



October 2024 MDRC Newsletter



All,

This will be a short message this month.

October is upon us, we are midway through the month, the seasons are changing. The leaves are beginning to turn. This month's IDPA had a Halloween theme. Temperatures are in a wild swing.

Moving on, the Trap House is now in operation, about 50 members have received training on its operation. I hope those members enjoy the addition to the range.

The Downrange Alert System has hit a snag, finding the horn sound we are looking for.

Also, the installation of the underground lines in the Action Bays has caused a headache. We are working toward correcting this. Because of the "ditch" that was dug for the conduit, we have cancelled the October Steel match. The ground is soft and muddy. The rain is not helping. Hopefully we will get some repairs to them in the next few days, but until we complete the repairs, it is not safe to pull into most of the bays. Bay 1 is untouched, Bay 5 is reasonably firm, Bay 4 is useable but still needs more TLC; Bays 2 and 3 are a mess.

Continue to warn others when you are moving downrange; also, when you have returned from downrange give everyone the "All Clear". Remember, No Handling of Any Firearm while there is someone downrange.

There is still work that can be done for those not being able to make it to the Saturday work Details. There is only one remaining, the end of this month. I am waiting to hear from a couple members that have contacted me about jobs they can do to complete their required work time. I sent them emails but have not heard back from some of them.

Hope none of you suffer on "Devils Eve" from the pranksters, and have a fun evening on Halloween.

Finally, those planning on deer hunting should not wait until the last minute to check your hunting rifle for accuracy and safety. If you have an alternate rifle, it should be checked also.

I had a friend that slung his rifle while walking into the woods. The sling broke, his scope was damaged. Your safety check should cover all screws, mounts, condition of leather and the safety. One manufacturer has a safety recall because the rifle could possibly discharge when the safety was moved to the firing position.

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock – President MDRC

