

HORNICKLE TRAINING AREA / RED BRICK HOUSE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

1. The purpose of this SOP is to establish the policies, procedures and safety guidelines for conducting MOU training in the Hornickle Training Area at Marseilles Training Center (MTC).
2. Mission: To provide organizations with the facilities and opportunity to conduct room clearing training, in an environment that is as realistic as possible, while maintaining a safe and effective training scenario.



1. INTRODUCTION.

The Hornickle Training Area (HTA) has been established to allow users the opportunity to conduct MOUT type operations, building assault and clearing procedures. The HTA consists of multiple buildings and allows units to conduct room clearance procedures in a realistic environment while incorporating shoot / don't shoot situations using pop-up targetry, static targetry and force on force training with MILES, simunitions or paint ball systems.

2. OPERATIONS.

- a. Units can reserve the HTA through the MTC Range and Training Area Scheduling NCO like any other MTC facility.
- b. Units will draw and turn in the facility from Range Control.
- c. This facility will be available with or without targetry. Units wishing to use the facility with pop-up targetry must ensure that this is included in the original request for the facility in order to have the targets in place prior to arriving to use the facility.
- d. Units drawing the facility must have a safety certified Officer In Charge (OIC) (E-6 or above) and Range Safety Officer (RSO) (E-5 or above) while using this facility. See DMAIL 350-11, Chapter 8. OIC and RSO are required to be present at the HTA at all times
- e. Units will maintain FM communication with range control as though operating a training area. See DMAIL Regulation 350-11, Chapter 4.
- f. Units will park all vehicles so they do not block or obstruct traffic on the main road.
- g. The fenced area and building connected to the fenced area north of the house are off limits to all non-MTC personnel at all times. Drawing the HTA does not authorized user access to that area.
- h. The unit will request occupation and closing time for the HTA as outlined in Appendix I for training areas.
- i. In order to clear the HTA, units will be required to do the following:
 - 1) Collect and remove all brass, trash, or residue from all buildings and the grounds around the facility.
 - 2) Sweep and mop floor in Building 1, sweep floors in Buildings 2 with equipment provided at the facility.
 - 3) Wash all paintball or simunition residue from the targets, walls, ceilings, shelving and furniture.
 - 4) Ensure all windows are closed and secured.
 - 5) Replace all trashcan liners.
 - 6) Report any damage found or caused during training.
- j. A map of the HTA is provided in appendix A of this SOP.
- k. The provisions of this SOP also apply to the Red Brick House, which is not part of the HTA.

3. SAFETY

- a. Units using blank ammunition will ensure that all personnel in the house wear hearing and eye protection. Units will also ensure that all windows are partially opened in the facility prior to starting training.

- b. Units using simunitions or paintball ammunition, and firing at stationary or pop-up targetry, will ensure that all personnel in the house wear eye protection.
- c. Units using simunitions or paintball ammunition, and conducting force on force training, will ensure that all personnel in the house are wearing a full-face mask, helmet, and gloves. Other padding and body protection, such as body armor, flak vests, layers of clothing, and athletic equipment designed to protect sensitive areas of the body, are encouraged but not required.
- d. Units conducting force on force training with blank ammunition will use the blank firing adapter authorized for the weapon and observe a 5 meter (approximately 15 feet) safe separation distance (stand off distance) in accordance with DA PAM 385-63 paragraph 6-6.
- e. Units conducting force on force training with simunitions or paintball systems will observe a minimum safe separation distance (stand off distance) of 6 feet, or in accordance with manufacturer's instructions for weapon system or simunitions being used.
- f. When units are conducting scenarios that require significant movement of troops on or around the main road, the unit will be responsible for posting road guards as needed to ensure personnel safety while operating in and around the HTA.
- g. The follow pyrotechnic devices may be used in these buildings:
 - 1) Flash bang grenades (GG09) are authorized for use through out the various buildings. **NOTE:** These will not be used during force on force training.
 - 2) Practice grenades with fuzes (G878) are authorized for use through out the various buildings. **NOTE:** These will not be used during force on force training.
 - 3) Smoke grenades (G930, G932, G940, G945, G950, G955). Smoke grenades will be placed in the orange painted metal buckets. These buckets will have a minimum of 4 inches of sand in the bottom of the bucket. The buckets maybe set anywhere in the facilities, but must not obstruct normal traffic flow, doorways, or stairwells. When using smoke grenades in a building, all of the windows in that building will be fully opened to allow appropriate ventilation. Smoke may be used during force on force training.
- h. All pyrotechnic devices (not listed in paragraph g above) and chemical agents of all types are prohibited for use in the HTA.
- i. Fire Extinguishers are positioned through out each building and are easily identified by the large red disk they are mounted on. All personnel will be briefed on the location of fire extinguishers in each building as part of the RSO's safety brief. This is especially important when conducting training with pyrotechnics.
- j. Risk assessment will be conducted prior to commencing training. As with all training facilities at MTC, the RSO or OIC will make the risk assessment available for inspection by range control personnel upon request.
- k. RSO will conduct a safety briefing to cover the training being conducted and in conjunction with the risk assessment.

APPENDIX A



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