

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution



The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution

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Gun Control Debate

As a result of the Sandy Hook school shooting, several additional gun control laws are being proposed at both the State and Federal level. As discussed in last month's PPFC newsletter, these additional restrictions on the right of lawful citizens to keep and bear arms will not stop evil people from committing evil acts.

El Paso County Sheriff Maketa, a longtime and firm supporter of our rights issue a statement titled, "Gen Control." Here is the beginning of his statement:

"Most citizens throughout El Paso County are well aware of my second amendment stance. I have recently received several emails asking my position on this subject as well as my position on gun control and weapons bans. In response, I felt obligated to take a few minutes and reaffirm my position on firearms ownership and offer a few of my concerns with the wrongful approach I see championed and pushed upon us by elected leaders at the State and Federal level. First and foremost, **I absolutely believe in and stand firmly against, any effort that infringes on the rights of law abiding citizens to own and posses firearms** of their choice. Furthermore, **I will actively oppose** any effort that infringes upon your second amendment rights."

There is a link to Sheriff Maketa's entire statement on the PPFC website. It is worthwhile reading and shows how an elected official who respects our rights will help protect those rights.

Gun Control Legislation

As this newsletter goes to press, there have only been two firearm related bills introduced in the Colorado State Legislature:

House Bill 13-1043: Concerning the Statutory Definition of a Deadly Weapon by Representative Foote. The bill modifies this definition of a firearm so that a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, qualifies as a deadly weapon regardless of the manner in which it is used or intended to be used.

House Bill 13-1048: Use of Deadly Force Against a Person who Makes Unlawful Entry into a Business by Representative Everett and Senator Grantham. The bill extends the right to use deadly force against an intruder under certain conditions to include owners, managers, and employees of businesses.

See the status of all firearm bills on the PPFC website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 2, 2012, 9AM -5PM: FNRA Gun-O-Rama, Freedom Financial Expo Center, 3650 N Nevada**
- **February 14, 2013, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **February 14, 2013, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2013
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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FNRA Gun-O-Rama Returns

The Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* Committee will hold another Gun-O-Rama on Saturday, February 2, 9:00AM—5:00PM at the Freedom Financial Expo Center, 3650 N Nevada, in conjunction with the Gun Show of the Rockies Gun Show. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$20. When 50 tickets are sold, a winner will have their choice of any of more than 50 firearms. Raffles will be repeated throughout the day. Proceeds go to support the NRA Foundation which has again given a grant to the PPFC for our Women on Target Program. Info on both the Gun-O-Rama and the next Women on Target Clinic is on the PPFC website.

Spend Valentine's Day with your fellow PPFC members

Our February 14th PPFC meeting will feature a presentation on the Colorado Springs Police Department's Explorer Program and an update on legislation.

PPFC Elections

At our January 2013 meeting, we elected the following officers:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected Candidate</u>
Vice President	Shannon Chase
Secretary	None
Membership	Dan Wandell
Programs	Bill Seifert
Legislative	Doug Davis
PAC Chair	Steve Hasbrouck
PAC At-Large (4)	Dan Usiak, Larry Liston, Roger Oakey, Amy Lathen

We will elect a secretary at the February meeting. Officer terms are for two years.

Membership News

(1) It's time to start renewing your PPFC membership for 2013. To save the cost of printing and mailing renewal notices, please consider renewing on-line through PayPal. There is a link on the PPFC home page for on-line renewal. You can also print out a renewal form and mail it in if you prefer. You can also just mail a check to the above address. Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership. You can also now pay with a credit card at our meetings using PayPal Here.

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