

RANGE CONTROL SOP
APPENDIX A

B. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Dual Communications

a. Two means of communication are required between the training unit conducting training and Range Control. Radio will be used as the primary means of communication. If landline telephones or personal cell phones are available, they can be used as the secondary form of communication.

b. If a unit fails to maintain required communications, Range Control will place that unit "in a check fire status" until satisfactory communications are reestablished. If a unit cannot maintain satisfactory communications, Range Control will place that unit "COLD" for the remainder of the day and will so notify the RCO.

c. The responsibility for proper communication with Range Control rests with the OIC.

d. Emergency Procedures. During any MEDEVAC/CASEVAC, all units will suspend radio checks (unless they have an emergency) until the situation is resolved with the unit having the emergency. All units will continue to monitor the range safety/control net. Training may continue unless Range Control issues a "check fire" order to all firing units. All units will render assistance, as requested by Range Control. Further guidance on MEDEVAC/CASEVAC can be found in Chapter 4 of this manual.

e. Units must check in at the beginning of training in a training/maneuver area and at the completion of the event. Units conducting non-live fire in maneuver/training areas are not required to conduct radio checks with Range Control; however, it is recommended that the Range Control frequency 38.60 FM, be monitored for safety purposes. Units can establish internal safety tactical nets allowing parent units to pass unit location to Range Control by telephone or radio. Units will be allowed to report in and out of training areas and not be required to maintain a continuous monitoring watch on Range Control frequencies. This applies to non-live fire training in training areas only. If using simunitions, radio checks are required every thirty minutes on the hour and half-hour.