

AHATS

Arden Hills Army Training Site LZ SOP

LZ X-RAY #1 AND #2



STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURE

AHATS Standing Operating Procedures

Summary. This SOP establishes procedures and requirements governing the use of the LZ's at AHATS in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Applicability. This SOP applies to all Minnesota National Guard units and other military and civilian organizations using the LZ's and training facility at AHATS. This SOP is primarily directed to helicopter units.

Send comments and improvements to the AHATS TAC.

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Chapter 1 . INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose.

This publication prescribes safety and administrative procedures specifically for the use of AHATS. It provides a basic reference for the using unit's training and safety personnel. This SOP, in conjunction with Camp Ripley and AHATS Range Regulation provides an effective tool for planning of personnel, equipment and safe training. This SOP does not replace regulations, doctrine, or guidance contained in the AHATS Range Regulations or Department of the Army administrative and doctrinal publications.

1-2. Introduction to AHATS.

Formally known as the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) this facility produced over 16.5 billion rounds of small-arms ammunition for World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. During these operations several areas in AHATS became contaminated with hazardous wastes. The clean up effort is ongoing and troops in training should be made aware of and avoid these areas on the facility.

1-3. References.

Refer to the required and related publications listed in the Camp Ripley and AHATS Range Regulation. Prior to execution, read and become familiar with these regulations and all publications related to the type of training being conducted.

1-4. Safety Statement.

a. Conducting realistic training is a challenging business. The goal of the chain of command is not training first or safety first, but training safely. The commander is ultimately responsible for the unit's safety. However, every soldier is responsible for safe training. FM 25-101 (Battle Focused

Training) states that safety must be planned as a vital part of any training event. It cannot be an after thought.

b. A risk assessment must be done for all training events. Major events will be assessed with a formal assessment. The assessment is virtually worthless unless you manage the identified risk. Ask yourself the question "What am I doing to avoid the next incident or accident?" Risk Management Cards are available upon request.

c. There are four types of failures that lead to injury to soldiers and loss or damage to equipment. Those failures are:

(1) Standard Failures. Standards are not clear, practical, or fail to exist.

(2) Training Failures. Standards are not known or ways to achieve them are not known.

(3) Leader Failures. Standards are known but not enforced.

(4) Individual Failures. Standards are known but soldiers do not follow them.

1-5.Points of Contact.

- a. Post Commander
ATTN: Operations
15000 HWY 115, Camp Ripley
Little Falls, MN 56345-4173
DSN 871-7346
Commercial (320) 632-7346
FAX ext. 7702
- b. AHATS Training Area Coordinator
ATTN: SSG LeClair
1245 W Hwy 96
Arden Hills, MN 55112
Cell 651-775-1284
Office (651) 634-5229

Suspense Dates

<u>Suspense</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reference AHATS Range Reg</u>
30 Days	Request usages of TA and Ranges	Section 3 of Range Reg
48 Hrs	Submit Exception-to-Policy Letter	Section 4 of Range Reg

Chapter 2 . GENERAL INFORMATION.

2-1. Safety Briefing.

The Training Area Coordinator (TAC) will conduct a mandatory safety briefing to everyone involved in the usage of the AHATS Facility. A safety briefing will be given prior to day of Training. The TAC is responsible to track and ensure each Soldier has received the briefings prior to day and night operations. The briefing will include general safety and range specific safety. The following areas will be covered but not limited to:

- (a) SDZ's
- (b) DUD'S /UXO'S
- (c) Hazmat Spills
- (d) Smoke/Pyrotechnics
- (e) Unsafe acts.
- (f) Weapons.
- (g) Medical locations and procedures.
- (h) Night procedures.
- (I) Brief on hazards and avoidance of animals found at AHATS (Osprey nest)

Communications.

(1) AHATS has no radios for range use. The only communication AHATS has is the Office and Cell phone numbers to the Training Area Coordinator.

(3) Soldiers finding themselves in real world emergencies are instructed to contact the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office or the Lake Jo Anna Fire Dept. The primary frequency 36.10 (alternate is 36.90) is used to communicate with Range Control if needed.

2-2. Suggestions for Safe Range Operations.

- a. Visit AHATS and take a tour with the TAC
- b. Become familiar with the Range Reg for AHATS

2-3 Aircraft Operations

Units scheduling landings at AHATS will fill out the required ATS-23 Form and e-mail to SSG LeClair. Training Area Coordinator will then make contact with Unit and clear them to land.

2-4 Ground Safety

Ground support or troops in training must be constantly aware of the dangers involved in the landing of aircraft. Personnel will be trained in loading and unloading procedures for each aircraft and for working near operating helicopters. When approaching the helicopter, personnel will approach from the 90 degree side position, and only after receiving visual recognition of the aircrew. All personnel will exercise extreme caution while walking under the main rotor arc or in the vicinity of the tail rotor.

AHATS PHONE NUMBERS

TELEPHONE:

AHATS (651)634-5229 AHATS CELL: (651)775-1284

Range Control Camp Ripley (320)632-7298

MEDEVAC:

All MEDEVACs have priority. All MEDEVACS will be initiated through Ramsey County Sheriff's Office or Lake Jo Anna Fire Department.

Sheriff's Dept Dispatch (651) 484-3366

Fire Department (651) 481-7024

Check with SSG LeClair for daily training activities before landing at AHATS.