

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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Will the US Forest Service Use Lead to Close Range?

An article in the July 23rd Colorado Springs Gazette, *Lead at shooting range firing up concerns*, raises the issue of possible lead contamination at the shooting area on Rampart Range Road, in Pike National Forest. In June, Dave Wolverton, president of Manitou Springs' Mineral Springs Foundation, wrote a letter of concern to US Forest Service District Ranger Brent Botts, suggesting that lead from the shooting range could be leaching into the groundwater. Testing arranged by the Forest Service did not reveal any water contamination. Fred Luiszer, a geologist at the University of Colorado at Boulder, said he had spent much time working below Rampart Range, hearing gunshots overhead. "You could probably open a lead mine up there," he said. Yet he isn't worried about the shooting range contaminating the aquifer. "The soil where the bullets actually land will get contaminated with lead, but it doesn't move very far," he said, explaining that lead readily fixes itself to iron minerals, clays, and organic materials like decomposing leaves.

Ranger Brent Botts does not believe that the range needs to be closed and believes one answer to the problems at Rampart Range would be to establish more shooting areas—not necessarily on public land. **Ranger Botts will give PPFC members an update on this problem at our August 9th meeting.**

The Party of Ronald Reagan?

Recently, the Republican Party suffered election losses on every level. Some of the reasons for this involve Republicans trying to out spend Democrats, not adhering to our Republican platform, and forgetting the principles made popular by President Reagan. Earlier this year, the El Paso County Republican Party elected a new leadership team, including Gregg Garcia as Chairman and Dane Nowels, PPFC President, as Vice Chairman. Gregg is determined to revitalize the local Republican party and get it back to our Republican roots.

Actions in the Colorado General Assembly last session, which saw two Democrat-led anti-gun bills enacted into law, underscore the need to elect pro-gun Republicans. Chairman Garcia will address the August 9th PPFC meeting and tell us his plans and how we can help.

Emergency Preparedness

At our July 12th meeting, Brett Waters, Director of the Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management, spoke about what we can do to be prepared for a natural or man-made disaster. One of the things he recommended is for us to attend Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT). CERT is a free course

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 28-29: Prospectors Sertoma Gun Show at Phil Long Events Center**
- **August 9: PPFC Meeting**
- **August 16: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **September 21: Friends of NRA dinner at Mr. Biggs**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2007
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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that provides citizens with comprehensive training in disaster preparedness and response. Through classroom learning and hands-on training, people will learn how to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors during and immediately following a disaster, and in the process save lives that may otherwise be lost. Topics covered include:

Disaster Medical Assistance, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Safety, Terrorism, and Disaster Psychology

Go to <http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=5262> for course dates, description, and an application.

PPFC Forms a Small Donor Committee

To help us support pro-gun candidates, we have established a political Small Donor Committee (SDC). A small donor committee has the advantage that the amount that we can donate to a candidate is greater than what we can do with our PAC. As the name implies, the maximum that you can give to our SDC is \$50 per calendar year. We are asking our members to try to meet the \$50 contribution this year and next. You can give as little as \$5 or \$10 at a time. We will have SDC donation forms at our PPFC meetings or you can mail your donation (make check payable to PPFC SDC) to:

PPFC SDC
PO Box 76521
Colorado Springs, CO 80970-6521

Colorado Springs Friends of NRA Event

The 12th annual Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* dinner and fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 21st, at Mr. Bigg's Event Center, 5825 Mark Dabling Blvd. Details are available on their website: www.csfnra.com or through the PPFC website.

The Committee is raffling off a Walther G22 semi-auto .22 cal rifle with scope and case. This raffle will be held at the FNRA dinner on September 21st and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$10 and only 300 will be sold. They are available on the website, by mail, and at the PPFC meetings.

If you would like to serve on the FNRA Committee or help with the dinner, please call Richard Gandolf, Chairman, 310-6414.



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