

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COURT SERVICES DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

CHAPTER 3 – FACILITY OPERATIONS
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FIREARMS CLEARING/LOADING DEVICE

POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to establish a procedure for the use of the firearms clearing/loading device (commonly referred to as a "loading barrel") located in the Court Floor armory. Use of this device will greatly reduce the possibility of an accidental discharge of a handgun/carbine round exiting the armory space and causing injury/death. No firearm shall be loaded or cleared on the Court Floor without utilizing this device.

PROCEDURE

Components:

One (1) Range Systems firearms clearing/loading device.
Firearm (pistol or carbine).

Procedure:

Loading:

Pistols: With the unloaded firearm in the holster, the operator shall insert a loaded magazine into the butt of the pistol. Draw the firearm from the holster and insert the muzzle into the port located on the front of the clearing/loading device until the front of the trigger guard rests against the bottom lip of the port. With the weak hand, operate the slide, chambering a round of ammunition. Ensure the weapon is pointed in a safe direction and immediately place the firearm in the holster and secure all security snaps. Remove the magazine and insert an additional round into the magazine to load it to capacity. Insert the loaded magazine into the pistol.

Carbines: Operators shall insert the muzzle of the unloaded weapon into the port of the clearing/loading device until the muzzle nearly touches the ballistic insert inside the device. Insert a loaded magazine. Draw the operating handle back and release it to chamber a loaded round of ammunition. Immediately place the safety in the "SAFE" position. Sling the weapon or have another operator hold it while inserting an additional round into the magazine just used to load the weapon.

Unloading:

Pistols: With the loaded pistol in the holster, remove the magazine from the pistol. Set the

magazine aside, do not continue to hold it in the hand. Draw the loaded firearm from the holster and place the muzzle into the port of the clearing/loading device until the front of

the trigger guard is touching the bottom lip of the port. Using the weak hand, draw the pistol's slide back, extracting the chambered round (if present). Lock the slide to the rear. The pistol may now be handled in a manner consistent with firearms safety.

Carbines: Ensure that the safety lever is in the "SAFE" position. Place the muzzle inside the port of the clearing/loading device until it nearly touches the ballistic insert inside the device. Remove the magazine and set it aside; do not continue to hold the magazine while unloading the carbine. With the weak hand, draw the operating handle all the way to the rear, ejecting the chambered round (if present). Lock the bolt to the rear by pressing in and holding the bottom of the bolt stop lever while holding the bolt to the rear with the operating handle, then slowly releasing the operating handle. The carbine may now be handled in a manner consistent with firearms safety.

RELATED STANDARDS

None

DATE OF REVISIONS

None

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

By order of

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