

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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Colorado Springs Election

On April 7, 2009, the voters in Colorado Springs will elect four council members, one from each of the four districts. Council members are responsible for setting policy, approving the budget, enacting laws, and hiring the council appointees: City manager, clerk, attorney, auditor, and CEO of the Colorado Springs Utilities. They can have a large impact on our rights.

The PPFC Political Action Committee Steering Committee has endorsed candidates in all of the races after our candidate forum at the February meeting: Scott Hente in District 1, Darryl Glenn in District 2, Jerry Heimlicher in District 3, and PPFC Treasurer Bernie Herpin in District 4. If you live in the city, you will get your ballot in the mail in mid-March. Make sure you send it in by April 7th!

Colorado Springs City Council directs Police Department to stop destroying firearms!

On Tuesday, February 17th, the Colorado Springs City Council took citizen input on proposed budget cuts. PPFC President Dane Nowels suggested that the police department could not only save money but could make money by not destroying firearms by auctioning them off to FFL dealers.

During the budget markup session on Wednesday, February 18th, Vice Mayor Larry Small added a budget line item to the police department budget for \$10,000 income from the selling of firearms. His proposal was supported by an 8 - 1 vote with Councilmember Martin opposing. Vice Mayor Small also resisted a proposal from the City Manager to conduct a study on the issue stating, "The City manager wanted to give us a report prior to our requiring this but I rejected that notion saying it would only be a philosophical argument supporting destruction and would have no practical relevance to the issue."

This is another example why we must support pro-firearms rights candidates for city council! Council will need to stay on top of this to prevent "foot dragging" on the part of the department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 12, 2009: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **March 19, 2009: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **April 7, 2009: Ballots due for Colorado Springs City Council election**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2009
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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PPFC March Meeting

We have two great speakers lined up to speak at the March PPFC membership meeting. Tony Fabian, President of the Colorado State Shooting Association, the state NRA-affiliated organization, will be speaking on what the CSSA is and what they do to help protect our rights. He will also update us on the status on gun bills in the Colorado Legislature.

All PPFC members should also be members of the CSSA and NRA, and any other firearm-rights organization that they desire to join. Our charter is to first protect our rights in the Pikes Peak area. CSSA and the Firearms Coalition of Colorado work on state legislation.

PPFC member Darrin Talbott of Extreme Gear Labs will discuss the history, development, and types of load carrying equipment and the implications of their use to the average citizen. Specifically, military load kit, vests, and harnesses along with derived civilian luggage equivalents.

Pro-Second Amendment Businesses

Did you know that we maintain a list of pro-Second Amendment businesses on our website? These are businesses that our members have brought to our attention. While they do not have to be members of the PPFC, it's always nice to see that they also support us by joining.

The newest Corporate Member is T&T Engraving, 2605 E Willamette Ave, Colorado Springs. T&T is owned by Tedd Adamovich, who is also a published author. His historical novel, *The Price of Liberty: Benjamin Franklin Wept*, discloses the ingenuous beliefs, intentions, and concerns of the wise men who created the United States of America. In so doing, it is more than an exciting contemporary novel. It also becomes a tool for liberty-loving Americans. It is available from several on-line bookstores and at T&T. Don't forget, if you need a plaque or other engraving, visit T&T. And take a look at other pro-2A businesses on our website and, when you shop there, thank them for supporting our rights.

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