



## September 2024 MDRC Newsletter

All,

Big news for the range. You will see a new event offered, new safety measures and the continuing work on a new facility.

As many of you know, the range will soon have an operational Trap Range. The doors have been installed and the thrower is in place. Equipment will be tested and the bugs worked out. Then Russ and Bob will iron out the details. All wanting to use it will need to be trained on the equipment use. They will set this training up in the near future. Once you have been trained on the operation, you will be issued a key to the lock. It is your access to the equipment and not to be copied or passed around to others. In the future we plan to install a card reader on the door and you will be able to use your range card for access. Current shotgun shooters check your email for a training date or those interested in getting into Trap Shooting, check the Web Site or contact Bob Driscole.

Another change coming up this month, the “Down Range Alert System” will soon be installed. Work to commence on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Once installed and operational it is to be used anytime someone goes downrange. It will have switches in each canopy and the Bench House, (only horns and lights in the Action Bays, no alarm switches). Turning it on will activate both lights and horns at all areas across the range. They will continue to alerting of someone downrange until switched off. If a second person goes downrange from another location, that person is to also use the switch to arm the system. If the first person returns and turns off their switch and the alarm continues to sound it means that someone else is downrange. No handling of firearms or shooting until the alarm is reset to the “Safe” mode.

Simple rule: **Safe Mode:** Lights off and Horns silent – Safe to shoot.

**Danger Mode:** Lights and Horns activated – No Shooting or handling of firearms.

Another project, the new range building. It is up but an empty shell. We have outside work around it to complete before winter. Utilities and interior work will come in 2025 as we have the money. Plans call for two restrooms, a kitchen, a utility room and storage room. The remainder of space will be for training, such as Safety Officer Training, etc. Eventually we will be able to hold our director’s meetings, our yearly Shareholders meeting, and other uses we decide to include later. Ideas for additional uses considered.

The Friday evening MDRC Juniors and smallbore practice on Friday evening is ending this month.

All matches will continue through October with some scheduled for November weather permitting.

We will continue to hold the yearly membership dues at \$120.00 and the Work Waiver Fee at \$200.00. If we decide to change either of these it will not be until 2026. It is this money allowing us to make range improvements and keep it a safe place for all members and their guests.

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC