Sample Launch Procedure

- At beginning of the launch day, call Joshua Approach and say: “This is the Friends of Amateur Rocketry near Koehn Dry Lake. We are starting launch operations from surface to X-feet AGL or Flight Level XXX.”
- If someone else is to call Joshua Approach, make sure that they have notified Joshua Approach before starting launch operations.
- Make sure the motor is assembled and installed properly.
- Make sure that flame-proof wading is used for the parachute.
- Make sure the upper stage and recovery are not armed.
- Make sure the igniter is not inserted.
- Verify ignition controller is safed with key removed.
- Carry rocket to launch rail.
- Slide rocket onto launch rail.
- Raise and lock the launch rail to no more than 20° from vertical.
- Send personnel to blockhouse or viewing bunker for experimental motors, or safe distance for commercial motors.
- Insert igniter.
- Arm recovery system and upper stage.
- Verify ignition box is in safe state with key inserted.
- Connect igniter to ignition box and make sure there is a good connection.
- Arm the ignition box and remove arming key.
- Retreat to blockhouse or viewing bunker for experimental motors, or safe distance for commercial motors.
- Insert arming key into ignition hand controller and arm.
- Verify the igniter has continuity.
- Make sure spectators and camera person are under cover before starting countdown.
- Verify wind speed is less than 20-MPH.
- Verify road is clear of cars.
- Verify airspace is clear of aircraft.
- Announce starting launch countdown to spectators.
- Perform a 5-count countdown.
- At zero, command ignition controller to fire.
- Keep personnel in blockhouse/viewing bunkers until the rocket has impacted the ground or is safely on a parachute.
- Turn ignition controller to safe.
- Call all clear.
- At the end of launch day, call Joshua Approach and say: “This is the Friends of Amateur Rocketry near Koehn Dry Lake. We are finished with launch operations for the day.”

Rocket Pyrotechnic Operators Log

Name:_____

License Number:_____

Pyrotechnic Operator Class:_____

Log Start Date:_____

Log End Date:_____

Rocket Motor Information				Bunker Required			
Class	**Impulse Range**	**Impulse Limit**	**Category**	**Spectator Distance (ft)**	**1st Row 122-ft**	**2nd Row 220-ft**	**3rd Row 270-ft**
Model Rocket	1/8A	0.3125	Micro	30			
	1/4A	0.625	Low Power	30			
	1/2A	1.25		30			
	A	2.5		30			
	B	5		30			
	C	10		30			
	D	20		30			
	E	40	Mid Power	30			
	F	80		30			
	G	160		30			
High Power	H	320	Level 1	30			
	I	640		150	**X**		
	J	1,280	Level 2	150	**X**		
	K	2,560		200	**X**		
	L	5,120		300	**X**	**X**	**X**
	M	10,240	Level 3	500	**X**	**X**	**X**
	N	20,480		1,000	**X**	**X**	**X**
	O	40,960		1,200	**X**	**X**	**X**

Telephone Numbers

Emergency for Injury or Fire: 911
Joshua Approach: (661) 277-3843
Kern County Sheriff (Non-Emergencies): (661) 824-7130

Sample Static Firing Procedure

- Mount static stand.
- Verify that static stand is solidly mounted and can't move.
- Make sure the motor is assembled properly.
- Make sure the igniter is not inserted into the motor.
- Verify ignition controller is safed and key removed.
- Carry motor or rocket to static stand and mount to static stand.
- Verify motor or rocket is rigidly attached to static stand and cannot move.
- Send personnel to blockhouse or viewing bunker for experimental motors, or safe distance for commercial motors.
- Insert igniter into motor.
- Verify ignition box is in safe state with arming key inserted.
- Connect igniter to ignition box and make sure there is a good connection.
- Arm the ignition box and remove arming key.
- Retreat to blockhouse or viewing bunker for experimental motors, or safe distance for commercial motors.
- Verify road is clear of cars.
- Insert arming key into ignition controller and arm.
- Verify the igniter has continuity.
- Make sure spectators and camera person are under cover before starting countdown.
- Verify road is clear of cars.
- Announce starting static firing countdown to spectators.
- Start data logging.
- Perform a 5-count countdown.
- At zero, command ignition controller to fire.
- Keep personnel in blockhouse/viewing bunkers until the rocket or rocket motor has finished firing.
- Stop data logging and save data.
- Turn ignition controller to safe.
- Call all clear.

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