

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). Due to high fuel costs, the sheriff's office has curtailed sheriffs' patrols and the deputies must park their cars between calls to save fuel.

At our July 10th 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.

Questions about Colorado Springs government?

Colorado Springs City Councilman Darryl Glenn will also be speaking at our July 10th meeting about the state of Colorado Springs given the down turn in the economy and budget shortfalls. He will also answer questions from our members on any city subject. Darryl represents the northeast part of town and is running for reelection in April 2009.

Anti-Terrorism Expert Spoke to Members

Joe Ruffini, a nationally known anti-terrorism expert and retired US Army Lt Col, spoke to the membership at our June meeting on the topic of school safety. Due to "gun free" school zones, our children are sitting ducks. Joe gave a very spirited talk about the possibility of terrorism attacks on our schools and how most schools are unprepared to deal with such an attack. An autographed copy of Joe's book, "When Terrorism Comes to Main Street," was given to the winner of the 50-50 raffle.

US Supreme Court overturns DC handgun ban and affirms the Second Amendment as an individual right

On June 26th, the US Supreme Court announced its decision in the Heller case and overturned the ban on handgun ownership in DC stating that the 2A is an individual right and that a complete ban on handguns violates our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. They did allow for some gun control laws, but a complete ban is now unconstitutional. One of the most disturbing facts about

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 10, 2008: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **July 12, 9am—2pm, Sportsman's Warehouse Chili Cook Off**
- **July 17, 2008: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **July 26—27: Gun Show at Phil Long Event Center**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2008
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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this decision is that it was a 5 – 4 decision meaning that FOUR US Supreme Court justices ruled to basically eliminate the Second Amendment. Since this striking down of the DC gun ban only applied to DC, within minutes of the release of the decision, the NRA and other gun rights organizations filed suits in Chicago and four of its suburbs and in San Francisco challenging handgun bans in those cities. You can read the complete decision on the PPFC website. This was a victory for gun rights, but those cities impacted will try anything they can to make it very difficult for gun owners by placing restrictions on the purchasing, licensing, and possession of handguns.

Win a \$500 Visa Gift Card

The PPFC will be raffling off a \$500 Visa gift card at our September 11th meeting. We are only selling 100 tickets at \$10 each for this raffle. Tickets are available, while they last, at PPFC meetings and from any PPFC board member.

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. Also, check out the CSFNRA website on how you can win an African safari for two or an Alaskan fishing trip. If you have ever attend a FNRA dinner, you know about the “bucket” drawings. Now through September 12th, you can pre-purchase your bucket tickets at **** 2 for 1 **!** Get \$600 worth of tickets, for example, for only \$300. See the website for all the different ticket packages and prices as well as the great prizes.



- 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

please call the chairman, Richard Gandolf, (719) 310-6414 or see the website.

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,