

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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Another School Shooting

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families and friends of the victims in the senseless and tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. No community, no parent should suffer this tragedy. As responsible gun owners, the members of the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition join the nation in grief and prayer for all those touched by this unspeakable crime.

Some elected officials, including President Obama and Colorado Governor Hickenlooper, have called for more gun control as the result of this and the Aurora shooting.

Note to legislators: More gun control is not the answer. There are no additional laws that can be passed that would have prevented these unlawful acts.

Politicians pass laws for Gun-Free School Zones. They issue press releases *bragging* about them. They post signs *advertising* them. And in so doing, they tell every insane killer in America that schools are their *safest* place to inflict maximum mayhem with minimum risk.

Why are we seeing more mass shootings today than back in the 1950s and 1960s when there were fewer gun laws? We need to look at more than the gun. There are now violent video games in which players are rewarded for killing. Gangs use violence as initiation and enforcement. Cities with the most restrictive gun laws have the highest murder rates. More gun laws are not the answer:

Assault weapons ban: Even if there were no such thing as so-called assault weapons, the Sandy Hook killer had two handguns on his person and a shotgun in his car.

Magazine capacity: Limiting magazine capacity to 10 rounds only means a deranged killer will carry more magazines.

As Cesare Beccaria reminds us in *Of Crime and Punishment*, "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm those only who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes."

The PPFC will oppose any proposed gun control law that further restricts our right to keep and bear arms as protected by the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 5-6, 2012: Gun Show, Freedom Financial Expo Center, 3650 N Nevada**
- **January 10, 2013, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **January 10, 2013, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2013
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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PPFC Elections

At our January 2013 meeting, we will elect the following officers. This is your organization and we need members to serve as officers to keep it going. Please consider stepping up. The time commitment is not a lot and we do have fun serving to help protect our rights.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Announced Candidate</u>
Vice President	Bill Seifert
Secretary	None
Membership	Dan Wandell
Programs	None
Legislative	Doug Davis
PAC Chair	None
PAC At-Large (4)	Dan Usiak

We will also take nominations from the floor. Duties of the officers can be found in our by-laws on the PPFC website. Officer terms are for two years.

Membership News

(1) It's time to start renewing your PPFC membership for 2013. 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. You can also now pay with a credit card at our meetings using PayPal Here.

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