

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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Our rights are (still) under attack in Colorado Legislature

The Democrats have wasted no time in attacking our rights in the Colorado legislature. There are no “good” bills left, but there is still one really bad bill left:

They are once again trying to turn lawful gun owners into criminals when a minor breaks into your house, steals a gun, and either uses the gun to harm him/herself or another or takes it to school. **Senate Bill 08-049**, by anti-gun Senator Windels (D), mandates “safe storage” for all firearms. This will, in effect, prevent a lawful gun owner from keeping a firearm readily available to protect his/herself and their family. This bill is currently waiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations committee.

House Bill 08-1069, by Representative Curry (D) and Senator Tochtrop (D), will prohibit motorized vehicles on any public land that is not specifically marked (by signs and maps) for motorized vehicle use. While not strictly an anti-gun bill, it will hamper hunting activities and recreational motorbike and ATV use.

The current status of these, and any other bills which may impact our gun rights, can be found on the PPFC website, www.ppfc.org, along with the text of the bills.

Presidential Republican Candidate Forum

Representatives of the three current Republican candidates for US President will participate in a candidate forum at our March 13th meeting. As of this printing, representatives from the campaigns of John McCain, Mike Huckabee, and Ron Paul have accepted. This will be an excellent opportunity to quiz these representatives on Second Amendment issues.

Nearly 100 people attended our 5th Congressional candidate forum at last month’s meeting. Both KOAA-TV and the Gazette reported on the forum. You can get 2008 election candidate information on the PPFC website under “2008 Elections”.

PPFC PAC Steering Committee Endorsements

The PPFC PAC Steering Committee has endorsed the following candidates:

5th Congressional: Jeff Crank

State Senate 10: Bill Cadman

State House 14: Kent Lambert

State House 16: Larry Liston

State House 19: Marsha Looper

State Senate 12: Keith King

State House 15: Mark Waller

State House 17: Catherine Roupé

State House 20: Amy Stephens

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 13, 2008: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **March 20, 2008: PPFC Board Meeting**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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State House 21: Bob Gardner
4th Judicial District Attorney: John Newsome
El Paso County Commissioner District 2: Amy Lathen
El Paso County Commissioner District 3: Sallie Clark
El Paso County Commissioner District 4: Dennis Hisey

A word on endorsements: The following from PAC Chair Paul Paradis is in response to a question on why the PAC endorsed Jeff Crank:

The 5th Congressional is a race that is one in which all of the candidates have some qualities to be admired. When there is more than one candidate who deserves support the decision becomes harder. The PPFC is a coalition of hundreds of individuals, not a single entity. We are not willing to cave in as we have seen the NRA do in the past nor are we so rigid that we believe in all or nothing as the GOA has been. We are individuals that came together to carry our flag whether times were good or bad for gun owners - always vigilant in our beliefs, knowing that all it takes for the opposition to succeed is no one standing up to their form of tyranny. Each member who voted in the straw poll, as well as the other members of the PAC, for reasons of their own, considers Jeff Crank the man best suited to represent us. I cannot and will not speak for others but my personal opinion is that we need someone who will develop coalitions in Congress and the local community to first block the bad that we know is coming our way and secondly educate other members of Congress on why what we want is appropriate. Many of us have worked with Jeff for years and believe in him. If I only cared about a past voting record, I would never consider any new candidate nor would I look at the time they spent fighting in the trenches beside me and others for conservative causes that we believe in. As far as the membership goes, we had a great turnout the night of our member poll [February 14th] and for whatever personal reasons may have existed in the hearts and minds of those that have been fighting the gun battles for years, they too chose Jeff Crank by an overwhelming majority. This further cemented my view that other long time activist for the 2nd Amendment, those that have been to city council meetings, those that personally met with elected officials, wrote letters made phone calls and have taken the time to take elected officials out for enjoyable days hunting and target shooting agreed with my view. This is the community that has taken hard earned money out of the lives of their families to support what we think made this nation great. This is the community that I trust and seek council with not the arm chair supporters. I would suggest that you look at the candidates past entirely. So if you want to choose Jeff Crank, that is fine; if you do not, that is your decision. This organization stands behind its endorsement of Jeff Crank and we know he will continue to fight for our rights in office as he has done so well out of office. Paul Paradis, PPFC PAC Chair

PPFC Small Donor Committee

Thanks to our members, we raised \$2,212 in 2007 for the PPFC Small Donor Committee and have also received \$781 so far for 2008! We will be putting this money to good use this campaign season. Also, it is time to renew your PPFC membership. You should have received a renewal notice in the mail in early December. Please send it in or bring to the February meeting. Thanks!!