

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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Public Range in El Paso County

El Paso County Commissioners and the Commanding General of the Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Carson signed an agreement that will allow the construction and operation of a shooting range on Fort Carson property, but not inside the Fort, that will be open to the public. The range should be in operation in 2012.

PPFC Elections

The following PPFC officer positions will be elected in January 2012. The board has recommended the following incumbents to continue in their positions:

Treasurer: Bernie Herpin Fund Raising: Richard Gandolf
Hospitality: Pat Smelser Publicity: Harry Dierks

We need candidates for the following:

President (2 years) Programs (1 year)

If you would like the nomination committee to consider a member for one of these position, please email your suggestion to the board. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Please consider serving your organization.

PPFC Holiday Dinner

We will be having our annual Christmas holiday dinner on Thursday, December 8th. The Board will be supplying the main course and members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or desert. We will also be holding an auction to help fund the PPFC programs. If you would like to donate something for the auction, please email Richard Gandolf: dicknjudy@q.com.

When is an “armed” robbery not an armed robbery?

According to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal in Palm Beach when a “toy” gun is used. In a ruling that may affect future robbery case rulings where a toy gun is used, a three judge appellate panel ruled that using a toy gun to commit a robbery does not automatically elevate the crime to armed robbery, which carries a much stiffer prison sentence. The case under review involved a man charged with armed robbery. The man’s attorney argued that because the man was not using a real gun, he wasn’t really armed. Judge Jonathan Gerber wrote the opinion for the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 8, 6:30:
PPFC Annual Holiday
Potluck Dinner, VFW
Post 4051**

PPFC Officers

President Jeff Crank
V President Teri Goodall
Secretary Laura Carno
Treasurer Bernie Herpin
Membership... Dan Wandell
Programs Bob Balink
Legislative Doug Davis
Publicity Harry Dierks
Fund Raising.. Dick Gandolf
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Sgt-at-Arms Doug Davis
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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2011
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

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three judges who heard the case. According to Gerber, a toy gun cannot be considered a weapon even if the victim thinks it may be real. A weapon has previously been defined by an object that could cause death or inflict serious bodily harm. The justices pointed out that this case was different than another case where a toy gun was used to beat a victim because in that case the toy gun was used as a weapon.

The recent case involving the man who appealed his sentence has his prison sentence cut in half from 30 years to 15 years after the judges determined he has committed a robbery, not an armed robbery.

Thanks to Scott Axton, our mailing house owner, for pointing this out.

A word of caution to would be toy gun robbers: I carry a real gun!

PPFC Renewal Time

If your membership expires on December 31, 2011, it is time to renew. To save the cost of printing and mailing renewal notices, please consider renewing on-line through PayPal. There is a link on the PPFC home page for on-line renewal. You can also print out a renewal form and mail it in if you prefer. Please renew as soon as possible. Thank you!

CHP Renewal

If your El Paso County Sheriff's Office Concealed Handgun Permit is expiring, you should have gotten a letter from the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Terry Maketa has made a change to the renewal process for those CHP members whose permits expire on January 31, 2012. This group of holders will be issued their permit at the time of their renewal appointment in lieu of waiting for the background check results to come back from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. This is based upon several factors to include the high volume of renewals (approximately 1800) as well as the backlog which is a constant concern at the state level through CBI. This should preclude our permit holders from being without a valid permit beyond their expiration date. Please feel free to contact Ms. Jacqueline Kirby at 719-520-7183 or Lt. Lari Sevene at 719-520-7244 if you have any questions or concerns.

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