

*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

There seems to be some confusion about the public shooting range that is being developed by El Paso County and Fort Carson. This will be a public range and it will be open to the public every day. There may be times when some of the lanes will be reserved for use by law enforcement, but there will always be lanes that will be open to the public whenever the range is open. This will be a managed range and there will be a fee to use it. Any "profits" will go to a non-profit organization that supports military families.

## PPFC Elections

The following PPFC officer positions will be elected at our January 12, 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  
President: Paul Paradis

We need candidates for the following: Programs (1 year)

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Please consider serving your organization.

We will also hold an auction at our January meeting for some gun-related prizes; so, bring your checkbook!

## CSPD Interim Police Chief to Speak to PPFC

Colorado Springs Police Department Interim Police Chief Pete Carey will be our speaker at the January 2012 PPFC membership meeting. This will be a great opportunity for our members to hear from Chief Carey. **We need a good turn out for this meeting so please attend and bring a friend.**



Interim Chief Pete Carey joined the Colorado Springs Police Department in 1984, after serving with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for two years. He has been assigned to Patrol, Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence, Tactical Unit, Training Academy and the Major Crimes Unit. Chief Carey holds a

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 12, 2012, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **January 12, 2012, 7:00PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **January 14-15, 2012: Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, Palmer Park & Academy**

### 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  
 Social ..... Pat Smelser  
 Chaplain ..... Rich Hilton  
 Sgt-at-Arms ..... Doug Davis  
 Gun Shows..... Marc Hament  
 PPFC PAC ..... Paul Paradis

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**Next PPFC Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2012**  
**VFW Post 4051**  
**430 E Pikes Peak Ave**  
**Colorado Springs CO**  
**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Saint Joseph's University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

## **PPFC Renewal Time**

Check the expiration date of your membership above your name on this newsletter. If your membership expired 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. You can also just mail a check to the above address. Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership.

As we head into the 2012 elections, it is important that PPFC remain a powerful voice for our rights. Elected officials and candidates know that PPFC members get involved and WE VOTE!

There are still several members who have not renewed since 2010. We are sending this newsletter to all 2010 and 2011 members and ask that you renew your membership for 2012. We have tried to make it easy by using the secure PayPal on-line payment service or you can renew by just mailing a check. 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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