

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 and Federal Legislative Update

Steve Schreiner, lobbyist for the Firearms Coalition of Colorado and candidate for the NRA Board of Directors, will bring the PPFC membership up to date on firearm related legislation in the Colorado General Assembly and the United State Congress. Every day that the Colorado legislature is in session, Steve can be found in the Colorado capital. Steve monitors and reports on pending legislation and often testifies for good firearm bills and against bad bills. Steve is a true Second Amendment support and advocate for our rights. Plan on attending as this will be an informative meeting.

“Vermont” Style Concealed Carry Dies in Colorado Senate Committee

Colorado House Bill 11-1205 would have allowed a Colorado citizen who could legally possess a handgun under Colorado and Federal laws to carry a handgun concealed without a permit (the so-called “Vermont” carry). This would have been in addition to those who desired to obtain a concealed handgun permit.

A benefit of obtaining a concealed handgun permit is to carry concealed in other states that recognize Colorado’s permit, you must have a permit. In addition, the permit process requires some level of training which all responsible gun owners recognize as important for the safe and legal carrying of a handgun. Most concealed carry training includes information on carry laws and what will likely happen should you have to use your firearm.

HB11-1205 passed the Colorado House of Representatives on a 40 – 25 vote. In the Colorado Senate, it was assigned to the Senate Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs where it was killed on a party-line 3 – 2 vote.

This is the farthest a Vermont style concealed carry bill has ever gotten in the Colorado legislature. If it has passed and been signed into law, Colo-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 14, 5:30 PM: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **April 14, 7:00 PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **March 12—13: Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center @ Rustic Hills (Palmer Park and Academy)**
- **May 17: Mayoral runoff election-get mail ballots in by 7pm**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2011
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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rado would have been more closely aligned with Alaska which also has a permit and a non-permit conceal carry law.

The "Castle Doctrine"

We have a great topic and a top notch speaker for our May 12, 2011, membership meeting. Attorney Dan Ussek will speak on the "Castle Doctrine". A Castle Doctrine (also known as a Castle Law or a Defense of Habitation Law) is an American legal doctrine arising from English Common Law that designates one's place of residence (or, in some states, any place legally occupied, such as one's car or place of work) as a place in which one enjoys protection from illegal trespassing and violent attack. It then goes on to give a person the legal right to use deadly force to defend that place (his "castle"), and any other innocent persons legally inside it, from violent attack or an intrusion which may lead to violent attack. In a legal context, therefore, use of deadly force which actually results in death may be defended as justifiable homicide under the Castle Doctrine. Castle Doctrines are legislated by state though not all states in the US have a Castle Doctrine law. The term "Make My Day Law" comes from the landmark 1985 Colorado statute that protects people from any criminal charge or civil suit if they use force – including deadly force – against an invader of the home. This is an important topic and Dan will explain the legal ramifications should you have to use deadly force to protect your home and when that deadly force can be used.

Colorado Springs City Election

The Colorado Springs city council elections are over. Five of our six endorsed candidates won: Steve Bach is in the runoff for mayor; Angela Dougan won in District 2; Lisa Czelatdko beat anti-gun Merrifield in District 3; and Tim Leigh and Brandy Williams won at-large seats. Sean Paige failed to get into the top five at-large. With the four new council members plus Herpin and Hente, we have six solid pro-gun council members. Merv Bennett and Val Snider were generally pro-gun in their responses to our survey. Jan Martin was also mostly pro-gun in her responses. Therefore, we should not see any anti-gun legislation from this council. **We must work hard to ensure that Bach beats anti-gun Skorman in the mayoral runoff.**

PPFC Membership Cards

For those members who have renewed, your 2011 PPFC membership card is available at our meetings. If you'd like your card mailed to you, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to PPFC, PO Box 17253, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Please check with the PPFC Director of Membership at the meeting for your new card.

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