Colorado Gun Control Legislation

As you have likely seen in the media, there are several gun bills in the Colorado Legislature, all are BAD. You can get the status and read the bills on the PPFC website. As this goes to press, here are the ones that have been introduced and are still alive:

- HB 13-1043: Concerning the Statutory Definition of a Deadly Weapon: Signed by Governor
- HB 13-1224: Concerning prohibiting large-capacity ammunition magazines: Signed by Governor
- HB 13-1228: Concerning Requiring the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to Recoup the Cost of Performing an Instant Criminal Background Check Prior to the Transfer of a Firearm: Signed by Governor
- HB 13-1229: Concerning Criminal Background Checks Performed Pursuant to the Transfer of a Firearm: Signed by Governor
- SB 13-195: Concerning requiring certain applicants for concealed handgun permits to complete a handgun training class on the physical grounds where the certified instructor of the course offers the course: Waiting Governor's Signature
- SB 13-197: Concerning preventing persons who have committed domestic violence from possessing firearms: Waiting Governor's Signature

This has been the largest assault on our gun rights in the history of Colorado. Our legislature passed and our governor signed restrictions that don’t exist on the federal level nor in most other states. In November 2014, we will elect a governor, all the state representatives, and about one-third of the state senators. The PPFC can be a factor in the 2014 elections. We need to start building our “war chest” right now. Here’s what you can do:

1. Contribute $50 to the PPFC Small Donor Committee. $50 is the maximum contribution allowed, per person, per calendar year. You can contribute $50 in 2013 and $50 in 2014. Just give $10 per PPFC meeting for May through September and you are done for 2013. If you want to give more, you can donate up to $400 to the PPFC Political Action Committee.

2. Get politically active. Check to see if there are vacant precinct committee leaders in your precinct and, if so, volunteer to serve.

3. Attend your 2014 caucus and become a delegate. Attend the assemblies and support pro-gun candidates. Work on pro-gun candidate committees. VOTE in the 2014 primary and general elections.

4. Help find and support pro-gun candidates to run against anti-gun legislators who helped take away our freedoms.

We can do this, but we must be involved and give time and money! You can donate by cash, check, or credit card at the PPFC meetings.

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David Kopel in Colorado Springs

David Kopel, Research Director at the Independence Institute and staunch supporter of the Second Amendment will be in Colorado Springs on Tuesday, May 28th for an event that the PPFC will help sponsor. The details have not yet been worked out as to the time, location, and cost. We will provide updated information at the May PPFC meeting, send out an email, and post on the PPFC website as soon as plans are firmed up. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear David. The Independence Institute is filing a lawsuit to fight the anti-gun laws signed by the governor.

May Meeting

Attorney Dan Usiak is going to speak on “Strategies for the New Colorado Gun Laws” and steps you can take to minimize the impacts of these laws on your firearms and accessories, especially large capacity magazines. Dan always provides valuable and practical information. This will be a great presentation and there will be time for questions.

Colorado Mounted Rangers Colonel Rob DeVega will give a presentation on the Colorado Mounted Rangers including what they do and how you can join if you are interested and qualify. The CMR provides security for many events.

We will also draw the winning $500 cash raffle ticket. There are still some tickets left to be sold at the meeting!

Membership News

Please check the expiration date above your name. If it not 2013 or later, it’s time to renew 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.

A word on PPFC membership cards from our Director of Membership, Dan Wandell: We do not have the capability to print membership cards in less than batches of 10 as the form we use has 10 cards per page. Therefore, our membership cards are printed for those members who join or renew by the end of February (all memberships expire on December 31st). It becomes difficult to track members who renew after the cards are printed and when 10 members have renewed, then just print those 10 cards. One solution that I’ll ask the Board to consider is I could print a couple of pages of blank cards and we could hand write the names. Many members never ask for their new cards so this becomes an unnecessary expense. Feel free to share your suggestions at the next PPFC meeting.

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