

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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Are we facing a crisis in public safety?

An article in the April 20th Colorado Springs Gazette discussed the fact that many calls for service to the Colorado Springs Police Department go unanswered or are delayed because there wasn't an officer available. It was reported that in 2006, we have 1.74 officers per 1,000 population. This is less than Woodland Park, Manitou Springs, Denver, and Pueblo. According to the 2007 El Paso County "Quick Facts", we have only 40.5 patrol deputies per 100,000 population. This is the lowest ratio of any front range county. Compare this to Arapahoe (74.9), Douglas (76.8), Larimer (101.3), Jefferson (104.3), Pueblo (124.5), and Boulder (235.9).

At our May 8th meeting, El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa will talk about the problems we are facing with a lack of deputies, jail overcrowding, and other threats to our public safety.

Colorado Legislation Update

Colorado Senate Bill 08-049, by Senator Windels (D), which would have required you to lock up your guns if there is a possibility of a minor getting hold of it, finally died in the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 9 to 1 vote. In addition to the four Republicans who voted to table the bill, five Democrats also voted to table. **The lone "NO" vote was cast by El Paso County Democrat John Morse. Morse also sponsored the bill last session that denies recognition of concealed carry permits issued in other states to people who are not residents of that state.** We will need to work to defeat him in 2010.

All gun bills are now dead for this session.

District Attorney John Newsome Addressed the April PPFC Meeting

John Newsome, 4th Judicial District Attorney, spoke at the April 10th PPFC meeting on the current trends and issues in the criminal justice system. The DA's office is also facing budget constraints.

We also heard from John Davis, a student at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, co-founder of the UCCS Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. They are fighting for the right to carry concealed on campus, as permitted by state law but denied by university policy. They held an "empty holster" protest the week of April 21st. Several news stories highlighted their actions. The PPFC Board of Directors voted to give UCCS SCCC \$200 to help fund their activities. Contrast this with a protest held the previous week, on the anniversary of the VA Tech shootings, at Colorado College calling for more gun control.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 3 & 4: Gun Show at Phil Long Event Center**
- **May 8, 2008: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **May 15, 2008: PPFC Board Meeting**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2008
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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PPFC Picnic and Ben Lomond Open House

For the third year, the PPFC is joining with the BLGC for our 7th annual PPFC Picnic and Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 7th, at the BLGC range in Ramah. The open house runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all of the ranges will be open to the public at no charge. A free BBQ lunch will also be provided. See the PPFC website for details and a map. This is a FREE event for the whole family. BLGC offers the following ranges:

Nine fully bermed 50 yard pistol ranges.

Two 100 yard Pistol/Small cal rifle up to .223 shooting areas.

High Power Rifle Range supporting firing lines at 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 yards.

Small Bore (.22) Rifle Silhouette Range with targets at 40, 60, 77, and 100 meters.

Shotgun range with 6 machine 5 stand set up.

Win a Gun Safe Full of GUNS!

The Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* is holding a pre-event raffle for their September 26, 2008 dinner. **For \$20 you could win a Stack-On Elite 16-gun safe with electronic lock and **10** firearms!** Only 500 tickets will be sold and sales will end on September 25th—NO tickets will be sold at the dinner. You do NOT have to be present to win.



- Henry Lever Action .22 cal rifle
- Smith & Wesson Model 22A
- Stoegar Condor 12 GA O/U shotgun
- Springfield Armory .40 cal
- Howa 1500 Camo .308 w/scope
- Benelli Nova 12 GA Shotgun
- Remington Model 597 SS .22 cal rifle
- Vanguard Synthetic 30-06 rifle
- Ruger Ranch .223 cal semi-auto
- Benelli Cattleman .45 cal

Tickets will be available at the PPFC meetings and can also be purchased on-line at:

www.csf NRA.com

Check out all the other prizes that will be available at the dinner.

If you would like to help with the Friends of NRA dinner, please call the chairman, Richard Gandolf, (719) 310-6414 or see the website.