

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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Aurora Shooting

We all know what happened in a movie theater in Aurora: a lone gunman opened fire on a theater full of innocent civilians. As responsible, law-abiding firearm owners, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and friends, and all impacted by this heinous crime. We know this was a long planned action by a person bent on doing evil.

Some of the reaction was typical: we need more gun laws, even though this person legally purchased his firearms. An expected reaction came from NYC Mayor Bloomberg who urged the President and Governor Romney to enact more gun laws, stating "Only in America could this happen." Bloomberg needs to brush up on his history where some of the most horrific mass shootings have occurred in countries with the most restrictive gun laws, and this doesn't include those governments who have and are killing their citizens:

- 03/13/96, Dunblane, Scotland: 16 school children, 1 teacher killed, 10 wounded, shooter kills self
- 04/26/02, Erfurt, Germany: 13 teachers, 2 students, 1 police officer killed, 10 wounded, shooter kills self
- 09/28/04, Carmen de Patagones, Argentina: 3 students killed, 6 wounded
- 09/13/06, Montreal, Canada: 18 killed, more than 12 wounded, shooter kills self
- 11/07/07, Tuusula, Finland: 7 students, principal killed, 10 wounded, shooter kills self
- 09/23/08, Kauhajokki, Finland: 9 students killed, shooter kills self
- 04/30/09, Azerbaijan, Baku: 12 students and staff killed, several wounded
- 04/07/11, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: 12 students killed, 12 wounded
- 07/22/11, Tyriforden, Buskerud, Norway: 68 children killed at a youth camp, many others wounded by gunman who had earlier set off a car bomb killing 8.

These mass shootings are not listed to justify in any way what happened in Aurora or in 1999 at Columbine. This points out that no matter how many or how restrictive gun laws are, bad people will continue to do bad things and it doesn't just happen in the United States. The drug war violence in Mexico is taking 100s of innocent lives.

We mourn the loss of all innocent life. Did you notice one common thread in most of the above mass killings: Most occurred in schools where the killers have little to fear from those in the school.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 9, 2012, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **August 9, 2012, 7:00PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **August 11—12, 2012: Gun Show, Rustic Hills Event Center, Palmer Park & Academy**

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

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US Gun Owners Dodge a Bullet: For Now

The Conference on the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (U.N. ATT) has broken down and will not report a draft treaty to the member nations. This is a big victory for American gun owners, and the NRA is being widely credited for killing the U.N. ATT. For nearly 20 years, the NRA has worked tirelessly to warn American gun owners about the United Nations' efforts to undermine the constitutional rights of law-abiding American gun owners by putting in place international controls on small arms. This treaty is dead for this year, but it will likely rise again in the coming years. Stay vigilant and keep your powder dry!

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.

August Program

Ryan Purcell, Americans for Prosperity: The Link Between Individual Freedom and Economic Prosperity and Justin Green: Stop, Drop, & Shop: Purchasing a Used Firearm - What Are You Really Getting?

Rest-In-Peace CSPD Officer Matt Tyner killed in an on-duty motorcycle crash.
Our prayers are with his family, friends, and fellow officers.

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