

*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*

*The Voice for Firearm Rights in the Pikes Peak Region*

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## Waldo Canyon Fire

On June 22 or 23, a wildfire broke out on US Forest land in Waldo Canyon. Most everyone knows what happened in the following days. Active PPFC members Marc and Helen Sabin lost their home in Mountain Shadows. The PPFC board extends its condolences to Marc and Helen. The entire community rallied to support the firefighters and fire victims. In a little over a week, Care and Share collected more than 1,000,000 pounds of food, water, and other items! This outpouring of support topped the previous high collection of 130,000 pounds. Hundreds of volunteers helped at Care and Share, the evacuation centers, the Human Society, and other locations. The PPFC Board voted to donate \$250 to Care and Share as a small token of our support.

The Colorado Springs Mayor, who is a PPFC member, declared a state of emergency as a prelude to a state and federal emergency declaration which makes the city and fire victims eligible for financial assistance. Notably, the Mayor's declaration did NOT include any ban on firearm and ammunition sales or possession.

Our hearts go out to the victims of this fire.

There have been stories in the press that some fires may have been caused by shooters. The Springer fire near Lake George was allegedly started by someone shooting at a propane tank (Note that Discovery Channel's Mythbusters did an episode based on a scene from the James Bond movie "Casino Royale" where he shot a 9mm into a propane tank causing it to explode. Mythbusters showed a 9mm won't penetrate a propane tank and a 30-06 with tracer rounds didn't cause the tank to explode even though the round did shoot through the tank). As responsible gun owners, we support the safe use of firearms including exercising all the safety considerations, especially being aware of our backstops. We are in a Phase II draught and the fire danger is high. Please exercise caution when shooting outdoors.

### Primary Election over: On to the General Election

The Colorado primary election is over and we now know who our Republican candidates are. This will be a critical election from the presidential to state to county elections. We must get behind those candidates who support our rights. For a complete list of candidates, see the PPFC website.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 12, 2012, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **July 12, 2012, 7:00PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**

### PPFC Officers

President ..... Paul Paradis  
V President ..... Teri Goodall  
Secretary ..... Laura Carno  
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Membership... Dan Wandell  
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Social ..... Pat Smelser  
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Gun Shows... Chuck Cullina  
PPFC PAC ..... Paul Paradis

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

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The PPFC has a Small Donor Committee to support those candidates who support us in races where they may need help offsetting money from unions and anti-gun organizations. The maximum you can contribute is \$50 per calendar year per person. If you'd like to contribute to the PPFC SDC, please send a separate check for an SDC contribution of no more than \$50 payable to PPFC SDC to the above address. You can also contribute at our meetings. We will have some close races locally and we need to help our supporters.

## **Could you use \$500?**

To help raise funds for PPFC projects, we are holding a cash raffle at our August 9th meeting where the prize will be \$500 cash! Raffle tickets are \$10 and only 100 will be sold. You can purchase tickets at the PPFC meetings from any board member. Please support the PPFC and you could win \$500 (Colorado Raffle License #2012-05264).

## **Membership News**

- (1) If you renewed for 2012, your PPFC membership cards are available at the check in table at the PPFC meetings. If you would like your card mailed to you, please send a sale-addressed stamped envelope to our Membership Director at the above address.
- (2) 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. Membership cards will be available at the PPFC meetings. If you want your card mailed to you, send a SASE to the above address.
- (3) Our Legislative Director, Doug Davis, maintains several email alert lists. Many members have signed up for his PPFC list (see below) for emails on PPFC only issues and events. If you would like to join his broader email alert list for firearms related alerts of interest to Colorado gun owners, please send Doug an email asking to be put on his general firearm alert list (use below email address). Doug will never release your email to anyone and he uses "blind" addressing.
- (4) Check the PPFC website for the July program information.

## **Stay Informed**

**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](mailto:doug@dougdavisent.com) asking to be put on his e-mail alert.**