

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 Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition is holding a mayoral candidate forum at our February 10th meeting. There are currently 11 announced candidates for mayor and all have been invited. As of the printing of this newsletter, six of the candidates have accepted, one has declined, and we have not heard from the other four. **We will need a strong showing at this meeting as the media will be there and we must make sure the candidates understand that we are a political force.**

As required by our By-Laws and PAC Steering Rules, we will take a non-binding straw poll on endorsements for the mayoral candidates after the forum.

According to the PPFC By-Laws, **you must be a member in good standing to vote in the straw poll. 2010 members who have not renewed for 2011 must renew before receiving a ballot at the February 10 meeting.**

In addition to the mayoral candidates, there are three candidates for District 2, two candidates for District 3, and sixteen candidates for the five at-large council seats. You can see who is running on the PPFC website.

Check the expiration date above your address. If you have recently sent in your renewal, it may not have been processed yet, but we will have an up-to-date list of members at the meeting.

You can renew on-line using PayPal from the link on the PPFC website or pay at the meeting. If you are planning to attend this forum and have not renewed, please plan on renewing either on-line or at the meeting to make sure we get your renewal (that is, don't mail your check at this late date).

New members who join at the February 10 meeting will not be able to vote as the By-Laws requires a person to have been a member for at least 21-days to be eligible to vote (to prevent a candidate from "buying votes").

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 10, 5:30 PM: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **February 10, 7:00 PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **February 12—13: Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center @ Rustic Hills (Palmer Park and Academy)**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2011
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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With seven of the nine seats and a strong mayor up for election, the makeup of the Colorado Springs city council could change and not necessarily for the better as far as gun rights are concerned. We will need to work to make sure it stays that way.

The PAC Steering Committee is sending a survey on firearm issues to all candidates. Due to the limited amount of time between the start of candidate announcements and the official certification of the candidates in mid-February, we will not have the survey results available until later in February. Members will be notified of the survey results before the ballots go out in mid-March.

Time to Renew for 2011 (and a new way to do it)

Check the expiration date above your name. If your membership has expired, it's time to renew. You can now renew on-line through the PPFC website using the PayPal service. Please renew either on-line or by mailing your renewal to the above address. We need a strong membership if we are going to remain a political force. Our dues are only \$20 per year for an individual membership and \$30 for a family. Please help us save on printing and postage by renewing on-line or at the February meeting so we don't have to mail you a renewal notice.

Gun Control on the Agenda?

With the horrendous attack in Tucson by a deranged individual, there is talk in Congress about renewing the assault weapons ban, or, at least, a "high" capacity magazine ban. To ensure that our Congressional delegation does not support any "feel good" legislation, that will do nothing to stop a person bent on doing harm, we must remain a strong organization. There is at least one mayoral candidate (Skorman) who supported gun control in the past. Please renew your membership and attend our meetings as we will be inviting elected officials and candidates to our meetings.

Stay Informed

As the new Congress and Colorado General Assembly convene, you should stay alert for possible legislation that could impact our right to keep and bear arms. We will need to help defeat legislation that weakens our rights and support good legislation. If not already subscribed, join Doug Davis' alert list. Your email will never be shared with anyone: **If you are not signed up for e-mail alerts from our Legislative Director, Doug Davis, then you need to sign up so you can get timely notice on legislative happenings. Send an e-mail to Doug at: doug@dougdavisent.com asking to be put on his e-mail alert.**