Terrorism and School Safety

Terrorism expert Joe Ruffini will be the speaker at the June 12th PPFC membership meeting speaking about terrorism and school safety.

Joseph Ruffini brings more than 25 years of multi-disciplinary experience from fields including infrastructure security, counter-terrorist operations, risk management, and more to the private and civil sectors. Formerly an Army Lieutenant Colonel charged with defending the United States and Canada against cyber intrusions, international terrorist plots, nuclear, biological, and chemical attacks, Ruffini is currently an Executive Strategic Information Operations Consultant supporting US Strategic Command, the Interagency, and the National Security Council, and US Central Command in Qatar and Iraq. Ruffini is a featured government, corporate, and personal security theorist, speaker, and subject matter expert. His role in infrastructure security, counter-terrorist operations, operations security, information warfare and operations, command and operations, logistics management, training and education, and risk management spiral into a motivating "how-to" management presentation. Ruffini's first book, *When Terror Comes to Main Street: A Citizens' Guide to Terror Awareness, Preparedness, and Prevention*, hit bookstore shelves in May 2006. An informative, straightforward, hard-hitting book for everyday people, *When Terror Comes to Main Street* boils down Ruffini's lifetime of knowledge and operational experience into one, all-inclusive read.

PPFC Stands Behind John Newsome

After what appears to be a politically motivated “hit piece” appeared on a local TV station, Fourth Judicial District Attorney and PPFC member John Newsome came under fire by some to resign. The PPFC Board of Directors and Political Action Committee Steering Committee unanimously voted to stand by our endorsement of John for DA in the upcoming August Republican primary and November general elections. The person that Newsome defeated in 2004 in the Republican primary has now decided to challenge Newsome once again. As there is no Democratic candidate, whoever wins the Republican primary will be the next DA. John is a strong supporter of our rights and has been an extremely effective district attorney. During John’s term, the DA’s office has instituted several new programs and improvements, including: Modernizing the office by installing and employing state of the art technology, focusing on the increasingly complex and growing area of economic crime, aggressively prosecuting meth offenders and violent criminals, training attorneys in the latest courtroom techniques, supporting victims, providing effective leadership, and setting records in cases brought to trial and defendants sent to prison. You can help John by sending a contribution to his campaign, putting out a yard sign, and displaying a

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bumper sticker. John has supported us, now it is our turn to support John.

El Paso County Administrator Jeff Greene Addressed the May PPFC Meeting

Thanks to Jeff Greene for filling in for El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa on short notice at our May meeting when the Sheriff had to make a trip to Washington D.C. We are trying to reschedule Terry for July. Jeff spoke to us on the budget crisis facing El Paso County. As reports in the news state, El Paso County is facing a $8.8 million deficit this year due to increased fuel prices and revenue shortfalls. The county is considering cutting programs and taking other steps to maintain a balanced budget. Some of these cuts could impact public safety, which will be the topic of Sheriff Maketa’s talk.

Please check the expiration date above your name. If you haven’t renewed for 2008, please do so. You can send your check for $20 (individual) or $30 (family) to the above address.

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.

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

www.csfnra.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.