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EXERCISE MUNITIONS CONTROL

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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 31-1, *Physical Security* and AFI 31-207, *Arming and Use of Force*, and AFMAN 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*. It establishes procedures to standardize the loading, issue, and turn in of exercise blank munitions. It applies to all individuals assigned to the 446th Airlift Wing (446 AW) who handle weapons during any and all exercise contingencies.

1. Responsibilities. It is the responsibility of each member assigned to the 446 SFS to comply with contents of this instruction.

2. Procedures. Loading procedures will be accomplished in the following manner:

- 2.1. Loading of blanks will be supervised by Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs) (E-5 or above), and currently weapons qualified as prescribed by AFI 36-2226, *Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM) Program*.
- 2.2. Blanks (5.56 mm) will only be loaded in magazines with the lower third of the magazine painted blue.
- 2.3. Exercise blank munitions will be checked by designated loading personnel prior to and during loading of exercise magazines under the supervision of either the squadron commander or squad leader.
- 2.4. Personnel designated to load exercise magazines with blank munitions will check each exercise-loaded magazine by utilizing a flashlight. NOTE: Live ammunition is larger than blank ammunition so it will be easily noticed in the M-16 magazine.
- 2.5. Upon completion of loading of exercise munitions, designated loading personnel will notify the loading supervisor that only blank ammunition was loaded.

2.6. The designated loading supervisor will countersign the same loading statement acknowledging that loading was accomplished under supervision and that only blank ammunition was loaded into the exercise magazines.

2.7. Loaded exercise magazines will be placed in a designated ammunition canister and sealed until issue.

2.8. Issue blank ammunition only after receipt of courier ammunition.

3. Issue Procedures. These procedures will be accomplished in the following manner:

3.1. Only the supply, weapons NCO, and/or alternate for the squadron will issue loaded exercise magazines to assigned personnel at the squadron equipment issue/turn-in window or designated armory issue area only after receipt of courier ammunition.

3.2. Upon issue, each individual will visually check each issued exercise magazine utilizing a flashlight prior to departing the issue/turn-in window.

3.3. Individuals receiving exercise magazines will sign an AF Form 1297, **Temporary Issue Receipt**, acknowledging receipt and personal inspection of the exercise magazines issued.

3.4. Personnel will re-check all issued exercise magazines at the completion of the Weapons Safety Briefing at guard-mount.

3.5. Prior to start or termination of training, check all ammo pouches, brief personnel regarding their responsibilities from a safety and accountability standpoint. As a minimum, maintain the records of the briefing for 90 days after completion of the exercise. (See [Attachment 1](#) for a listing of what each record must include.)

3.6. For all units conducting exercises, the munitions custodian and/or other individual trained and qualified in accordance with this instruction will maintain controls on all live and blank ammunition for the duration of the exercise.

4. On-Going Exercise Magazine/Blank Ammunition Checks. These checks will be accomplished by the area squad leaders and/or flight sergeant during post checks to ensure that ONLY exercise magazines with blank ammunition are used during the exercise day.

5. Turn-in Procedures. Turn-in procedures will be accomplished in the following manner:

5.1. Personnel will return exercise magazines and unexpended ammunition to the issue and/or turn-in window at the completion of the training exercise to.

5.2. Exercise magazines will be checked and inspected by the receiving NCO and will be cross referenced to exercise magazines issued to ensure that all exercise magazines are accounted for prior to the return of the AF Form 1297 to the individual.

5.3. Upon completion of the turn-in and accountability of all exercise magazines, the weapons and/or supply NCO will strip all unexpended blank ammunition from the exercise magazines into a designated ammunition canister and re-inspect all exercise magazines to ensure that no blank ammunition is left in the exercise magazines.

5.4. In the event that exercises are scheduled for the next day, loading procedures will be accomplished as prescribed by paragraph 2. of this instruction. The loaded magazines will be stored in a container locked and/or sealed and annotated as containing loaded blank magazines.

5.5. NOTE: At no time will any magazines and/or blank ammunition be entered into the exercise other than that issued. Introduction of such magazines and/or munitions into an exercise will be considered a clear violation of this instruction and administrative actions will be administered as deemed necessary by the unit commander.

6. Safety Briefing. An exercise scenario safety briefing will be given prior to the day's exercise. (Use attached briefing outline.)

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Attachment 1**WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS SAFETY BRIEFING**

BRIEFER: _____

DATE: ___/___/___

A1.1. General Weapons Safety Items:

A1.1.1. Only M-16 rifles will be utilized during training exercises, all other weapons (courier M-9's) will be stored in the field armory area.

A1.1.2. Warning shots are **NEVER** allowed.

A1.1.3. Weapons will not be aimed at anyone unless its immediate use appears imminent.

A1.1.4. When responding to an actual or simulated situation where security police personnel could reasonably expect to immediately encounter armed adversaries, they should do so with weapons ready, (port arms), but with chamber empty, selector on safe, and the finger not in the trigger guard. This does not preclude chambering a round in the M-16 when it is known the adversary is armed or under the direction of the flight leaders.

A1.1.5. Personnel shall not have consumed alcoholic beverages while on duty or within eight hours prior to coming on duty.

A1.1.6. Personnel may be armed who are using prescribed medication provided those drugs would not adversely effect duty performance.

A1.1.7. Firearms with bolt assemblies will not be carried or stored with ammunition in the chamber, except during combat or combat training situations.

A1.1.8. Clearing barrel procedures will be used as prescribed in AFI 31-207, *Arming and Use of Force*.

A1.2. Safety Using Blanks and Exercise Munitions During Exercise Situation:

A1.2.1. Blank ammunition will only be loaded into exercise magazines.

A1.2.2. Only these magazines will be used during exercises.

A1.2.3. Blank adapters will be issued with every weapon during exercise situations where blank ammunition is used. They will be properly attached to the weapon and will be painted **RED**.

A1.2.4. Blanks will never be fired at an individual who is within 20 feet of the muzzle of the weapon. Possible wadding, fragments, and gas escaping from of the barrel make this an unsafe practice. Where MILES equipment is used it will be necessary to aim the weapon at the enemy to score a hit. Even under these circumstances, the weapon will not be aimed at a person if that person is within the 20-foot zone.

A1.2.5. Pyrotechnics will not be used within 25 feet of any individual. This includes smoke and gas canisters, explosive simulators, etc. (Use of pyrotechnics should be demonstrated at a training session prior to their employment in the field.)

A1.2.6. Personnel training with pyrotechnics should be careful to avoid burning themselves with igniting, burning or expended exercise munitions.

A1.2.7. To minimize the chance of injury during exercises, all aggressor personnel involved in an exercise will comply with the following:

A1.2.7.1. Obey the orders of responding forces (once apprehended).

A1.2.7.2. Avoid openly displaying simulated weapons in a threatening manner.

A1.2.7.3. Once apprehended, do not take any threatening action toward responding forces unless told otherwise by the evaluating official.

A1.2.7.4. Do not attempt to flee, struggle against, or otherwise try to fight with responding forces unless told otherwise by the evaluating official.

A1.2.8. Throughout any exercise, **SAFETY WILL BE PARAMOUNT** and will not be compromised. Actions that might possibly result in injury to personnel or damage to aircraft, equipment, or property will not be taken. **ACTUAL EMERGENCIES WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY EXERCISE.**

A1.3. Attached Personnel Roster.