ or rules, the MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT further agrees to the following:
- a. The MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT agrees to scheduling use of the RANGE at a mutually agreeable time and date.
 - b. The MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT agrees to abide by the Firearms Range Safety Rules attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A".
 - c. The MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS the RANGE facility in "as-is" condition and acknowledges that the COUNTY and SHERIFF'S OFFICE make no warranty in any manner as to the fitness of the facility for any specific purpose.
 - d. The RANGE is the property of the COUNTY and SHERIFF'S OFFICE and use of said RANGE is subject to the policies, rules and procedures established by the SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
 - e. The MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT agrees that the RANGE shall be solely used in the service of crime prevention and for law enforcement purposes, such as training.

THE HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR ANY FACILITY SHARING PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE IT IS SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES. THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE. WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE SERVED UPON THE HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF, OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AT THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE COPIES, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS STATED HEREIN, BUT MINISTERIALLY SIGNED ON THE DATES INDICATED BELOW.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS:

By: Richard F. Cortez
Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

6/4/21
Date

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF

By: E.E. "Eddie" Guerra
E.E. "Eddie" Guerra, Sheriff

Date



ATTEST:
By: Enrique Guajardo, Jr.
Enrique Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Date

MCALLEN ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT:

By: Dr. Jose A. Gonzalez
Dr. Jose A. Gonzalez, Superintendent
2000 N. 23rd Street, McAllen TX, 78501

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Josephine Ramirez Solis
Josephine Ramirez Solis, Assistant DA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Atlas Hall & Rodriguez, LLP.

By: Stephen L. Crain
Stephen L. Crain (May 24, 2021 07:53 CDT)
Stephen Crain May 24, 2021

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
ON: 3/9/21



Exhibit "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIREARMS RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. Treat all firearms as though they were loaded.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until on target and ready to shoot.
3. Be certain of the target and what is beyond.
4. **NO ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION ALLOWED**
5. No one is allowed on the range that is taking any substance that could impair the ability to correctly respond to audible or visual commands. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol or any prescribed or over the counter medications.
6. All firearms training must be properly and adequately supervised.
7. Strict discipline and bearing will be maintained.
8. Upon picking up a firearm remove magazine, open the action mechanism, visually and physically check to see that it is unloaded.
9. Keep the firearm pointed down range at all times.
10. No tobacco products on the firing line.
11. Never permit the muzzle of a firearm to touch the ground.
12. Pay strict attention to the Range Masters.
13. No one should be on the firing line except those firing.
14. Electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, mp3 players, etc.) that can distract shooters will not be permitted on the firing line, unless authorized by the Range Master as part of the training.
15. All outside agency firearm instructors must check in with HCSO Academy Staff prior to commencing training.
16. All incidents and injuries at the HCSO firing range must be reported immediately to Academy Staff.
17. These rules apply to all personnel regardless of rank or agency.

STEEL TARGETS:

1. Steel targets will not be shot with rifle caliber weapons closer than 100 yards.
2. Steel targets will not be shot with pistol caliber weapons closer than 10 yards.
3. Steel targets on the pistol range side are not to be engaged with rifle caliber weapons.
4. Steel targets provided by outside agencies and usage of the steel targets must be approved by the Range Master or Academy Coordinator.

HCSO Academy: 956-381-7979

Emergency: 9-1-1

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