

# **Range Commands You MUST Know!**

## **"Cease Fire"**

Whenever this command is given, all shooters must immediately stop shooting, remain in position with the firearm pointed in a safe direction with action open, and wait for further instructions from the Range Safety Officer.

**NOTE:** *This command may be given by anyone who observes an unsafe condition on the range.*

## **"Make the Line Safe", or "Fire what's in your pistol and make the Line Safe"**

- The first command is used when there is an urgency. If you hear this command, DO NOT fire any more shots. Immediately drop the mag, lock the slide back and insert an empty chamber indicator. Move behind the yellow line.
- The second command is the normal command. You have the option to fire what remains in your pistol before making the line safe.

## **"Line is Safe"**

This means that the Range is closed with respect to ***handling any firearms*** -- either on the line or in the ready area. It's an announcement that all shooters & firearms have been verified to be in a safe condition. (Hand guns may lay on the bench with the action exposed and chamber flag inserted for verification by a Range Safety Officer.) This command is typically the "green light" required for changing/ retrieving targets down range. After this command you may not **reach** or **move** across the yellow line. *Previously Cased* firearms behind the yellow line may be transported in/out of the range area when the Line is Safe.

## **"The Line is Hot - 15 min on the clock"**

This means that shooters may handle their firearms on the firing line. They may also handle their firearms in the ready area provided the actions are open or otherwise made safe. Load only on the firing line. At all times the 3 basic NRA safety rules must be observed.

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

## **"Commence Firing"**

This command should be given by the Range Safety Officer after the range is declared hot. It informs the shooters that they may begin firing at authorized targets.