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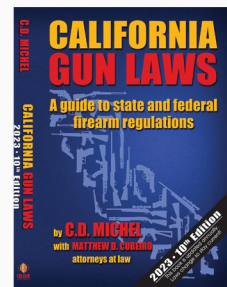
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE TURNING THE TIDE

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

It has been a long journey for the Second Amendment from 2022

to 2023. All we hear are reports of more and more gun control pushed by anti-gun-owner politicians across the country as a false solution to troubling times. They won't accept that guns aren't the problem. A bad guy with a rock killed Able. A good guy with a rock killed Goliath. Of course, it's not about "the rock." Or the gun. Our so-called leaders wrongly blame guns for evil deeds while increasingly giving criminals a free pass.

But CRPA has been winning because the Constitution is on our side! The anti-gun-owner crowd doesn't even try to hide their confiscation plans and hates that our winning streak continues. But it costs money to win. Even with the discounted rates we pay our A-Team of lawyers, litigation costs are increasing as the state continually passes unconstitutional laws that CRPA must challenge in court.

The good news is that CRPA's investment in 2A litigation is



paying off.

Gavin Newsom spends millions of taxpayer dollars defending his anti-Second Amendment ideology and promoting his vision for a big government socialist society. But he is losing on 2A, and CRPA is bringing home the wins.

WIN ONE: CRPA won a massive victory striking down the much hated and deliberately misnamed California "Safe" Handgun Roster law. The state has appealed but tellingly decided not to appeal the portion of the court's injunction that struck down the microstamping requirement. So, after years of claiming that microstamping (which does not exist) was an essential crime fighting tool and must be a part of any new gun sold in California, they gave it up, at least for now. Because it was always about limiting your choices of handguns, not keeping people safe.

CRPA will continue to fight this "scorched earth" appeal and believes the case will eventually end the California gun roster once and for all. When that happens, people will once again be able to choose from the latest and safest handguns available — just like gun owners across the country.

WIN TWO: CRPA won big against SB 1327, a law that rigged the game to prevent the type of 2A challenges to bad gun laws that CRPA specializes in. The law was so bad and unconstitutional that the Attorney General finally refused to defend it in court! That's legally unprecedented! Gavin Newsom had to get

(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

his own lawyers to defend his law, but he lost miserably. The court found the law unconstitutional and scraped it from the books. So, Newsom's attempt to block groups like the CRPA from challenging his unconstitutional laws went down in flames! And now they have to pay CRPA back for its legal fees! The check is in the mail, supposedly.

NEXT WINS? We are waiting for a ruling from several more big 2A cases – some of which have already been in court for eight years! When *Bruen* came down, all of the cases we won before were sent back down to the lower courts for additional legal briefing under *Bruen*'s new test for evaluating gun law constitutionality. **Good news though—that new test and briefing we have been vigorously working on only makes our cases stronger!** We are waiting for decisions from the same federal court where we won last time, which could come any day. The state will appeal again, and CRPA will head off to the Ninth Circuit again. This time we hope for a final resolution to these critical cases.

The first is *Duncan v. Becerra*, the magazine capacity limitation challenge that brought you freedom week. We want that freedom to buy and possess these standard capacity magazines permanently and we are trying to stop the government from confiscating your legally owned and possessed magazines.

Then there's *Rhode v. Becerra*, the ammunition background check law that has wrongfully blocked thousands of folks from buying ammunition and makes it extremely difficult to get through the process of even purchasing simple ammunition to use in your legal firearms.

And then there's *Rupp v. Becerra*,

challenging California's "assault weapon" law. This case was pending in the Ninth Circuit when the Supreme Court decided the historic *NYSRPA v. Bruen* case and ruled in favor of gun owners who want to carry a firearm in public to defend themselves.

CRPA is supporting dozens of other 2A cases too.

And don't forget CRPA's CCW Reckoning Project. CRPA is pressuring cities and counties to issue CCWs as *Bruen* demands. Thanks to those efforts for months, dozens of cities are issuing thousands of CCWs that never issued them before. Even San Francisco has changed its ways. We have to keep pushing; it can be slow at times, but it's working. Thank you to all of those that let us know of the problems in your county so we can address them.

CRPA feels the pressure every day as more legal actions need to

be filed and as we watch the rigged legislature in Sacramento line up more new laws for this legislative session that we must challenge just as swiftly. **This is where all our supporters come in.**

We need your help to keep fighting and get results in major cases that impact every gun owner in the state. We need you to share this information with others and ask them to join you and CRPA in this fight for freedom. We need you to continue to donate like you have so generously in the past to get us to this point.

I sincerely thank you all for your continued support. CRPA's board of directors, staff, volunteers, and members are all fighting to uphold our constitutional rights together. Thank you for holding that line with us.

Chuck

STATEMENT OF CRPA'S FINANCIAL PRACTICES

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► **HAZELWOOD, MO./USA-MARCH 16, 2019:** Shelves of Remington shotgun shells at a popular hunting and outdoors sporting goods retailer. Gun control continues to be a hot topic in the U.S. and worldwide. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

KILLING AMERICA'S GUN INDUSTRY

BY DAVID GRIFFITH

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This year I attended the Shooting Hunting and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show for the first time since January 2020. The 2021 SHOT Show was canceled by the pandemic.

My own health concerns prevented me from attending the 2022 show. A lot has changed in the last few years at SHOT Show. They've added more space to the exhibit floor, which was already the size of a small city. More importantly for this article, Remington Arms—founded in 1816—no longer exists. Remington was part of the now defunct Freedom Arms Group, which also included Bush-

master, DPMS Panther Arms, and other familiar brands. Some of these brands have been resurrected by new owners, but the original Remington Arms, a company that launched when America was still in its infancy, is gone. Remington firearms are still being made by a company that formed after the dissolution of the original. The Remington ammo brand is now part of Vista Outdoor.

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KILLING REMINGTON

Freedom Arms Group, part of Cerberus Capital Management, is defunct for a variety of reasons. Primarily, it ran up massive debt of nearly a billion bucks. And part of that debt was caused by the defense of a legal campaign waged against the company because a Bushmaster AR-variant

rifle was used by the killer during the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, CT. Nine of the families whose loved ones were murdered and a teacher who survived filed a lawsuit against Remington Arms (parent of Bushmaster) in 2014. The case was dismissed in 2016 after Remington

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argued it was immune to such a suit because of the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act signed into law by then President George W. Bush. That act gave firearms manufacturers protection from liability based on crimes committed by people using their products.

After the case was dismissed, Remington probably thought it had won. But the plaintiffs' attorneys found a new angle of attack. They went after the company over how it marketed the Bushmaster AR that was used by the killer. They claimed the marketing was crafted to appeal to young men and glorified its capability for violence. The Connecticut Supreme Court bought that argument and ruled 4-3 in 2019 that the plaintiffs could sue Remington in state court for "unfair trade practices," regardless of any protection afforded by Congress. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review that decision, sealing Remington's fate.

Remington filed for bankruptcy protection in 2018. In 2020, the company ceased to exist after another bankruptcy. At that time, the pieces were sold off. But the matter of the Sandy Hook lawsuit remained. It was settled last year for \$73 million.

The campaign against Remington Arms waged by attorneys for the Sandy Hook plaintiffs taught anti-gun groups how to kill firearms manufac-



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turers. If an active shooter uses an AR to slaughter innocent people, file a suit on behalf of the families, and target the gun company's business practices and marketing.

TARGETING S&W

Two such lawsuits are currently in progress over active shooting attacks from last year. Both were filed by local attorneys with the aid of former New York City Mayor and multi-billionaire Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety through its litigation arm Everytown Law.

Smith & Wesson is the target of a lawsuit filed on behalf of the victims and the families of the people killed during last year's Highland Park, IL, parade attack. The shooter used a Smith & Wesson M&P15 to kill seven;



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

As the plaintiff's attorneys did in the Sandy Hook case against Remington, the Highland Park attorneys are also going after Smith & Wesson for its marketing, claiming the company is encouraging young men to buy its weapons through images similar to video games like "Call of Duty" and with messaging that they say glorifies violence.

48 people were wounded or injured.

Plaintiff's counsel argues that Smith & Wesson committed fraud under the state's Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, just by naming its AR variant rifle "M&P," which stands for military and police. The gist of the argument is that the M&P15 is not used by the U.S. military. This seems like a specious argument given that the company has used the "Military and Police" name on its products since 1899 and currently uses the M&P branding on a wide variety of pistols and rifles.

The Highland Park lawsuit against Smith & Wesson also claims the company's M&P rifles should be classified under the National Firearms Act of 1934 as machine guns even though they are semi-automatic because, according to the suit, they can be easily converted to full auto. Under this argument, all semi-auto AR-variant rifles would be Class 3 firearms. This argument is, of course, ridiculous.

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Smith & Wesson has not publicly responded to the Highland Park lawsuit.

DANIEL'S DEFENSE

Daniel Defense, the target of another anti-gun lawsuit triggered by use of a specific weapon by an active shooter, has taken a very different

tack. Its CEO Marty Daniel defended the company on LinkedIn. More about that in a minute. In the most horrific active shooter attack this decade, a gunman went to a Uvalde, TX, elementary school and killed 21 kids and staff members. He used a Daniel Defense rifle as the tool for mass murder.

Daniel Defense is named as one of the defendants in a lawsuit filed on behalf of family members of the slain and survivors of the attack. Other defendants named in the multiple lawsuits over the massacre include law enforcement leaders and officers present on the scene during what many have described as an "incompetent and unprofessional response," city officials, the store that sold the gun, and others.

Once again Everytown Law is involved in conducting the lawsuit, and it is taking a run on turning Daniel Defense into the next Remington. To circumvent the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, the plaintiffs' attorneys are once again going after the firearms maker for its marketing.

They argue that Daniel Defense falsely implied that its weapons were preferred by the U.S. military by using images of simulated military exercises in its marketing. They claim 90% of DD's sales are to consumers. They also argued that the company's provocative social media marketing is reckless and negligent.

In his LinkedIn response to the lawsuit Marty Daniel slammed "gun-grabber" Michael Bloomberg and Everytown for Gun Safety. "This lawsuit is yet another in a growing line of blatant and legally unfounded attempts to bankrupt the firearms industry. We reject and will vigorously defend against these politically motivated attempts to blame Daniel

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Defense for the criminal actions of others, as well as to undermine your means of self-defense secured by the Second Amendment.” he wrote.

He added, “Michael Bloomberg is the same person who wanted to blame obesity on soda cup size; now he wants to shift blame from the shooter to the firearm manufacturing industry.”

CALL OF DUTY

What’s especially intriguing about the Sandy Hook, Highland Park, and Uvalde lawsuits that target the gun industry is that they don’t go after another company whose products played a big role in the obsessions of the shooters: Activision Blizzard, makers of “Call of Duty.”

In the Uvalde suit, the plaintiff’s attorneys actually argue that part of Daniel Defense’s reckless marketing is to place its products in “Call of Duty,” a video game they say appeals to the violent fantasies of young men. “Games like ‘Call of Duty’ can have an outsized influence on the lives of teenagers, particularly teenagers like the [Uvalde shooter] who are socially isolated and have difficult home lives,” the complaint says. In fact multiple pages of the complaint address the influence of “Call of Duty” in the shooter’s life.

So why isn’t Activision Blizzard named in the lawsuit? After all Daniel Defense has very small pockets compared to the game publisher. (DD is a private company, so its earnings are not publicly released, but there are estimates of under \$50 million online.) On “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare” alone, Activision Blizzard raked in nearly \$2 billion in revenue. The company’s stock was at \$77 a share on the NASDAQ exchange as I wrote this, and it was the target of a Microsoft takeover. If you wanted

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to do the best for your clients as an attorney, wouldn’t you want to take a run at such a giant?

Probably not. Publishers of first-person shooter video games like “Call of Duty” don’t face the legal challenges of AR-15 manufacturers because the First Amendment is a much tougher legal nut to crack than the Second Amendment. There are anti-gun activist judges; I’ve never heard of an anti-free speech activist judge in contemporary America. Also, as well-funded as Everytown Law is, it might find itself seriously outmatched by the legal staff of a multi-billion-dollar corporation. And finally, the reason Activision Blizzard is not named in any of the Everytown Law lawsuits representing victims and survivors of mass shootings is that the game industry is not their target. It is not their goal to destroy the makers of first-person shooter video games. It is their goal to destroy America’s firearms industry, particularly any gun maker who produces AR-15s.

WHAT IT ALL MEANS

So, I’m sure you’re asking, “What does all this have to do with law enforcement?”

As I see it two things.

One—and this is a philosophical argument—assigning civil responsibility to a gun company for the acts of active shooters is as Daniel Defense CEO Marty Daniel argues denying the personal responsibility of the shooter. You have to be evil to take a firearm and just start shooting children down in an elementary school. And such evil people will find a way to carry out their plans whether they use knives or guns or home-made explosives. Sure, such killers may be mentally ill, but they are also undeniably evil.



► **30 October 2018:** Shelves with the new Call of Duty Black Ops 4 first person shooter video game on display. Litigants are going after firearm companies, but not deep-pocketed video game publishers that glorify violence in their content and marketing.. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

We’ve stopped believing in evil in this country. And that is a major problem for law enforcement. When a guy points a gun at you at a traffic stop and you kill that guy, you get crucified. The suspect was just misunderstood or emotionally disturbed or whatever. But it’s evil to try to kill a cop at a traffic stop. And evil people have to be stopped in order to protect society as a whole.

Second, and this is much more tangible, is that the destruction of some of the nation’s leading firearms companies will make it much more difficult for you and law enforcement agencies to purchase guns. The guns will be more expensive, which some

people think shouldn’t matter to you, but they don’t realize that many officers in the United States buy their own weapons. This is particularly true for AR variant patrol rifles.

Will the cases against Daniel Defense and Smith & Wesson kill the companies? Probably not. Texas courts will likely grant Daniel Defense immunity based on the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Smith & Wesson faces Illinois courts and that’s a much less gun friendly environment. But even if both companies prevail in the lawsuits, they’re going to spend a lot of money fighting them and fighting the Federal Trade Commission investigations of their

marketing practices that Everytown is urging the Biden administration to conduct. So, they may have to increase the prices of their guns.

Worse, another victory for Everytown could have a chilling effect on firearms manufacturers and make them think twice about producing AR-variant rifles except under military contract. Fewer ARs on the market would make it much more difficult for law enforcement officers and agencies to buy patrol rifles. And it would make it nearly impossible for consumers to buy modern semi-auto rifles. Which is the ultimate goal of the anti-gun groups bankrolling these lawsuits. **CRPA**

NEWSOM TRIES TO SPREAD THE CALIFORNIA 'SUCCESS' STORY WITH HIS DOOMED GUN CONTROL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

BY LARRY KEANE

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California's Gov. Gavin Newsom's policy instincts match his hair gel. Both are applied liberally.

Take his latest notion. He is proposing a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He's not proposing to protect rights granted by our creator, rather he's looking to turn those rights into government-approved privileges.

His proposal for the 28th Amendment would be:

- Raising the federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21;

- Mandating universal background checks to prevent truly dangerous people from purchasing a gun that could be used in a crime;

- Instituting a reasonable waiting period for all gun purchases; and

- Barring civilian purchase of assault weapons that serve no other purpose than to kill as many people as possible in a short amount of time – weapons of war our nation's founders never foresaw.

Don't worry, though. Gov. Newsom says these proposals leave the Second Amendment unchanged and respect





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These ideas are already law in California, which means Gov. Newsom wants to export his failing policies to the rest of the nation. He doesn't get it that no one else wants them or that he just admitted his gun control ideas are unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. Otherwise, why would he need a 28th amendment?

MAKE AMERICA CALIFORNIA?

Gov. Newsom's proposal reveals his autocratic, "big government" tendencies. The Declaration of Independence made clear that unalienable rights are endowed by our creator. The Constitution's Bill of Rights – the first 10 Amendments – reminds the government that those rights belong to the "people," not the government. Gov. Newsom wants to flip that on its head.

Newsom claims his proposed 28th Amendment wouldn't interfere with Second Amendment rights but that's just not true. Newsom would once again relegate the Second Amendment to a second-class right by barring adults at 18, who are fully vested in all their other constitutional rights, from fully exercising and expressing their Second Amendment rights. Gov. Newsom's proposed 28th Amendment wouldn't respect the Second Amendment. It would trample all over it.

It would further invite government intrusion into the exercise of a fundamental right by instituting universal background checks. The only way that works is if the federal government is able to create a national gun owner database. That was the conclusion of The Obama administration's Justice Department. A 2013 National Institutes for Justice report states universal background checks are dependent on gun registration. That would put

every gun owner on a watchlist just for exercising their rights. The proposal would also say that rights aren't actually rights without a "reasonable" waiting period.

No other right is exposed to that qualification. Individuals aren't told they can only assemble if they've waited three days. No one is told they can attend their church only once every seven days. No one needs the government's permission before they write a letter to the editor of their local newspaper. That's ludicrous.

GUNS = BAD, MURDERERS...MEH?

Gov. Newsom's proposed amendment would suggest that criminals are absolved of responsibility for their crimes. His proposal blames crime on the gun, not the criminal. He classifies modern sporting rifles (MSRs) inaccurately as "assault weapons" and defines them as serving no other purpose than to murder.

As we have seen, not even the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is able to define what they mean by an "assault weapon," which is simply an invented antigun trope ginned up to mislead the public.

There are 24.4 million MSRs in circulation today. The overwhelming majority of these firearms are locked safely in gun safes across the nation not because they suddenly sprout to life and murder innocent people. Murders happen because deranged individuals with no respect for the law or life unlawfully take the lives of the innocent.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reports show, that as horrific as these incidents are, they are still the minority of murders. Murders committed with knives, fists, and clubs far outpace those committed with all types of rifles, not just MSRs.



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FOUNDING FATHERS KNEW

Gov. Newsom further revealed his policy ignorance when he wrote that the nation's founders wouldn't have foreseen the development of today's MSR. The founders knew they couldn't predict the future. They understood technology changes and that's why they didn't write the Second Amendment to protect flintlock, muzzleloader rifles. They didn't restrict bearing arms to only the number of patch-and-ball that could be carried in a canvas bag.

The founders wrote "arms" to include all arms. Just as the First Amendment's freedom of the press isn't limited to quill pens or manual printing presses that were the cutting-edge technology of the day but to all forms of mass media. The same is with arms. There were repeating and multi-shot guns at the time the Second Amendment was drafted. However, the founders knew that rights are constant, even as technology grows and improves.

Of course, there is a process for this idea. The founders knew that every now and then, there would be ideas pushed by politicians more intent on furthering their own political career than protecting the constitutional rights

of all Americans. That's why Article V of the U.S. Constitution exists. Gov. Newsom can encourage lawmakers in California to vote for a Constitutional Convention of the States. He'll just need to get 33 other states to agree on it. Given that over half the states have passed Constitutional carry laws to respect the Second Amendment rights of their citizens, this is doubtful.

The other option is to convince Congress this 28th Amendment should be adopted. That only requires two-thirds of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to agree to it. Given the legislative gymnastics it takes to even agree on how to spend tax dollars, this isn't likely either. Of course, even if two-thirds of the state legislatures or Congress would agree, it would still take 38 states to ratify the amendment.

I propose any such Convention of the States be held in Gov. Newsom's hometown of San Francisco so every other state can get an up-close look at the success of his other policies. **CRPA**

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LA'S WOKE, SOFT-ON-CRIME DA IS AMERICA'S WORST SALESMAN FOR MORE GUN CONTROL LAWS

BY MARK OLIVA

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Let the gun control zealots defend this. Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón had to be shamed into doing his job to protect his community from a would-be school murderer.

According to a Fox News report, D.A. Gascón refused to bring charges against a teen who allegedly posted threats against a school on social media and was allegedly caught carrying stolen guns. His team of lawyers claimed there wasn't enough information of the criminal threat.

The teen suspect was caught allegedly carrying two stolen pistols, body armor, magazines that are banned in California, and ammunition when police arrested him, but the social media company had not yet turned over information requested

by detectives. D.A. Gascón's team rejected the case. That was until Bell Gardens, CA, Police Chief Scott Fairfield demanded the case be reviewed for criminal charges.

"George Gascón refuses to prosecute juveniles in possession of firearms," Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Hatami was quoted in a Fox News report. Other prosecutors are saying the George Soros-backed district attorney has a policy of not bringing firearm-related charges to juveniles.

SAVE THE CONDEMNATION

This is alarming to those in the firearm industry who have heard from gun control politicians that when their favorite gun control initiatives aren't supported, they launch outlandish attacks against the firearm industry.

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy told Salon that Republicans "don't give a crap" about kids or criminal misuse of firearms. California Gov. Gavin Newsom was quoted by Fox News saying the Second Amendment is "becoming

a suicide pact" after heinous murders in Monterey Park, CA. The governor made a big show of his law, since struck down, of holding firearm manufacturers responsible for the crimes committed by others.

The governor, though, is silent on his own state's district attorneys not holding criminals accountable.

Gov. Newsom endorsed D.A. Gascón for office when he ran in 2020, only to turn around in 2022 to say, "I don't know enough about the job he's done. I'm deeply concerned about the criticism." That was while D.A. Gascón was facing a recall, the second one he ultimately survived.

D.A. Gascón's talk-tough, act-on-nothing schtick was hardly a secret. D.A. Gascon has dutifully parroted all the gun control platitudes. When it comes to holding criminals accountable, he bails.

According to the California Globe, in 2021, D.A. Gascón defended a diversion program that allowed criminal offenders to maintain access to firearms. The state law allowed for criminals to stay off the prohibited persons list from crimes that were downgraded from felonies to misdemeanors, which included hate crimes, carrying a loaded firearm with the intent of committing a felony, transporting a machine gun, possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault, and assault with a deadly weapon.

He was forced to walk back his "no bail" policies last year as crime rates in Los Angeles skyrocketed. He praised Gov. Newsom for signing more gun control legislation even as he released a murderer from prison after serving only six years of a 50-year sentence. That prisoner was re-arrested within a week of release on gun and DUI charges.

Two Los Angeles police officers were shot and killed by gang members in 2022 after they were released

on downgraded charges by D.A. Gascón's office. Those felony firearm charges would have kept them locked up. Because of D.A. Gascón's policy of not pursuing gun-related charges, they walked out to murder police.

"How can George Gascón have the nerve to talk about needing new gun laws when he refuses to endorse the ones we already have?" said veteran prosecutor John Lewin according to the Washington Examiner. "If you want to deter criminals from using guns, punish them for doing so. This is why we have gun enhancements! The idea is that you want to increase the penalty so much for using a gun in a crime that the criminals decide to leave them at home."

SAY MORE 'GUN CONTROL'

It raises the serious question of how this man still has a job. His job, after all, is prosecuting criminals. Here's why he's still getting a paycheck funded by taxpayers: He says all the right things when it comes to gun control that California politicians want to hear. Never mind the criminals. D.A. Gascón is on board with punishing law-abiding citizens.

As reported by The Davis Vanguard, D.A. Gascón vocally supported the introduction of the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, legislation that would usher in universal background checks which are impossible without a national firearm registry. That, of course, is still against federal law. He also supported the Enhanced Background Checks Act, legislation that would have allowed delayed background checks to get caught in an endless delay-loop, essentially prohibiting gun purchases because they couldn't be approved.

D.A. Gascón praised Gov. Newsom for signing more gun control bills into law last summer. He pressured credit card companies to bar the use

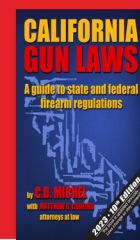
of their cards for firearm component parts.

Just don't ask him to use any of the laws already on the books. Before the teen with guns, body armor, and social media school threat postings was finally charged, D.A. Gascón's policies cost two people their lives. An adult and 16-year-old were shot and killed by another adult and youth. As reported by Santa Clarita Valley's The Signal, one suspect had been previ-

ously arrested on gun charges when he was a juvenile, but D.A. Gascón's office dismissed them. The policy – no gun charges for juveniles – is deadly.

Demanding more gun control and refusing to hold criminals to account isn't a failed strategy. It's criminal and the public is paying the price. **CRPA**

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MASS ATTACKS BROADLY REVIEWED

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Mass stabbings don't get as much media attention as mass shootings.

Likewise for mass arson, drownings, or hit-and-runs.

Since guns are the weapon in 73% of mass attacks, understanding mass attacks of all types might be key to preventing mass shootings. The federal government has studied this.

TAKE-AWAYS

■ Non-gun mass attackers are not different than gun mass attackers.

■ Changes in behavior precede stressors, the latter triggering attacks.

■ The mental health community is letting at-risk people fail.

MASS PUBLIC ATTACK STATS

The National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), oddly a function of the Secret Service, cataloged five years of mass public attacks, which they define as when three or

more people (not including perpetrators) were harmed in public or semi-public places.

Like the Violence Project's work on mass public shootings, NTAC looked deeply into the perpetrators' lives, motives, modus operandi, and more. It is important research for two reasons: motives of mass attackers mirror mass public shooters, and we have basic prescriptions for identifying potential perpetrators without focusing on just gun perpetrators. This is akin to saying we want to understand muggers regardless of

whether they use a knife or a gun to mug you.

WARNING SIGNS

The similarities between mass public shooters (MPS) and all mass attackers are consistent. Yes, because 73% of mass attacks are MPS, the overall stat is polluted. But non-gun mass attackers share the same traits, so understanding attackers as a group, regardless of weapon use, adds clarity.

Most important are the warning signs – how to spot a mass murderer before they start stabbing, shooting, or torching. Warning signs fall into two categories: long-term traits (i.e., mental health) and near-event issues (i.e., major life stressors). The former may often be the foundation for the latter (i.e., long-term alcoholism followed by getting fired).

Let’s start with the triggers (near-event issues) that are highly visible warning signs, then list instances where intervention might mute the effects of triggering events.

NEAR-EVENT TRIGGERS

Three factors arise: general behavior changes, concerning behaviors, and severe stressors.

Behavioral changes: Nearly half (46%) of perpetrators showed behavioral changes; and of those, 65% showed changes within a year of the attack. Of those with behavioral changes, a full 68% showed signs of mental health issues, well above general behavior changes (24%) and uncharacteristic actions (17%). The key is not necessarily that they display threatening behaviors, but that their “new” behaviors have no obvious source.

Concerning behaviors: Interestingly, a higher percentage (76%) of perpetrators displayed behaviors that

STRESSORS	<i>n</i>	%
Family issues	92	51%
<i>Family</i>	64	36%
<i>Romantic relationships</i>	56	31%
Personal issues	91	51%
Courts (non-criminal)	60	33%
Employment	58	32%
Social interactions	34	19%
Health-related	24	13%
Police contacts (non-arrest)	19	11%
Education-related	17	9%
Other	3	2%

MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS	<i>n</i>	%
Any mental health history	105	58%
Depression	62	34%
Psychotic symptoms*	51	28%
<i>Paranoia</i>	36	20%
<i>Delusions</i>	33	18%
<i>Hallucinations</i>	23	13%
Suicidal thoughts	45	25%

* The numbers reported for the subtypes of psychotic symptoms do not equal the total number of attackers with psychotic symptoms as attackers often had multiple types of these symptoms.

COMPONENTS TO MOTIVE*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
Grievances	40%	50%	68%	35%	60%	51%
<i>Personal</i>	5	9	11	8	13	46
<i>Domestic</i>	6	6	8	1	8	29
<i>Workplace</i>	2	6	3	4	3	18
Ideological, bias-related, or political beliefs	30%	24%	10%	21%	10%	18%
Psychotic symptoms	13%	26%	10%	15%	8%	14%
Desire to kill	13%	8%	3%	9%	3%	7%
Fame or notoriety	7%	8%	3%	6%	5%	6%
Other	3%	3%	10%	9%	8%	6%
Undetermined	20%	8%	10%	29%	23%	18%

* The percentages for each year do not total 100% as some attackers had multiple motives.

These near-event triggers are perhaps the most important thing people should watch for, as they are signs that a tragedy might soon come to pass. But like a healthy lifestyle, prevention is preferable.

concerned people who knew them. A full 57% of that group reported their concerns (though we have no data on the number of similar reports that stopped a potential perpetrator). Critical, though, is that 64% of all perpetrators showed behaviors that “should have been met with an immediate response” because they were “objectively concerning or prohibited,” including threats, harassment and violence.

Stressors: These budding behavioral concerns lay groundwork for when the perpetrator encounters a significant stressor, of which 93% or perps do, 77% within a year of their attack. As you can see from the chart, perps often have multiple stressors, which is understandable. If, for example, a perpetrator has substance abuse issues, they can cause both family and employment troubles. Of perpetrators who had significant stressors, 49% had them within 30 days of their attack.

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perhaps the most important thing people should watch for, as they are signs that a tragedy might soon come to pass. But like a healthy lifestyle, prevention is preferable. So, let's look at the long-term conditions that help lay a foundation for mass attacks.

LONG-TERM TRAITS

Criminality: That 64% of perpetrators dabbled in crime is unsurprising. People with one bad behavior often have more bad behaviors (i.e., the ex-con drunk who picks fights in bars over drug deals gone bad). An accumulation of negative life events from bad behavior might instigate mental health and/or anti-social reactions. Hence, being a crook might be a steppingstone for being a mass murderer.

Substance abuse: About 34% of perpetrators had drug and booze problems, and 12% were drunk, high, or tripping during their attack. There is some likely overlap here with mental health, given that 24% of mass public shooters took psychiatric medications and may well have abused those. Which brings us to...

Mental health: A minimum of 34% of perpetrators had mental health issues (we say minimum because some perpetrators may have serious, yet undiagnosed, mental health problems). That 28% are psychotic amplifies what we have noted before, that deinstitutionalization strongly correlates with mass public shootings. When 20% of perpetrators are paranoid and 13% are outright hallucinating, then our mental health system is letting some dangerous folks fall through cracks.

Social isolation: When one detaches from reality (drugs, booze, mental health issues) they can isolate from society (see the Isla Vista spree shooter's manifesto for a detailed account about how violent video games

facilitated his social isolation). As least 29% of perpetrators were identified as "withdrawn, loners, or anti-social."

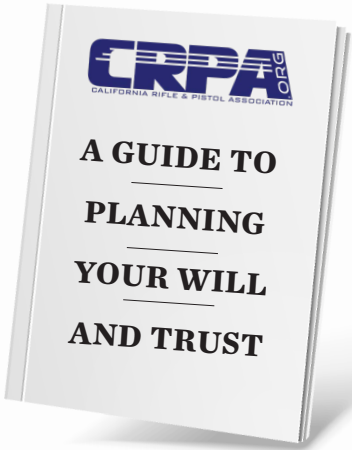
"WHERE" IS OFTEN "WHY"

At least 47% of attackers had some affiliation with the location of their assault. Given that significant stressors and grievances trigger attacks, it is understandable why attackers target specific locations (the remaining 53% may have some unknown affilia-

tion, at least in the attacker's mind). For MPSs, we have any number of instances where this is well documented.

Of concern is that 68% of perpetrators were not targeting specific people. Given that more than half of them have grievances, the randomness of their victims indicates an uncorked rage at the location of their perceived grievances.

All of this leads to perpetrators ...



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REASONS ATTACKS ENDED	n	%
Attackers stopped on their own, then...	97	56%
Arrested at/away from the scene	53	
Committed suicide as part of the attack	30	
Committed suicide away from the scene	12	
Killed by law enforcement away from the scene	2	
Law enforcement intervened, then...	38	22%
Killed by law enforcement	24	
Arrested at/away from the scene	14	
Weapon rendered inoperable, then arrested	19	11%
Bystander intervened, then...	18	10%
Arrested at/away from the scene	13	
Killed by bystander(s)	3	
Killed by law enforcement away from the scene	2	
Circumstances unclear	1	1%

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PLANNING THEMES	n
Target-related	32
Weapons-related	29
Documentation	9
Develop an attack plan	8
Research prior attacks	7
Research logistical concerns	6
Other planning behaviors	31

PLANNING MASS ATTACKS

"Only" 31% of perpetrators planned their attacks (that 69% did not demonstrates the "uncorked rage" theory).

Most frequently (by a hair) they planned the venue (studied entry points, security, etc.). After that, they researched weapons.

We know from the sundry MPS databases that well-planned attacks achieve the highest body counts. Someone who displays outsized interest in location minutiae, or having never shown interest in weapons before is suddenly web surfing "flame throwers" and "drum magazines," might have flipped their grievance switch and be in planning mode for an attack.

For guns, about 23% of attackers acquired them illegally, which disagrees with the longer running Violence Project Database that says about 13% of perpetrators obtains guns illegally. However, the Violence Project database covers 56 years, and this USSS study only a recent five years. Yet, there does *not* appear to be an increasing frequency of illegally obtained guns in mass attacks over time.

THE ENDINGS BEFORE WE END

Though it would be better to have no stressed-out attackers murdering masses, the "good" news is that they generally save us the effort of arresting and imprisoning them.

Of passing note is that in 10% of the cases, it was plain folk like you who stopped the carnage. Keep up the good work! **CRPA**

WHY THE “RED STATE MURDER PROBLEM” IS NOT A CONVINCING ARGUMENT FOR MORE GUN CONTROL

BY KONSTADINOS MOROS

An argument making the rounds lately among antigun politicians and gun control activists is that red states have higher murder rates than blue states in large part due to the former’s lack of gun control laws. As evidence, they point to an analysis published on Third Way’s website which concluded that between 2000 and 2020, “the per capita Red State murder rate was 23% higher than the Blue State murder rate when all 21 years were combined.” This was building on a prior article that was limited to looking at 2020 in particular, which found that “the 8.20 murders per 100,000 residents rate in Trump states was 40% higher than the 5.78 murders per 100,000 residents in Biden states.” Their math is not questionable. The authors have done a good job of showing their work, and they have proven the claim they made, which is that Trump-voting states average higher murder rates than Biden-voting states.

The Average Murder Rate is 40% Higher in Trump-Voting States

Trump State	2020 per capita	Biden State	2020 per capita
MS	20.50	NM	10.70
LA	15.79	GA	10.50
KY	14.32	IL	9.20
AL	14.20	MD	9.15
MO	14.00	DE	7.60
SC	10.72	MI	7.51
AR	10.29	PA	7.22
TN	9.90	VA	6.12
NC	7.65	NV	5.93
IN	7.50	AZ	5.81
OK	7.25	CA	5.59
OH	7.00	CO	5.14
TX	6.64	WI	5.12
KS	6.57	NY	4.11
AK	6.56	CT	4.01
WV	6.53	WA	3.94
FL	5.97	NJ	3.70
SD	5.53	RI	3.03
MT	4.63	HI	2.90
ND	4.11	OR	2.89
WY	3.99	MN	2.69
NE	3.57	MA	2.44
IA	3.49	VT	2.20
UT	2.53	ME	1.64
ID	2.12	NH	0.88
Avg	8.20	Avg	5.78

Source: Calculations based on publicly available state crime reports and local news sources.



Let’s take a look at some of these blue states in terms of how much gun control they actually have in place, especially the three states with some of the lowest murder rates in the nation, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

The problem with claiming Third Way’s simplistic analysis signals the need for more gun control isn’t with its math, but with its parameters. When it comes to the efficacy of gun control, it just isn’t all that useful to limit the categories to the binary of “red states” and “blue states”. To be sure, it is true that, generally speaking, blue states have more gun control and red states have less. But there are so many exceptions to this generality that make the Third Way analysis pointless, at least insofar as its conclusions are used by others to argue for more gun control laws.¹

To illustrate this point, on the previous page is a chart showing the murder rate in each state in 2020, categorized into blue and red states based on whether they voted for Joe Biden or Donald Trump:

Let’s take a look at some of these blue states in terms of how much gun control they actually have in place, especially the three states with some of the lowest murder rates in the nation, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

New Hampshire gets an “F” from the gun control group Giffords, because it does not have universal background checks, does not require any permit to carry, has no “assault weapon”

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1. The article’s authors don’t definitively say why it is that red states have a higher murder rate, but they offer several reasons why they suspect that to be the case. These include guns, poverty, educational attainment, and social services. On guns, they write that “Gun ownership rates are far higher in red states than blue states. Studies have estimated that gun ownership rates are as much as twice as high in a typical red state than a typical blue state. Since 79% of all homicides are committed with a firearm, it stands to reason that more guns will produce more murders, not less.”

restrictions or magazine capacity limits, and so on. The state voted for Joe Biden, but when it comes to gun laws, it is less strict than even some Trump-voting states. The same is true for Maine, another which gets an “F” from Giffords. Vermont, the original constitutional carry state, does mildly better because it has universal background checks and a magazine capacity law that was enacted in 2018 as a feel-good measure (the state had no serious crime problem). Still, it only gets a “C-” from Giffords because it lacks licensing laws, “assault weapon” restrictions, a carry permit requirement, and so on.

While those are the most extreme examples, others exist too. Oregon has recently boosted its Giffords grade because it voted to enact gun licensing and magazine capacity limits (those efforts are stalled due to litigation), but as of 2020 it got only a “C+” from Giffords. Minnesota also gets a “C+” because it doesn’t have universal background checks, magazine capacity limits, and more. Other examples can be raised, but the point should be clear by now; there are many Biden-voting states that are either extremely friendly to gun rights, or at least much more friendly than the flagship blue states like California and New York.² Essentially, the antigun side is using the very low murder rates in some progun states to show that Democrat-favored policies on guns (i.e. gun control) work to lower murder rates. It’s extremely misleading. Using the 2020 election results as the way to categorize states may be valid in some contexts, but there are too many exceptions for it to be use-

² It doesn’t really go both ways. Not one Trump-voting state gets higher than a “C-” from Giffords.

ful in a discussion of gun law efficacy.

Of course, this isn’t the only way the data is misleading, even when limited to red states. It is widely known that to the extent there is a “red state murder problem”, it is mostly the cities causing this problem. Missouri makes for an excellent case study on this phenomenon. According to the CDC, in 2021 Missouri had a total of 716 homicides, or a rate of 11.6 per 100,000. That figure is significantly

higher than the national average in 2021, which the CDC data tells us was 7.8 per 100,000.

But where were those homicides in Missouri? For the most part, they were in just three counties out of dozens. Specifically, Jackson County (containing Kansas City), St. Louis County, and St. Louis City. These three areas covering two major cities combine for a total population of 2,007,359, while their homicides add-



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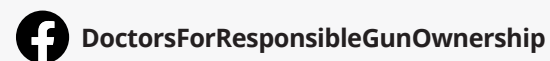
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Boone County, MO (29019)	15	185,840	Unreliable
Buchanan County, MO (29021)	10	83,853	Unreliable
Clay County, MO (29047)	12	255,518	Unreliable
Greene County, MO (29077)	28	300,865	9.3
Jackson County, MO (29095)	188	716,862	26.2
Jefferson County, MO (29099)	13	227,771	Unreliable
St. Louis County, MO (29189)	177	997,187	17.7
St. Louis city, MO (29510)	158	293,310	53.9
Total	716	6,168,187	11.6

CAROL WATSON'S ORANGE COAST AUCTIONS

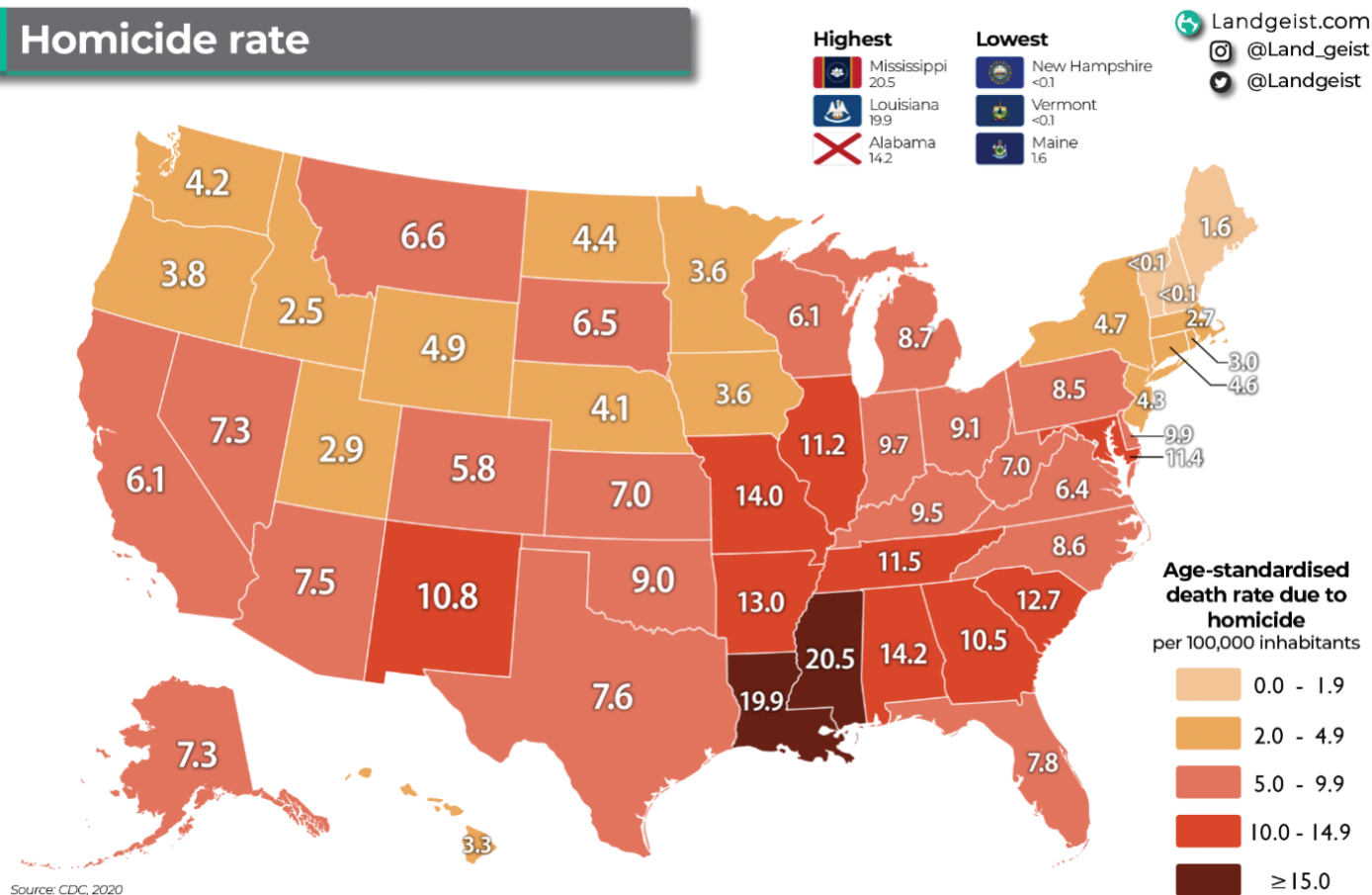
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ed up to 523 in 2021. This means that while these counties account for just 32.5% of Missouri's population, they are responsible for about 73% of the state's homicides. In other words, if you are one of the approximately two-thirds of Missourians who don't live in Jackson County, St. Louis County, or St. Louis City, your homicide rate isn't really 11.6 per 100,000. It instead drops to roughly 4.6 per 100,000 when those counties are excluded, well below the US national average.

To the extent party affiliations are meaningful, Kansas City's last Republican mayor left office in 1991. St. Louis's last Republican Mayor left office in 1949. In Missouri, the two big blue cities drive up homicide rates, not the rest of the state, which leans much

more conservative.

Finally, the "red state murder problem" moniker is misleading because of the giant variance even just among red states themselves. There isn't really a red state murder problem, but a southern state murder problem. Look again at Third Way's chart posted above. Every red state listed with a murder rate higher than 10 per 100,000 is a southern state (though Missouri and Kentucky both straddle the line between south and Midwest). There are several red states on the list with low murder rates, such as Idaho, Utah, Iowa, and more. They just aren't in the south, as this 2020 map demonstrates:

We aren't going to resolve our problems with violent crime by lazily pointing to states based on their 2020

votes and declaring them "good" and "bad". A complex problem requires a complex analysis, and not just the two simplistic categories that go into the "red state murder problem".

Note: A version of this article also appeared on Guns America Digest's website on April 19, 2023. **CRPA**

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CRPA'S CCW RECKONING PROJECT

FORCES MORE CCW ISSUANCE IN HISTORICALLY ANTI-CCW JURISDICTIONS

BY KONSTADINOS MOROS

The landmark *Bruen* ruling was a huge win for gun owners across the country, but as we've seen repeatedly, Supreme Court rulings alone are not self-enforcing.

Someone still must go out and work to pressure the government at all levels to comply, and *Bruen* is no exception.

In California, that someone is your CRPA.

Thankfully, CRPA has developed good working relationships with most sheriffs in California in the last ten years or so. So, after the *Bruen* decision last June, CRPA launched a statewide legal education program that advised sheriffs of their new legal obligations. Many of these

sheriffs were effectively "shall issue" already – largely because of CRPA's lobbying efforts after the persuasive decision in CRPA's *Peruta v. California* came down in 2015. So, they were thankful for advice and guidance from CRPA's legal team.

While most counties in California were effectively shall-issue even before *Bruen*, a handful concentrated around the coastal cities were not. They have always been hostile to public carry rights, and those counties largely resisted or slow-walked issuing permits since the *Bruen* ruling. But CRPA has been holding them to their constitutional obligations, and, through the CRPA's CCW Reckoning Project and the promise of litigation if they don't comply, we have made significant gains in getting them to abide by the Constitution. But even after *Bruen*, CRPA

had its work cut out for it.

Alameda used to say on its website, "having a CCW license is a privilege, not an entitlement, and the courts have ruled that a California CCW license is not guaranteed to all persons under the 2nd Amendment of the United States." Our lawyers sent newly-elected Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez a letter with a draft lawsuit back in January, telling her that the case would be filed if a number of changes weren't made. The Alameda sheriff complied and agreed to provide monthly permit-issuance statistics, and also agreed to eliminate a plethora of unconstitutional requirements including:

- Requiring applicants to furnish photographs of their firearm storage.
- Inquiring about home security and cameras.
- Asking for the number and storage location of the applicant's firearms.

■ Asking for information about the people who live in the applicant's home and the layout of that home.

- Requiring proof of income.
- Asking where an applicant intends to carry.
- Limiting CCW permits to a single firearm provided the applicant qualifies for each firearm.

Since then, dozens of permits have been issued to regular citizens in Alameda, including several CRPA members. CRPA continues to monitor other issues in Alameda, such as an onerous psychological exam, as well as long processing times.

Santa Clara is another example. Their former sheriff was entangled in a pay-to-play CCW permit issuance scandal, so the county was initially slow to ramp up permit issuance. But thanks to consistent

WHAT IS THE CRPA?

The California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA), founded in 1875, is a nonprofit membership and donor-supported organization with tens of thousands of members throughout California. We need you!

CRPA's membership is comprised of a diverse cross-section of the general public including believers in the right to choose to own a gun to defend yourself and your family, competitive and recreational shooters, hunters, conservationists, gun safety experts, youth, women, police, prosecutors and defense attorneys, judges, firearm history and technology experts, coaches and trainers, families and loving parents.

CRPA works tirelessly and relentlessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals to choose to responsibly own and use firearms. Every dollar that CRPA receives from its members and donors stays and works in California to support your hunting and Second Amendment rights and the fight back against politicians, elitists and bureaucrats who would deprive individuals of those rights.

Through its Sacramento and local legal and political advocates, CRPA works in the state capital, in regulatory agencies and in city halls throughout California to promote laws that protect these rights and to oppose laws that infringe on these rights.

Through its legal team, CRPA fights in the courts to challenge unconstitutional and illegal gun bans and ill-conceived gun control laws and provides guidance to California gun owners regarding their legal rights and responsibilities.

CRPA works to preserve the traditional and historic role of the individual citizen to hunt and to conserve and preserve California's natural resources.

CRPA promotes the recreational shooting sports and hosts hundreds of "fun shoots" annually.

CRPA provides safety, education and skills training and makes gun safety information available.

CRPA organizes and sanctions competitive shooting matches for both adult and junior shooters, including Olympic training programs and state championships. CRPA sanctions state championship matches in many shooting disciplines. CRPA is proud to state that many CRPA competitors are among the best in the world.

pressure from CRPA, that has changed. Facing a huge backlog of applicants, the county recently conducted an interview "clinic" in which hundreds of applicant interviews were conducted over a single weekend. This cleared a significant bottleneck in the application process. Santa Clara will continue to provide regular monthly updates on its permit issuance as part of an agreement with CRPA.

Even San Francisco has approved its first CCW permit applications in decades following pressure from CRPA, although only a couple of individuals have actually received permits as of this writing. We are also challenging the city's extremely onerous psychological exam requirement, which takes several hours to complete and is only administered on weekdays. San Francisco continues to be a focus for CRPA. They are now high on our lawsuit target list.

We've also been in regular communication with Sheriff David Livingston of Contra Costa County. He has been issuing permits at a steady clip in recent months, but still has a significant backlog to get through. CRPA attorneys have reached out to him again about odd rules he places on guns that are carried, such as barring the use of lights and red dot sights. A couple of CRPA members have reported that they were denied by the county with no explanation, and we await the Sheriff's response about that, as well.

Los Angeles County has been a major frustration to many CRPA members due to its extremely long wait times, which often exceed a year. Sheriff Robert Luna responded to CRPA's demand for improvement by saying that his department's adoption of the Permitium software will greatly speed things up. As of this writing, Permitium has gone live. CRPA will continue to stay in touch with applicants and the sheriff to make sure things are actually moving faster.

Finally, CRPA is aware that several cities, particularly in the Los Angeles County area, are charging exorbitant amounts for CCW permits. Thanks to a letter from CRPA as well as resident backlash, La Verne slightly lowered its total fees, but only marginally, from \$1081 to \$936. Other cities like Long Beach, Santa Monica, and Morgan Hill have similarly high application fees.

They are also high on the lawsuit target list.

CRPA knows that letters and lobbying can only go so far, and sometimes nothing short of litigation will work. Litigation on the issues of long wait times, unconstitutional requirements, and exorbitant fees is likely soon.

Meanwhile, Newsom's pet bill – Senate Bill 2 is making its way through the state legislature and would replace some of these local practices and policies with state-wide mandates. CRPA is actively working to defeat the bill, but this is the centerpiece of the state's effort to get around the mandates of the Supreme Court's *Bruen* decision and it will be hard to stop. A lawsuit has already been drafted and will be filed before the ink on Newsom's signature is dry! Support the cause!

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

THE RACE TO JUNE 15TH – TALKING POINT

The state budget is due on June 15th and that has a potential huge impact for the Second Amendment here in California.

Politico reports that the current \$22.5-billion deficit is dividing the democratic leadership in Sacramento. Governor Newsom advocates deferring spending on climate change and transit (two of



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his biggest pet projects) and Dems are arguing for hiking the corporate tax rate for businesses making more than \$1.5 million. The third option is tapping into the Reserve of \$23.3 billion.

The reserve issue is not so simple. Those monies are set aside for rainy day issues, such as softening the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 lockdowns as well as the pending summer disasters (think Corcoran) such as epic flooding and forest fires.

This sets up arguments for turning any bill including 2A bills with a finance component into a two-year bill by kicking it down the road to the next session.

Likewise, we may see amendments to increase fees and access to DROS funds to finance unconstitutional bills as they relate to the Second Amendment.

This summer is going to set the stage for a three-year election cycle that will target every aspect of our Second Amendment rights. Stay Strong! **CRPA**

2023 BILL UPDATE

ASSEMBLY SUPPORT

AB 27: TA. SENTENCING: FIREARMS ENHANCEMENTS
POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill will restore Firearms Enhancements to keep violent felons behind bars and increase public safety if passed.

02/14/23: Failed Passage

AB 293: ALANIS. LIFETIME HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING LICENSES: GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill will allow the parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a family member who lost their life in service of their country to obtain a lifetime hunting license.

03/29/23: Referred to Suspense File

AB 328: ESSAYLI. SENTENCING: DISMISSAL OF ENHANCEMENTS
POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill would be

a step in directing the narrative to “Crime Control” in place of “Gun Control”.

03/08/23: Died – Public Safety

AB 724: FONG. FIREARMS: SAFETY CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill provides for more inclusiveness within our community.

04/27/23: Ref. to Com. RLS.

AB 859: GALLAGHER. HUNTING: NAVIGABLE WATERS.
POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill helps law enforcement understand what waterways are huntable.

04/19/23: Ref. to Com. APPR.

AB 1507: GALLAGHER: FIREARMS: STATE PROPERTY
POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill would exempt youth shooting sports organizations, youth hunting organization, or a nonprofit

conservation organization from the existing law on state properties.

04/11/23: Hearing Cancelled. 2 year bill

ASSEMBLY OPPOSE

AB 28: GABRIEL. FIREARMS: GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION TAX.
POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This former Assemblyman Levine’s failed AB 1227 in 2022, AB 1223 in 2021, and AB 18 in 2019. This bill is a tax and requires a 2/3 vote. You cannot legally tax a constitutional right.

Talking Point: Firearms ownership is a constitutional right, whereas driving a car is a privilege.
4/25/23 – APPR

AB 29: GABRIEL: FIREARMS: CALIFORNIA DO NOT SELL LIST.
POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill would require medical staff to provide information to those in certain

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conditions to place themselves on this list. The legislature is being inconsistent when they argue that in general people in the various situations may not be able to make informed decisions to make a decision that could be detrimental.

04/19/23: Suspense File

AB 36: GABRIEL: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill would increase the DVPO from 3 years to 6 years.

05/02/23: Referred to APPR

AB 92: CONNOLLY. BODY ARMOR: PROHIBITION.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill would prohibit the use of body armor by firearms instructors, range safety personnel, and others. It would also criminalize parents who purchased body armor for their school children in the form of backpacks, as well as their teachers who have done likewise.

04/19/23: Suspense File.

AB 97: RODRIGUEZ. FIREARMS: UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS. GUT & AMEND TO A GUN STUDY BILL

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is being used to collect firearms data for the legislature for future use in justifying the passage of more anti-2A bills.

03/29/23: Referred to the suspense file

AB 262: HOLDEN. CHILDREN'S CAMPS: REGULATIONS.

Formerly:

AB 1737 – 2022 Session – Holden. Children's camps: safety.

SB 995 – 2020 Session –

Portantino. Recreational and organizational camps. "Roxie Rules" SB 217 – 2019 Session –

Portantino. Recreational and organizational camps. "Roxie Rules" POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is setting up a new state mandated group to approve/disapprove youth camps based on a stakeholder group with little to no real-world experience in the operation, maintenance or training surrounding a youth shooting range. This appears to be another attempt by the legislature to stop youth from participating in firearms activities in California.

04/26/23: APPR

AB 301: BAUER-KAHAN. BODY ARMOR: PROHIBITION. BEING AMENDED INTO A BODY ARMOR-GVRO BILL

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill would prohibit the use of body armor by firearms instructors, range safety personnel, and others. It would also criminalize parents who purchased body armor for their school children in the form of backpacks, as well as their teachers who have done likewise.

04/27/23: Third Meeting

AB 554: GABRIEL. CORPORATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill makes it easier to seize animals, such as sporting dogs, without due process protections in place, leading to overzealous enforcement of animal welfare regulations against otherwise law-abiding pet owners.

04/26/23: Second Reading

AB 574: JONES-SAWYER. FIREARMS. CONCEALED CARRY FIREARMS.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is a CCW Spot Bill. The author has stated the Assembly doesn't need to adhere to the U.S. Constitution and thus, we are opposing.

04/26/23: Hearing postponed.

AB 725: LOWENTHAL. FIREARMS: REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill already exists in law and therefore is unnecessary.

04/26/23: Hearing postponed

AB 733: FONG. FIREARMS: SALE BY A GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill requires government entities to destroy and does not allow the sale of firearms by same.

04/27/23: Re-referred to APPR

AB 851: MCCARTY. FIREARMS: URBAN GUN FREE ZONE PILOT PROGRAM.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill creates a urban gun free zone in downtown Sacramento and defies the Bruen decision by creating an area where it would be illegal to carry concealed as a licensed CCW holder.

04/11/23: Hearing cancelled by author

AB 1089 GIPSON. FIREARMS.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: Another run at making 3D Printing of any firearm component illegal.

04/20/23: Re-referred to APPR

AB 1133: SCHIAVO: FIREARMS: CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: Bill sets new standards for training that will be run through Department of Justice.

04/26/23: Hearing postponed by APPR

AB 1406: MCCARTY. FIREARMS.

WAITING PERIOD.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: Allows for 30-day delays for any emergency as defined in Section 8558 of the government code which includes air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, de-energization event, electromagnetic pulse attack, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic

prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions...

04/24/23: Re-referred to APPR

AB 1420: BERMAN. FIREARMS. POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is against FFLs and is suspicious at best. FFLs are already held accountable to mistakes in the status quo.

04/27/23: Re-referred to APPR

AB 1483: VALENCIA. FIREARMS. POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: Removes the private party transfer exemption under current law in regards to one firearm in 30 days.

04/24/23: Re-referred to APPR

AB 1598: BERMAN. GUN VIOLENCE: FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is further politicizing the firearms debate. DOJ would have to create a new pamphlet on the risks of owning a firearm in the home and require dealers to buy them.

04/19/23: Re-referred to APPR

SENATE SUPPORT

SB 735: CORTESE. MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTIONS: SAFETY: FIREARMS: AMMUNITION.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill is formerly SB 831 from the 2022 legislative season known as the "Alec Baldwin" bill. The bill calls for certified firearms training and licensing. The author has amended this bill to be on Motion Picture sets and not on television, film, or commercial sets.

04/19/23: Referred to APPR



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**SB 772: DAHLE. JUNIOR
HUNTING LICENSES: AGE OF
ELIGIBILITY.**

POSITION: SUPPORT

Bill Analysis: This bill was Senator Dodd's SB 865 in 2022 legislative session.

05/01/23: Hearing May 8

SENATE OPPOSE

**SB 2: PORTANTINO. FIREARMS.
SB 918 – 2022 SESSION –
PORTANTINO. FIREARMS
POSITION: OPPOSE**

Bill Analysis: This bill demonstrates the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation showing clear intent they are not accepting multiple failed attempts of passage of this law across the country. This bill does not carry any urgency clause thus lowering the threshold for passage. It is clearly designed to severely limit, or completely refuse to adhere to the SCOTUS decision in NYSRPA vs. Bruen as it pertains to the Second Amendment and the use of a concealed carry weapon (CCW) permit in California.

**4/10/23: Placed on APPR
Suspense File.**

**SB 8: BLAKESPEAR. FIREARMS.
GUN INSURANCE (AMENDED TO)
CIVIL LAW: FIREARMS LIABILITY
AND INSURANCE.**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill started as a domestic violence bill and was changed to a gun insurance bill. This bill has already been proven to be unconstitutional in the courts and CRPA will pursue all legislative and litigative remedies. Check - CRPA.ORG for the latest update.

**04/26/23: Testimony taken.
Pending 2 Year Bill.**

**SB 54: SKINNER. FIREARMS. G&A
TO INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS
POSITION: OPPOSE**

Bill Analysis: This bill as written is a language clean-up bill replacing the phrase "this state" with "the state". (Spot Bill)
DEAD

**SB 64: UMBERG. HATE CRIMES:
SEARCH WARRANTS.**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill as written is a language clean-up bill replacing the phrase "this state" with "the state".

**04/10/23: Place on APPR
Suspense File**

**SB 241: MIN. FIREARMS: DEALER
REQUIREMENTS**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill increases the workload of an already overloaded DOJ, creates more paperwork for dealers while doing nothing constructive.

**04/10/23: Place on APPR
Suspense File**

**SB 368: PORTANTINO. FIREARMS:
REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED
DEALERS.**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill makes it difficult for all parties dealing with a situation such as suicide. The state should allow the system as it is to take care of the situation.

**04/17/23: Set for hearing APPR
April 17, 2023**

**SB 452: BLAKESPEAR. FIREARMS.
POSITION: OPPOSE**

Bill Analysis: This bill is another attempt at implementing a clearly

known failed technology. The assertion that this idea is not easily defeated by criminals is laughable.

05/01/23: APPR. Suspense File.

**SB 637: MIN. FIREARMS:
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DOING BUSINESS WITH
FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS:
BAN ON DOING BUSINESS WITH
THE STATE.**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Bill Analysis: This bill is flat out discriminatory and seeks to remove firearm businesses from the landscape.

**03/29/23: Referred to G.O. and B.
& F.I.**

**SB 758: UMBERG. FIREARMS.
POSITION: OPPOSE**

Bill Analysis: This seeks to ban the majority of interstate firearms transactions.

05/01/23: APPR Suspense file.

ASSEMBLY WATCH

**AB 32: NGUYEN: VIOLENT
FELONIES: HATE CRIMES.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: The definition of "hate crimes" is being watched closely. Federal Agencies have classified 2A groups under that category.

**AB 75: HOOVER: THEFT:
SHOPLIFTING: AMOUNT. (DEAD)**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: The subject of firearms is being monitored.

**AB 303: DAVIES: FIREARMS:
PROHIBITED PERSONS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: Monitoring this

bill to make sure it does as assert and makes the DOJ provide timely and accurate information to investigators.

**AB 467: GABRIEL: DVRO.
POSITION: WATCH**

Bill Analysis: This bill is being watched closely as it moves through the process.

**AB 455 QUIRK-SILVA: FIREARMS:
PROHIBITED PERSONS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This is bill will be watched vary carefully as there is the issue of mentally ill having access to a firearm and the danger of denying a person their rights without a conviction that would prohibit the exercise of their rights.

**AB 667 MAIENSCHIEIN.
FIREARMS: GUN VIOLENCE
RESTRAINING ORDERS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill is unconstitutional.

**AB 732: FONG. CRIMES:
RELINQUISHMENT OF FIREARMS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill calls for the immediate surrendering of all firearms if on the APPS list of prohibited persons.

05/03/23: Re-referred to APPR

**AB 742: JACKSON: LAW
ENFORCEMENT: POLICE
CANINES.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill is being watched with our allies very closely.

**AB 818: PETRIE-NORRIS:
FIREARMS: ARMED PROHIBITED**

PERSONS FILE.

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: The bill is a spot bill and makes technical changes only as written.

**AB 828: CONNOLLY:
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT: STATE AGENCIES.
POSITION: WATCH**

Bill Analysis: The bill is a spot bill and has potential to be harmful to hunting opportunity.

**AB 1010: FLORA: FIREARMS.
POSITION: WATCH**

Bill Analysis: The bill is a CCW spot bill.

**AB 1047 MAIENSCHIEIN.
FIREARMS PURCHASE
NOTIFICATION REGISTRY.
POSITION: WATCH**

Bill Analysis: CRPA is monitoring to make sure the 10-day waiting period is not extended.

**AB 1310 MCKINNOR.
SENTENCING: RECALL AND
RESENTENCING.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This is an awkward bill in that it permits someone who has been penalized in a crime to petition for a reduced sentence.

**AB 1491 GRAYSON. CEQA:
MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: Spot Bill. Deals with the lead issue.

SENATE WATCH

**SB 243 SEYARTO: SALES AND
USE TAX LAW: EXEMPTION: GUN
SAFETY SYSTEMS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill encourages firearm's safety with a financial incentive.

**SB 336 UMBERG. STATE GRANT
PROGRAMS: NEGOTIATED COST
RATE AGREEMENTS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill could impact activities conducted by 2A & conservation organizations.

**SB 350 ASHBY. PUPIL
ATTENDANCE: EXCUSED
ABSENCES.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill provides in its current form the addition of, "(C) A reasonably perceived or actual threat of physical injury made by a person against another, including, but not limited to, the exhibition, drawing, brandishing, or use of a firearm, deadly weapon, or instrument." This can be used negatively against a law-abiding citizen.

**SB 459: RUBIO. DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE: RESTRAINING
ORDERS.**

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This bill is being watched now as the author amended the bill in April.

05/01/23: Ref. to APPR.

**SB 428, AS INTRODUCED,
BLAKESPEAR. TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDERS AND
PROTECTIVE ORDERS: EMPLOYEE
HARASSMENT.**

SB 587 ROTH: FIREARMS.

POSITION: WATCH

Bill Analysis: This is a Gun Show spot bill. **CRPA**

LITIGATION REPORT

CLF SCORES A WIN IN BATTLE AGAINST CA GUN ROSTER

BY ALEX FRANK

CRPA has been hard at work in federal court putting its donors' dollars to effective and efficient use. On March 20th, CRPA secured a historic victory in federal court in *Boland v. Bonta* – the challenge to the much despised “roster” (technically known as the Unsafe Handgun Act or “UHA”) which prevents Californians from being able to buy all new handguns introduced to the broader national marketplace since May of 2013. This is one of the most pointless and restrictive gun bans in the country, and it accomplishes nothing but to limit the ability of gun buyers to choose from among the latest and safest handguns suited to their individual needs and circumstances.

CRPA and the plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary injunction in *Boland* in 2022, seeking to have the court enjoin the requirement that all semiautomatic pistols have a chamber

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load indicator, magazine safety disconnect, and microstamping features to be sold in California. Judge Cormac Carney, sitting in federal court in Santa Ana, calendared the hearing for early January. Judge Carney held a two-day evidentiary hearing and ordered the parties to present live testimony. He effectively conducted a mini trial on the preliminary injunction. At the conclusion of the hearing, he ordered

supplemental briefing on how to properly apply the constitutional standard under *Bruen*, asking for 20 pages from each party and 10 in rebuttal. So both sides had every opportunity to make their case.

CRPA's case was better. On March 20th, 2023, Judge Carney issued an order granting the motion for preliminary injunction, and enjoining California from enforcing all three features

While we await what happens with *Boland*, CRPA is also waiting on rulings in its *Rhode* and *Duncan* cases which challenge California's ammunition restrictions and magazine capacity restrictions. We do not know when Judge Benitez will rule in those cases, but expect he will rule soon.

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requirements! But he stayed his order for 14 days to give the State time to seek a stay pending appeal in the 9th Circuit. The order clearly showed that Judge Carney understands that requiring these features is unconstitutional under the Second Amendment test *Bruen* requires.

In an interesting and unforeseen move, the State did not ask the 9th Circuit to stay the enjoinder of the microstamping provision. So as of now, microstamping is enjoined and cannot be required on a handgun to get a model on the roster of handguns that can be sold in California. Judge Carney's order enjoining the requirement that newly submitted handguns have a chamber load indicator and magazine safety disconnect mechanism is currently stayed pending appeal. The legal briefing in the 9th Circuit will be complete by early June. It is unclear when oral argument will be scheduled.

While we await what happens with *Boland*, CRPA is also waiting on rulings in its *Rhode* and *Duncan* cases which challenge California's ammunition restrictions and magazine capacity restrictions. We do not know when Judge Benitez will rule in those cases, but expect he will rule soon. CRPA is also actively litigating cases involving “assault weapons” (*Rupp*), concealed carry restrictions (*Glendale*), and other gun control laws, and is planning what to challenge next to protect your Second Amendment rights. Considering the number of bad gun laws pending in the Sacramento legislature, CRPA's future 2A lawsuits will have a target rich environment. **CRPA**

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SECOND AMENDMENT LITIGATION REPORT

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California's government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities, and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on CRPA's web page at www.crpa.org

CALIFORNIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Boland v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on March 20, 2023.	The state appealed the MPI win to the ninth circuit. The state filed its brief in August and plaintiffs' brief is due in late May.
Rhode v. Becerra	<i>Does California's law requiring background checks for ammunition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	The court ordered parties to submit rounds of supplemental briefing regarding <i>Bruen</i> and historically analogous laws.	Judge Benitez will likely rule sometime in the spring or summer.
Rupp v. Becerra	<i>Does California's Assault Weapons prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	The 9th Circuit remanded the case for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The case will likely go to trial sometime in 2023, but when is not finalized.
Duncan v. Becerra	<i>Does California's prohibition on large-capacity magazines violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	After the Supreme Court granted, vacated, and remanded, Judge Benitez ordered rounds of supplemental briefing.	All supplemental briefing is submitted as of March 2023. Judge Benitez will likely rule in the spring or summertime.
California Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of Glendale	<i>Does a Glendale ordinance that bans all firearm possession on numerous city-owned areas violate Bruen?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction. The court denied it without prejudice and ordered the parties to confer and develop specificity over which areas under the ordinance are at issue.	Plaintiffs will revisit their effort to preliminarily enjoin the law later this year.

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
South Bay Rod & Gun Club v. Bonta	<i>Does SB 1327's attorney fee penalty for unsuccessful Second Amendment litigations violate numerous fundamental principles of constitutional law?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	Judge Benitez entered an order enjoining enforcement of the laws the plaintiffs challenged in Dec. 2022.	Because there was no appeal, the case is now closed, and the law cannot be enforced.
Flanagan v. Becerra	<i>Challenge to California and Los Angeles' firearm carry restrictions that prohibit both open and concealed carry.</i>	United States District Court Central District of California	The 9th circuit dismissed the case as moot and remanded it back to the district court with instructions to dismiss in Feb. 2023.	No further actions as of Mar. 2023.
Linton v. Bonta	<i>Does California's firearm rights restoration regime violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Northern District of California	The case is being litigated in the district court under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard. Plaintiffs have moved for summary judgment.	The court is evaluating the motion for summary judgment and will likely rule sometime in the spring/summer.
Chavez v. Bonta (formerly Jones v. Bonta)	<i>Does California's under-21 firearm prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	On September 7, 2022, the 9th Circuit remanded the case to district court. Plaintiffs moved for preliminary injunction, or alternatively, summary judgment in Jan. 2023.	The court will evaluate the motion under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard and likely rule sometime in the spring/summer.
Miller v. Bonta	<i>Does California's assault weapons prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	Judge Benitez is reviewing the parties' supplemental briefing on <i>Bruen's</i> impact on the case.	Judge Benitez will likely rule sometime in the spring/summer.
Renna v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on March 31, 2023.	The state has appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Briefing will happen over the spring/summer.

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Barba v. Bonta	<i>Does California's Unsafe Handgun Act (the Roster) violate the Second Amendment?</i>	California Court of Appeal, 4th District	The plaintiffs partially won their motion for preliminary injunction in the state trial court and the state appealed.	Briefing is underway and oral argument will likely happen later this summer.
Doe v. Bonta	<i>Does a California law that allows firearm purchaser information to be disclosed to third parties violate privacy laws and the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs lost in the trial court but have appealed to the 9th Circuit	Appeal is underway. Briefing is complete as of late April, 2023.
Junior Sports Magazines v. Bonta	<i>Does California's new law prohibiting the marketing of firearms products to youth violate various constitutional principles, including the 1st Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Central District of California 9th Circuit	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their motion for summary judgment to the 9th Circuit.	Briefing is underway in the 9th Circuit and oral argument will likely happen later this year.
Fouts v. Bonta	<i>Does a California law that prohibits carrying certain non-firearm instruments for self-defense violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Southern District of California	The court denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted the state's motion for summary judgment in 2021.	The case is on remand and being litigated under <i>Bruen</i> .

MARYLAND CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Bianchi v. Frosh	<i>Does Maryland's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	4th Circuit Court of Appeal	Oral argument was in Dec. 2022.	The court will rule sometime later this year.

WASHINGTON CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Mitchell v. Atkins	<i>Does Washington's under-21 firearm ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Washington	The 9th Circuit vacated and remanded to the district court in Dec. 2022. The court ordered a five-day bench trial for Mar. 2023.	The case will be tried under the <i>Bruen</i> standard and likely appealed to the 9th Circuit.
Hartford v. Ferguson	<i>Does Washington State's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Washington	Plaintiffs filed their complaint in April 2023.	Plaintiffs will likely file a motion to preliminarily enjoin the law.

NEW YORK CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Antonyuk v. Hochul	<i>Does New York State's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen?</i>	United States District Court Northern District of New York	The case is now under appeal.	The state of New York is attempting to have the appeal dismissed as moot due to legislative amendments to the laws at issue in the case.
Antonyuk v. Nigrelli	<i>Does New York State's post-Bruen permit issuance program violate Bruen?</i>	2nd Circuit Court of Appeal	Oral argument is scheduled for March 20, 2023.	The court will hear oral argument and issue a ruling later this year.

MASSACHUSETTS CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Morin v. Lyver	<i>Challenge to a Massachusetts law that bars non-violent misdemeanor convicts from purchasing handguns.</i>	United States District Court District of Massachusetts	After remand, the parties settled and proposed a judgment in plaintiffs' favor.	The court entered the judgment and the case is now over.

NEW JERSEY CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs v. Grewal	<i>Does New Jersey's ban on large capacity magazines violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of New Jersey	Remanded for further proceedings due to <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower will court will apply <i>Bruen</i> to the issue.

TEXAS CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Rahimi	<i>Whether the federal firearms prohibition that applies to an individual subject to a domestic violence restraining order is constitutional.</i>	United States District Court Northern District of Texas 5th Circuit Court of Appeal	Briefing is underway in the 5th Circuit.	Parties need to complete briefing and then the court will schedule oral argument.
Garland v. Cargill	<i>Did the ATF have the authority to label a bump stock a machine gun?</i>	United States District Court Western District of Texas 5th Circuit United States Supreme Court	Petition for certiorari is pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.	A response is due on June 7, 2023.

RHODE ISLAND CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Ocean State Tactical v. Rhode Island	<i>Does Rhode Island's large capacity magazine prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Rhode Island 1st Circuit Court of Appeal	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction motion in Dec. 2022.	The appeal is underway in the 1st Circuit.

PENNSYLVANIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Range	<i>Does the federal law that strips all felons of their firearms rights, regardless of the nature of the offense, violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals	The third circuit held an en banc rehearing on February 15, 2023.	The en banc ruling will issue later this year.

OREGON CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Oregon Firearms Federation, Inc. v. Brown	<i>Does Oregon's large capacity magazine prohibition violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Oregon 9th Circuit Court of Appeal	Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction motion in Dec. 2022.	Appellants voluntarily dismissed their appeal.

INDIANA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Reyna	<i>Is the federal law that requires serialization of firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court District of Nebraska 8th Circuit Court of Appeal	The trial court upheld the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 8th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 8th Circuit.

WEST VIRGINIA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Price	<i>Is the federal law that requires serialization of firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court District of West Virgina 4th Circuit Court of Appeals	The trial court struck down the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 4th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 4th Circuit.

OKLAHOMA CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
United States v. Harrison	<i>Is the federal law that prohibits marijuana users from having firearms constitutional?</i>	United States District Court District of Oklahoma 10th Circuit Court of Appeal	The trial court struck down the law and the plaintiffs have appealed to the 10th Circuit.	The appeal is underway in the 10th Circuit.

ILLINOIS CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois v. Jay Robert Pritzker (consolidated with Barnett v. Raoul)	<i>Is Illinois' assault weapons ban constitutional under Bruen?</i>	United States District Court District of Illinois	The court granted plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on April 28, 2023.	The case is on appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
National Association for Gun Rights v. City of Naperville Illinois	<i>Is Illinois' Assault Weapons Ban constitutional under Bruen?</i>	United States District Court District of Illinois Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Supreme Court of the United States	Plaintiffs are seeking to have the Supreme Court of the United States grant relief on an emergency basis.	The U.S. Supreme Court is unlikely to grant the requested relief.

DELAWARE CASES

CASE NAME	ISSUE	COURT	STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, et al. v. Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, et al.	<i>Does Delaware's assault weapons ban violate the Second Amendment?</i> <i>Does Delaware's large capacity magazine ban violate the Second Amendment?</i>	United States District Court District of Delaware	In late March 2023, the district court denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. Plaintiffs appealed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.	The action in the district court is stayed pending resolution of the appeal to the Third Circuit.

LOCAL ADVOCACY

THE FEARMONGERING OF GUN HATERS

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

About a decade ago, we started the battle for gun shows in California.

We were told that gun shows were seedy places where criminals lurked in dark corners just waiting to make a straw purchase or walk out that same day with a firearm. Unfortunately, these are still battles that are ongoing in the courts. It is understandable that people think this way about gun shows when that is all they hear, and they have never thought to check it out for themselves. The reality is that gun shows are more highly regulated than brick-and-mortar gun shops, they have uniform and undercover law enforcement watching all transactions, and the DOJ must affirm the items that the list of state-licensed vendors are selling. Oh, and there is no one in California leaving a gun show the same day with a firearm because of a 10-day waiting period requirement.

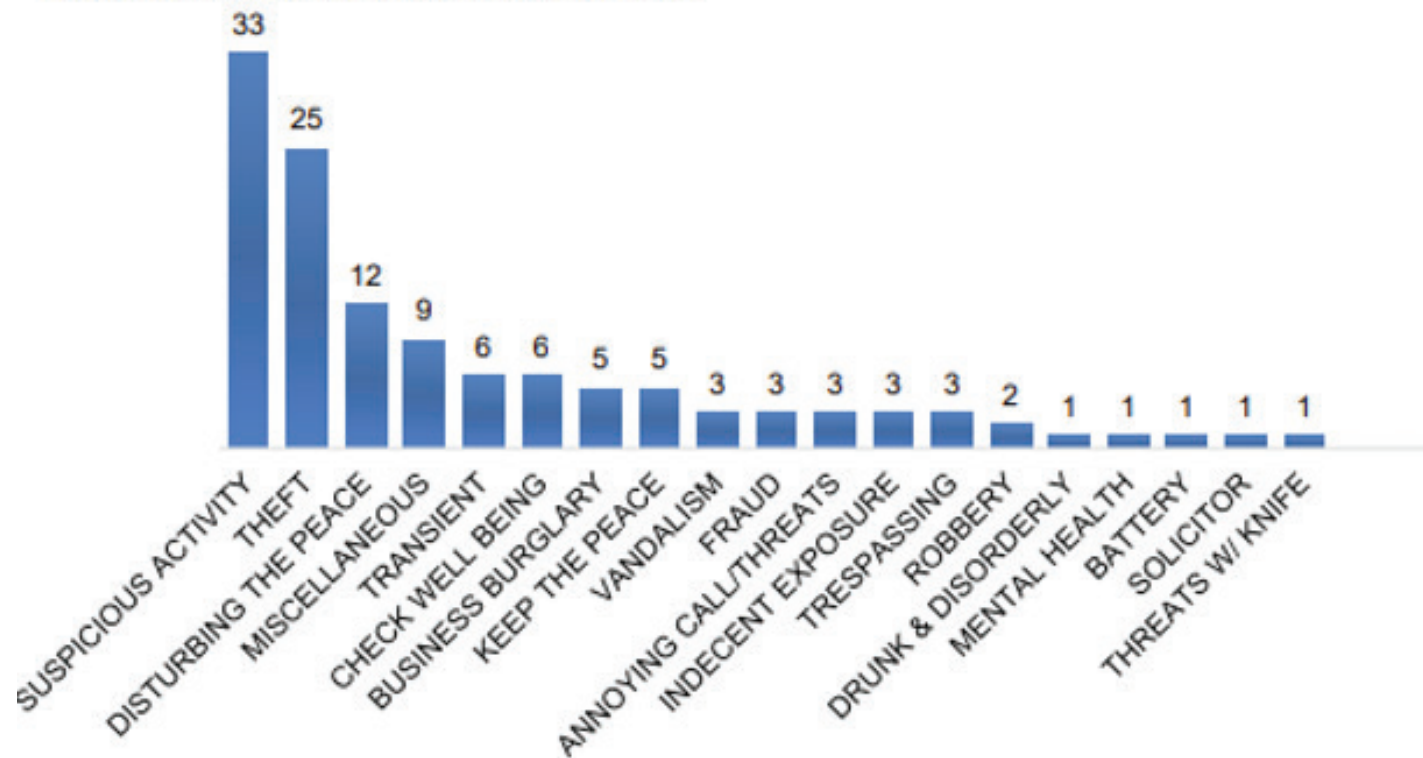
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ments on gun shows and the fact that they are actually family events with multi-generational family members attending together, state senators still have it out for them. Several years ago, local fair boards decided they would try to ban gun shows in their state-owned facilities. We challenged that in court and won with an injunction

and a settlement from the fair board. Immediately following, and in the face of that federal court ruling, several more pieces of legislation made their way through the legislature and to the Governor's desk, which did not "ban" the gun show *per se*, but banned the sale of any firearm, ammunition, or precursor parts on state property—

Figure 2: Calls for Service by Type (2017-2021)



basically the essence of a gun show, and they knew exactly what they were doing. Those cases against the bans continue today.

Just last week, a private gun show promoter attempted to have a smaller, regulated gun show at a Masonic Lodge (private building) with FFLs to conduct any transfer paperwork. The San Diego City Police Department notified the promoter that no sales or transfers of firearms were allowed to take place, even though the promoter was following the state law for holding a gun show. It is an outrage that the police would try to intimidate gun owners in such a way. Either the police are completely ignorant that the ban on gun shows only applies to state-owned property, or they are intentionally trying to intimidate lawful gun owners from carrying out their constitutional rights. Either way, the City of San Diego is on notice that this

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is not appropriate behavior and will be challenged.

The gun banners told us that gun shows were so scary that they had to do something to protect the general population from the people purchasing guns there. They stated numerous

times that people can go to brick-and-mortar stores to get guns, so why would they ever need a gun show? (They fail to understand that many of the same retailers have booths at gun shows, and the same laws for purchasing firearms at a retail store apply to

gun shows, but I digress). Now, we see them starting to go after the very retail gun shops that they stated were the "safer option."

In 2022 the City of Burbank held hearings on gun stores in their city. This is the same conversation that happens in cities across the state. The city manager of Burbank presented a detailed report on crime at firearm retailer locations (calls for police service). Over five years, there were 123 calls to the police from locations at or surrounding a gun shop. This represented 0.09% of the calls that the Burbank Police received during that period. The largest category of reporting was that of suspicious activity, which you would think the police would want to be reported. Some other reports were related to disturbing the peace, transient, vandalism, indecent exposure, drunkenness, and solicitor—none of which have to do with the business of gun sales.

Of all the reports of theft, 25 over that 5-year period were directed at the actual gun store, and only two of those involved the theft of a firearm. You can see we are dealing with minuscule numbers here and not a huge threat to the community. The city manager report went on to say, "the number of retail crime incidents at firearm dealers was significantly less compared to overall retail crime in Burbank." So, with a statement like that, you would think the discussion on placing limitations on gun stores in the city would be over. Gun stores seem like the type of business you would want in your city, with them having a lower-than-average crime rate. But that did not stop them. The City of Burbank then started to look at crime rates that happen around the gun shops, but that has nothing to actually do with the gun retailers themselves. They did find that drugs, theft, assault, and vandalism were happening in and

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around those areas where gun stores were, but even the city manager noted that "the prevalence of these crimes and the vicinity of firearms dealers may reflect citywide trends. Of note, most firearms retailers in the City of Burbank are located along major commercial corridors." (meaning they zoned firearm retainers in the less desirable parts of town and then try to blame them for the crime in the areas known to have higher crime.)

Not to be deterred, the City of Burbank then looked at the number of gun stores and the number of gun crimes for each coordinating year. There was no manipulation of the data to account for firearms that were not purchased in Burbank, firearm crimes that were committed by someone from a neighboring city, or suicide. Only two firearms over that 5-year period were linked to any stores in Burbank, but the data presented, which did not account for any factors, placed the gun violence trends squarely on the fact that there were more gun shops in the city. In 2022, the City of Burbank placed a moratorium on new gun shops, and they later extended that moratorium until later in 2023. CRPA will be engaged in those discussions when they are back on the City Council agenda.

The gun debate is forever the slip-

pery slope. "We don't want your guns." Until they do. You don't need that gun show; you have gun stores. You don't need that magazine to defend yourself; you can have a smaller one. You don't need rifles; you have handguns. The only thing that matters here is the plain language of the Constitution. If something is clearly within the scope of the Second Amendment, it is protected. Those items that "make the right effective," like a magazine, a barrel, ammunition, etc., are all covered. CRPA and attorneys fight for decades over these issues because it matters to the highly regulated retailer that just wants to sell his lawful products. It matters to the consumer, who wants the most advanced technology to protect themselves and their loved ones, or to enjoy their pastime of hunting and shooting. If you are not engaged in these issues of limitations being placed on our Second Amendment rights, I would encourage you to join a local chapter, watch @CRPANEWS on YouTube, follow CRPA on FaceBook or Twitter, and understand the path the anti-gun politicians want us to go down. They are outwardly stating that the Second Amendment is passé and that people do not need firearms. CRPA and members like you are what stand in the way of removing those rights for good. **CRPA**

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law, or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS	In 2022 the state legislature passed a law that relates to all gun shows and bans the sale of firearms, ammunition, and “ghost guns” on all state property. This essentially ended gun shows across the state.	CRPA and SAF joined together with other individual plaintiffs to first fight this in San Diego and Orange County and later added the state legislation to the ongoing litigation.	Two cases are currently running in the California Southern District and the California Central District. You can follow these cases here: https://michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-v-newsom-min-bill/ https://michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-v-newsom/
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month. *Public Records Requests have been submitted for the DOJ leak of gun owner information. Due to an ongoing investigation and their attorneys holding all information until the investigation is complete, the DOJ is currently not responding.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his city.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the city in 2019. The Mayor has once again resurrected this issue and is trying to get mandatory insurance for gun owners or a mandatory fee to the City passed. The staff have been directed to come back with ordinance language in September. There is no new news on this issue as of the drafting of this alert.	CRPA has submitted public record requests and is preparing a lawsuit for filing should the city pass this ordinance. San Jose passed the ordinance even though there was 4 hours of testimony from the public against it. CRPA is preparing to sue as soon as the matter is ripe for the courts to consider. January 1, 2023 the City implemented the mandatory gun insurance provision of the ordinance. Stay tuned for more information on litigation. There are ongoing legal challenges that CRPA is tracking. We did not feel that it was prudent to file additional lawsuits at this time. More information will be forthcoming as those cases progress.
CITY OF BURBANK	The City of Burbank will be holding a public hearing to consider a municipal code amendment that would affect the regulatory framework for firearms retailers and would place a moratorium on gun retailers in the city.	There was a hearing in February 2022 that CRPA attended and another staff report provided in July 2022. We understand that these issues will come back in 2023.	The CRPA Chapters are engaged and watching and participating in these meetings in an attempt to stop the process from moving forward.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
CRPA COALITION WORK	The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done.	Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push support and protection of the Second Amendment.	Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle. CRPA is holding multiple RANGECons across the state this year. To join one near you please visit the online events calendar at CRPA.org . To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to ranges@crpa.org Want to host a state competition at your range in 2023? CRPA staff can help. Email Brian at bkerz@crpa.org
CCW ISSUANCE ISSUES	CRPA has had many members reach out with concerns that their local jurisdiction is not issuing CCW's	When the <i>Bruen</i> decision came down, CRPA immediately sent letters to all of the jurisdictions in California explaining what the law is under that new standard.	CRPA sent final notice letters to those jurisdictions that continue to refuse to issue CCWs and we are prepared to file legal actions should they not follow the law. More information at crpa.org/ccw-issues-in-california It looks like San Francisco is starting to issue CCW permits. Los Angeles County now has a new online system with Permittium. This should make the process quicker, but CRPA is monitoring. Alameda County is now starting to issue CCW licenses and is beginning to follow the ruling in Bruen thanks to pressure from CRPA attorneys.
GHOST GUN BANS	Gun Control groups are busy pushing to try to get local jurisdictions to pass restrictions on the possession, sale, transfer, or manufacturing of “ghost guns” including precursor parts.	San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have all passed the same basic ordinance in the last few weeks. The problem with these ordinances is that they address areas of concern that are controlled by the state AND there is no clear definition of what a precursor part is at the moment- these cities just made every piece of metal illegal to own and created criminals out of citizens with lawful products overnight.	CRPA is currently fighting in the courts on this issue. Please follow CRPA news for more information
DOJ ISSUES	It has come to our attention that there may be businesses and individuals that are having great difficulty getting their COE renewal from DOJ. We also are investigating the DOJ Data Leak of CCW personal information to the public that occurred in June 2022.	Not having a valid certificate of eligibility (COE) prevents firearms business owners from operating and completing purchases and individuals from receiving and handling ammunition for many programs. We are hearing reports that the DOJ is taking months to return approved COE applications.	If you are having trouble with your COE approval or renewal, please send us a message at contact@crpa.org so we can see if we can assist you. For more information on the DOJ Leak of personal and private information please visit crpa.org/ca-doj-dox-gate/
CALL FOR PLAINTIFFS	If you are a CRPA member, we need you!	When local ordinance issues do not go well, we have to fight for your rights in court. We need members just like you who are negatively affected by these unconstitutional laws to step up as named plaintiffs in the legal actions that may follow.	If you are interested in serving as a plaintiff in any of our upcoming litigation, please contact us at potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com . We need you now more than ever!

CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: AFFILIATE RECRUITER UPGRADES, THE POWER OF NUMBERS, AND A QUICK CONVERSATION

“Real gun control is having the discipline to only buy one.”

“Keep guns out of the hands of criminal... by buying them yourself!”

...Sure, we have some funny one liners, and if you are a CRPA member and a subscriber to this magazine, it’s more than likely you’ve been to a gun store within the last several months. But have you ever thought to yourself when in that store “CRPA should be here.” It’s a pretty logical conclusion, in my opinion. CRPA fights for Second Amendment rights in California, which would include not only the rights of people to buy firearms, but also of people to import, manufacture, and sell them. These days, if you’ve asked yourself this question, you should know that there is a pretty good chance that you can find CRPA materials in these stores.



BY KEVIN SMALL
ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH DIRECTOR



Since the CRPA Business Affiliate Program’s inception in 2018, we have seen over 500 businesses in California sign on to the program. This isn’t just gun stores either, the affiliate program has a wide variety of businesses signed on, from ranges

to food trucks, donut shops to hair salons... a CRPA 2A Action Center has made an appearance to hundreds of thousands of Californian consumers and is often the best way to identify whether or not a business is a CRPA affiliate. Of course, you can always hit the programs tab on crpa.org to find what businesses in your area are participating, but did you know the program has more to offer than just the informational brochure stand?

CRPA has been working diligently to continue and improve the way that we reach new members through training, new tools, and technological upgrades. One of these upgrades includes QR codes. For those affiliates that are signed on for CRPA membership recruitment, it is now paperless and can be done from the comfort of your phone. Prospective members simply open the camera on their phone and place it over the code, and a link is provided to take them to the CRPA membership sign up page that is unique to the business that they are at. These upgrades are made to make it easier

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for the businesses to recruit CRPA members. Win, Win! But why focus on this area? It comes down to the numbers. It’s a simple formula. The more CRPA members we have, the more money goes toward CRPA lawsuits, legislative efforts, and programs. That number can grow exponentially with more opportuni-

ties for recruitment. So, let’s take a look at some potential membership numbers using simple multiplication: if even 200 affiliates were to sign up one CRPA member per day averaging a six-day work week we would see over 62,000 new members per year. What if it were 300? We would see over 93,000 new members per year.

That may sound like a lot of work, but that is simply one conversation per day, per affiliate.

As we’re now on the receiving end of *Bruen*, the amount of lawsuits to recoup the rights that have been taken from us by the California Legislature will continue to grow, and there is no illusion that the legislature won’t put up a fight as we continue to win these lawsuits – which means the legislative battle will grow, and the CRPA membership will have to grow along with it. But if you had to ask yourself, could I have one conversation a day to recruit a new CRPA member, do you think you could do it? It would make a big difference. So next time you are in that gun store to buy a gun, or ammo, or accessories, look for the CRPA 2A Action Center and Membership Recruitment QR Code. All that it takes is convincing someone to scan it. **CRPA**

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SHOOTING PROGRAMS

2A LITIGATION PROGRAM

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RANGES & RETAILERS PROTECTION PROGRAMS

BUSINESS AFFILIATE PROGRAM

WOMEN’S PROGRAM

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FIREARM SAFETY PROGRAMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS

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SPOTLIGHT ON

TOM NISBET

Growing up in a family of educators, Tom Nisbet was surrounded by individuals who devoted themselves to their students.

Despite not pursuing a career in education, he recognized the profound impact his family had on shaping young minds. Inspired by their selflessness, Tom found himself with a desire to educate others on Second Amendment issues and the responsible handling of firearms. Volunteerism became the vehicle through which he could contribute to his community, carrying forward the values instilled in him by his family.

Tom's proudest achievement lies in his association with the members of the CRPA chapter in San Luis Obispo County. He acknowledges the extraordinary talent and unwavering commitment that define the individuals who make up this chapter. Being included in their endeavors is an immense honor for him, reflecting the collaborative spirit that drives their accomplishments. Tom's dedication and contributions to the CRPA highlight his commitment to preserving Second Amendment rights and fostering a positive environment for gun owners.

Behind every volunteer, there are individuals who provide unwavering



BY
CHRISTINA
GASTELO
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR



► **The first event** I attended as a CRPA volunteer. (TOM NISBET)



► **Camatta Ranch** CDFW pheasant hunt (TOM NISBET)

support and serve as a wellspring of inspiration. For Tom, his wife, Diane, plays a pivotal role in supporting his involvement. As parents to their remarkable 29-year-old autistic son, Zachary, their family embodies strength and resilience. Zachary's unwavering positivity and ability to spread happiness inspire both Tom and Diane, reinforcing their commitment to making a difference in their community.

Tom's journey with the CRPA began in 2019 when he met Jim McKeighan, a mentor and friend who introduced him to the organization. Jim played a crucial role in connecting Tom with the California Rifle and Pistol Association. Through a project centered around restoring a private range, he immersed Tom in the world of the CRPA. Furthermore, Tom expresses his deep gratitude to Cheryl Burbach, who not only provided a meeting space but also offered unwavering encouragement. Through these connections, Tom found a supportive community and the resources to establish the San Luis Obispo County chapter, which he co-founded in 2021 with his friend John Kelly. We extend our deepest gratitude to Tom Nisbet for his dedication to education,



► **The dojo** where Tom practices Aikido. The Man in the photo next to Tom is affectionately known as Osensei, this translates to great teacher.

community, and the preservation of Second Amendment rights.

What was your very first firearm experience?

TN: Where I was raised in the central valley, we had large Bermuda grass lawns. My Uncle, Joe, who lived next to us, would flood the yards to irrigate it in the summertime. My first experience with firearms revolved around this irrigation process. My uncle would have us sit in lawn chairs in the backyard and he would bring out a 410 single-shot shotgun. He gave us the basic lessons in gun handling and safety as we sat

on the lawn chairs and sipping iced tea waiting for the moment that a gopher would pop his head up because of the flooded lawn. For people of my generation, this was a natural process. Family members teach the younger generations safe gun handling. This natural process is missing today. CRPA is working to change this. I also was the proud owner of a Red Ryder B.B. rifle given to me by my parents as a Christmas gift... and because of safe gun handling instruction, nobody got their eye put out!

What do you wish other people knew about the Cause?

TN: We are winning! The 2A community is immersed in negativity and laments about how our rights are being taken from us. I turn 62 this summer. In my experience, there's never been a better time to be a law-abiding citizen that wants to exercise their second amendment right to defend their family and loved ones.

What motivates you to stay involved?

TN: The realization that by being involved with the CRPA, I can make significant changes in the lives of people around me.

In your opinion, what is the most important work this organization does?

TN: It's all important. The legal and legislative work CRPA does has to be at the top of the list. Education on safe firearms handling contributes to everything the CRPA stands for. Most of the opposition to the second amendment and firearms is based on ignorance and fear. Therefore, education at all levels is critical, including for those that have the same beliefs as we do if we want to preserve the rights and freedoms we all enjoy. **CRPA**

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Middle Initial
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, County, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Date	

Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.

- Join a CRPA Chapter
- Visit Local Businesses to Promote Affiliate Program
- Work on Political Campaigns or Elections
- Assist with Youth/Women's Events / RSO
- Assist with Training Events / RSO
- Assist with Hunting Events
- Be a CRPA Membership Recruiter
- Liaison with Local Authorities and Council Members
- Teach Firearm Safety and Proficiency
- Promote CRPA/Pro-2A Messaging/PR Campaigns
- Other:

THANK YOU!

Return to the **California Rifle & Pistol Association**
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VOLUNTEERS ARE CRPA'S MOST POWERFUL WEAPON!

CRPA is looking for men and women to join the fight for our rights as a CRPA volunteer or grassroots activist. You can feel good about being part of the solution, meet new friends, learn about guns and politics and get free CRPA swag! For more information, fill out and send in this volunteer form, on the left, email us at volunteer@crpa.org or call (714) 992-2772.

Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us! Volunteer for CRPA!



EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

JULY

July 1-3
FOLSOM PRO RODEO
Dan Russell Area
Folsom, CA

July 15
RAAHAUGES YOUTH DAY
SPONSORED BY CRPA
Mike Raahauge Shooting Range
Eastvale, CA

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

July 15-16
CODE OF THE WEST VALLEJO
GUN SHOW
Solano County Fairgrounds
Vallejo, CA

July 19-30
CA MID STATE FAIR
Ramona Outdoor Community Center
Paso Robles, CA

July 28-30
RAMONA COUNTRY FAIR
Ramona Outdoor Community Center
Ramona, CA

AUGUST

August 5
LOLETA FAR WEST GUN SHOW
Loleta Fireman’s Pavilion
Loleta, CA

August 5-6
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST:
ONTARIO GUN SHOW**
Orange Convention Center
Ontario, CA

August 12-13
FALL HUNTING CLASSIC
Bass Pro Shops
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 12-13
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST:
BAKERSFIELD GUN SHOW**
Orange Convention Center
Bakersfield, CA

August 19-20
FALL HUNTING CLASSIC
Bass Pro Shops
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 26-27
FALL HUNTING CLASSIC
Bass Pro Shops
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 26-27
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS:
ANTIOCH GUN SHOW**
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
Antioch, CA

SEPTEMBER

Sept 9-10
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS:
TURLOCK GUN SHOW**
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
Stanislaus, CA

September 30-October 1
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST:
ONTARIO GUN SHOW**
Orange Convention Center
Ontario, CA

CRPA
TRAINING
COURSES

- Basic Rifle
- Basic Pistol
- Basic Shotgun
- Home Firearms Safety
- Basic Range Safety Officer
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Personal Protection Outside the Home
- Metallic Cartridge Reloading
- Hunters Education Traditional Course
- Hunters Education Follow-up Course
- Wild Game Cooking
- Wild Game Field Dressing
- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Archery
- Basic Backpacking
- Leave No Trace
- Emergency Preparedness
- Photography
- Basic Map and Compass
- Trauma/ First Aid

- LOCATION KEY
- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
 - CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 - OUT OF STATE

TRAINING

JULY

July 8
**PERSONAL PROTECTION IN
THE HOME**
Fullerton, CA

July 15
RIFLE SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

July 15
ORANGE COUNTY CCW
Fullerton, CA

July 22
SHOTGUN SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

July 29
**TRADITIONAL HUNTER
EDUCATION**
Fullerton, CA

July 29
PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

AUGUST

August 5
RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
Fullerton, CA

August 12
**PERSONAL PROTECTION
OUTSIDE THE HOME**
Fullerton, CA



August 12
CRPA WILDERNESS MEDICINE
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 19
RIFLE SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

August 19
ORANGE COUNTY CCW
Fullerton, CA

August 26
SHOTGUN SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

August 26
**STAYING FOUND IN NATURE
BY CRPA**
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 26
**BACKWOODS FITNESS
TRAINING BY CRPA**
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

August 27
**CRPA BASIC TRACKING
SKILLS**
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

SEPTEMBER

September 9
PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

September 16
CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
Fullerton, CA

September 23
RIFLE INSTRUCTOR
Fullerton, CA

September 30
PISTOL INSTRUCTOR
Fullerton, CA

OCTOBER

October 7
RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
Fullerton, CA

October 14
SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR
Fullerton, CA

October 21
RIFLE SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

October 28
PISTOL SHOOTING BASICS
Fullerton, CA

TRAINING VIDEOS
& INFO ARE AT
**CRPA.ORG/ TRAINING-
AND-EDUCATION**

SHOOTING RANGE OPERATORS, MANAGERS, CLUBS, FIRE SEASON IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING!

Now is the time to implement your asset protection program, your ranges fire protection program, specifically. Over the past several fire seasons, we have seen ranges destroyed by fire, manmade or naturally occurring, with several ranges shut down permanently or faces with restrictions so cost prohibitive that the range operators tossed in the towel. We the people must do better to protect what we enjoy. Ranges, in your standard operating procedures (SOP) you should have a section specific to fire suppression. It doesn't matter if you're an indoor or

outdoor range. The only difference is the type of mitigation practices that are put in place.

OUTDOOR RANGES

All ranges should choose fire-retardant plant species for exterior spaces. Plant material will burn once the fire is hot enough, the goal is to reduce and or slow the fire's ability to spread. A few examples of plants that ranges might consider are hedging roses, current, sumac, shrub apple, rockrose, aloe, and other succulents. If considering trees, look at maple, poplar, and Catalina cherry as options. Select plants with high moisture content, plants that grow close to the ground, have low sap and

resin content. Who knows... the plant materials chosen might help support local wildlife, reduce water consumption, and stabilize soils? In short, consult your local nursery or a certified arborist in the selection process.

INDOOR RANGES

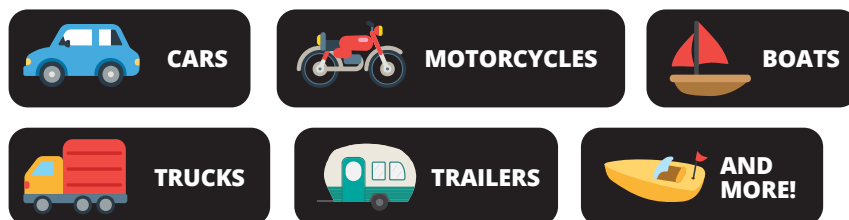
Indoor ranges – are your exits well lit, clear of obstruction, and door alarms in working order? Are your electrical panels clear of obstructions? Just because you have a hard structure, don't think you can ignore your outside permitter. Consider taking a walk around your facility concentrating your attention on the obvious. Example: trees which need thinning and or heavy trimming. Have



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WE ACCEPT ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES:



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- 3 Get a tax deductible receipt and help our cause.

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you looked at the debris on your roof? Have leaves accumulated in the rain gutters or is there a buildup of debris in and around roof projections? The roof can be easily overlooked as your eyes are more concentrated on the obvious “what’s in front of you” than what’s above and out of sight. Have you had discussions with your staff on how to proceed in the event of a fire? Who does what, when, and how, is of extreme importance and must be practiced several times during the year.

FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT

When was the last time you inspected your fire extinguishers? You should be conducting monthly verification with sign offs on the tag attached to the extinguisher accompanied with a log sheet of who and when the extinguisher was checked. The second part, the annual inspection and recharging of the extinguisher by a certified fire extinguisher company. Do you have the appropriate extinguisher for the correct application. Example a typical ABC type extinguisher may not be the best choice for rubber and other backstop materials used by an indoor range. Does the range have an ammunition inspection program in place and practiced. Allowing unchecked outside

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ammunition into your range can be a problem. An indoor range experienced an issue when a participant fired an incendiary round into the impact area which then resulted in a fire in the bullet trap. Several agencies respond to the range, which not only drew local attention, but also state and federal authorities into the equation. Thankfully all went well due to the plans that had been in place, and the range reopened a few days later. However the OWNER of that round... well let’s just say he’s got some explaining to do and a rather hefty bill and fines ahead.

Ranges should have a fire suppres-

sion section in the SOP in-place and followed. This is an uncomplicated process in that you walk the property, identify, and remove any potential fuel source, from a shooting location down range to the bullet impact area and beyond. Mow, weed, and eat grasses to ground level and remove the cut debris away from any ignition source. All this falls on you the range owner/club staff/landowner, as you will likely be held accountable for all associated costs should a fire start on your range and escape.

On-site fire suppression equipment could include fire extinguishers, a water trailer or water truck, domestic water lines, sprinkler systems, shovels, rakes, and more. The SOP should address who checks equipment viability accompanied with checklist signatures and dates of the inspection. Spot checks and the physical operation of all mechanical equipment verifying its operation should be performed monthly.

EVACUATION CONCERNS

Range specific signage in what to do, who to call, and where to go. Do visitors park vehicles head-in or are they directed to back-in into the parking stalls? Backing in allows for a smoother egress should an emergency evacua-

tion be initiated. Wildfires travel quickly, much faster than you might imagine. RTimely and orderly egress from the affected area is critical.

Ranges in back country areas may have a one-way-in, one-way-out situation. Do you have a shelter-in-place location clear of combustibles large enough to accommodate all your visitors on a heavy attendance day? Consider getting a few key personal together to create workable solutions to the challenges.

DUD AMMUNITION CONCERNS

A topic that is generally missed at both indoor and outdoor ranges is where misfired ammunition (dud) is placed. I hope this ammunition is not being left on the ground, as this creates a hazard should a fire occur. In a fire fighting scenario, rounds can and will cook off (detonate). This is a bad thing and has the potential to injure the firefighters who are attempting to protect your assets. Solution: a dead round container at each shooting location suitable to contain multiple rounds and constructed in such a way that the case, propellant, and bullet remain inside a heavy walled, lidded, and ventilated container. Dud buckets should be emptied daily, with ammunition disassembled into its separate components and disposed of properly.

SHOOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Now for the end-user, the shooting participant. Do not think this responsibility only falls on the range operator or club. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE for any damages resulting from your ammunition choices.

While we were conducting a pistol class a discussion came up about firearm liabilities pertaining to ownership and operation. An attorney was taking the class and offered that, “you have an attorney attached to every bullet that leaves that muzzle.” That statement struck home and now I go above and beyond making sure my ammunition choice is acceptable for the terrain, target, and backstop.

We all must to do our part protecting the ranges we visit. Let’s not provide reasons for the anti-gun, not-in-my-back-yard neighbors to take advantage of things we can control.

CRPA is here to help any range that would like a second pair of eyes on their current operations. We have range specialists on staff that are well-versed in range protection. And, if we don’t have an answer to a question, we know people who do.

Best to all, give us a call. **CRPA**

GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- 2. ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 3. ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 4. ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 5. ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
- 6. ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
- 7. ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 8. ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- 9. ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
- 10. NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.



CRPA works with and supports the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), a national organization created by federal law that provides citizens around the country with firearm training and learning opportunities, similar to the operations of CRPA.

The CMP’s highest priority is serving youth through gun safety education and marksmanship events that encourage personal growth and life skill development. CRPA whole-heartedly joins in and supports these efforts.

CMP has also developed excellent match procedures at competitive and recreational shooting events that are being incorporated into CRPA’s own event and match management processes. Individuals can keep informed about CMP affiliated matches by visiting the CMP’s Competition Tracker page at <http://ct.thecmp.org>.

The CMP also sells select vintage military rifles to qualified U.S. citizens at a great price, along with competitive equipment and memorabilia! You can learn more about getting started on your own marksmanship journey through the CMP at <http://thecmp.org/get-started/>.

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For more information and training, please contact the California Rifle & Pistol Association: (714) 992-2772 | **CRPA.org**

FIRST CASE OF SARS-COV-2 IN CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONFIRMED IN A MULE DEER

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SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has been detected for the first time in free-ranging California wildlife.

One hunter-harvested mule deer, a buck from El Dorado County, was confirmed to be infected with SARS-CoV-2. The deer was harvested in 2021 and sampled by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance. It was negative for CWD and did not show any outward signs of illness.

In California, SARS-CoV-2 has been confirmed in pets and zoo animals, but never in free-ranging wildlife. Following reports of SARS-CoV-2 detections in free-ranging white-tailed deer and mule deer in other states and Canadian provinces, CDFW tested archived deer samples for SARS-CoV-2. The samples consisted of lymph nodes collected as part of CDFW's CWD surveillance efforts. CWD has never been detected in California's deer or elk populations.

CDFW submitted archived samples from 170 black-tailed and mule deer collected in 2020 and 209 black-tailed and mule deer collected in 2021. Initial testing for SARS-CoV-2 was conducted at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory at UC Davis, and confirmatory testing was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

"Others have shown that deer can be infected with SARS-CoV-2 and that they can pass it to other deer but do not get sick," said Dr. Brandon Munk, senior wildlife veterinarian with CDFW. "We do not see SARS-CoV-2 as a threat to our deer populations but we continue to work with partners to better understand what, if any, significance SARS-CoV-2 infections in wildlife may pose to wildlife and people. This is certainly another reminder not to intentionally feed deer. Artificially congregating deer increases the likelihood of spreading disease and may be a source of SARS-CoV-2 exposure for deer."

There is no evidence that people can contract COVID-19 by eating meat from an infected animal. Nonetheless, hunters are encouraged to take appropriate precautions when handling and dressing game and practice good food hygiene when processing their animals.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that although people can spread SARS-CoV-2 to animals, especially during close contact, the risk of animals spreading SARS-CoV-2 to people is considered low. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies developed guidance pertaining to SARS-CoV-2 in white-tailed deer which can be found on www.fishwildlife.org by searching "Guidance on SARS-CoV-2 and Free-Ranging White-Tailed Deer".

USDA APHIS reports confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in animals across the United States. Since 2021, APHIS has been monitoring SARS-CoV-2 infections in free-ranging deer. CDFW is collaborating with USDA APHIS and others to sample and test more California deer for SARS-CoV-2.

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CALIFORNIA HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES 2023

The big game hunting season is in full swing across the nation and so are major threats to the animals we conserve for

future generations. The California Rifle & Pistol Association is coming close to celebrating 150 years of focusing on competitive and sporting uses of firearms. CRPA leads those efforts today with the California Hunting & Conservation Coalition and it's work with the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC), California Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is continuing to spread across the nation and the fight to keep it out of California needs your help. Hunters and non-hunters can unknowingly bring the disease back to California. Once

the disease infects a local environment it is nearly impossible to eradicate. This has led to the current push to hunt here in California and that has led to the current pushback "There is no place to hunt in California."



BY RICK TRAVIS
LEGISLATIVE
DIRECTOR

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LAND

The truth is there are many places to hunt in California. Take the over 100 wildlife areas managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These properties offer amazing opportunities to successfully take wild game to feed your family. You can find more about these areas by visiting wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND

There is a persistent myth that you cannot hunt within the National Park Service lands. Upland game hunting is allowed in the Mojave National Preserve and info can be found at www.nps.gov/moja/planyourvisit/hunting.htm.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is managed by the NPS and offers a treasure trove of opportunity in zone B5 in the form of deer, bear, small game (tree squirrels, rabbits, hares), waterfowl, and upland game. Nearby Shasta Lake is brimming with water for the first time in a decade and offers plenty of other outdoor experiences to enjoy while you're in the region.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE LAND

The United States Forest Service (USFS) offers some of the most beautiful places in California where you can hunt. These properties are huge and offer multiple access points. Los Padres National Forest covers sections of the California coastal mountain ranges from Ventura to Monterey. Columbian Blacktail deer, mule deer, black bears,

and wild boar all provide ample opportunity. Upland and small game are also present.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

The granddaddy site is Angeles National Forest which sees over a 100,000 hunters annually. This rugged terrain follows the San Gabriel mountains, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), and incredible outdoor sports venues. This forest is perfect for the new hunter to explore in the off-season by utilizing the PCT to familiarize themselves with the land and wildlife to prep for the hunt. It is no surprise that, at almost 700,000 acres, there are a variety of deer available including whitetail, sikas, fallows, axis, sambars, blacktail and mules.

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

Moving north to the western slopes

of the central Sierra Nevada range you will find the Sierra National Forest that lies between Yosemite National Park on its northern border and stretches down to its southern border next to Kings Canyon National Park. This expansive area is teeming with rivers and lakes providing opportunities for hunting everything from turkey to deer and bear. This is a great area to scout with the family on a spring or summer vacation and become accustomed to the terrain and weather.

NORTH COW MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

One of the best places in Northern California is the North Cow Mountain Recreation Area nestled in the Mayacamas Mountains between Ukiah and Lakeport. This is a hunter's paradise if you're looking for bear, blacktail deer,

wild turkey, and other upland species. You will be testing your training with elevations from 800-4000 feet as you hike or ride horses along the trails through steep canyons and rocky hills to lush forests of pine, fir, and oak trees. This area also has a shooting range you can use to sight in your rifle, but please clean up after yourselves and leave it better than you found it.

LOWER KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

History buffs who hunt will want to make sure they hit the trails at the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge which was established as the country's first national waterfowl refuge by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. This is as close to perfect as it can get for a waterfowl hunter with over 2 million birds at the peak of the season. The

Hunting is spending time in nature and getting to know the land and the wildlife.

It is about spending time with those you hunt with and those who support the activity and educating those around you.

HUNTERS' CODE OF ETHICS

- Follow the rules of firearm and hunting safety. Insist that fellow hunters do the same.
- Respect the environment and wildlife. Study the ecosystem. Tread lightly. Leave no trash behind.
- Do not waste game or fish. Make full use of any animal taken. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.
- Use only fair and humane

- methods of taking wildlife. Develop your hunting and shooting skills as necessary to ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
- Know your fitness, skill and equipment limitations. Hunt within those limits.
- Obey all hunting regulations. Hunt with the appropriate license and tags only in allowed areas during designated times and seasons. Obey bag and

possession limits. Use only legal hunting methods and equipment. Report game law violations immediately.

- Ask landowner for permission to hunt and respect the land. Close any gates you open. Say thank you.
- Be considerate of non-hunters' sensibilities. Strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.
- Don't flaunt your kill. Be as discreet as possible. Treat game carcasses

- in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.
- Generally conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner. Hunt according to "fair chase." Require the same of your hunting partners.
- Support NAM wildlife conservation programs and urge policymakers to support strong NAM-based conservation initiatives.
- Teach others the skills, techniques, rules and ethics of hunting. Pass these ethical hunting practices along to younger hunters.

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refuge covers 50,000 acres of marshes, wetlands, croplands, and open water making it one of the most biologically diverse habitats in the Pacific Flyway. Every hunter should put this place on their bucket list.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has over 30 properties that allow hunting on their lands. You must check with the location to know what is available to hunt and when. For example, the Cronan Ranch located in El Dorado County does not allow bear hunting but does allow deer hunting, but only with a smooth-bore shotgun and slugs in the fall, or with archery in the summer. The wild turkey is a go in the fall with a shotgun (pellets) or archery equipment, but not allowed in the spring.

BLM also manages the South Cow Mountain OHV Management Area which expands the huntable area you



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enjoy in its USFS adjacent property mentioned earlier in the article. The management areas throughout the state are found from the Mexican

border to Oregon and from the Pacific to Nevada and Arizona borders. This is virtually an untapped hunting ground that is off the beaten path.

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The CDFW also provides numerous ways to hunt within the state of California and all of them just need you to apply. Check out their resources at wildlife.ca.gov.

PRIVATE LAND

The final untapped hunting properties are those in private hands and this is where new and experienced hunters start to guffaw. I teach in my hunter education classes the value of a morning cup of joe given to a rancher, farmer, local law enforcement, and yes game wardens. Introduce yourself and thank them for what they do for all of us and

give them a cup of coffee or, if later in the day, a bottle of cold water. Strike up a conversation and ask them for advice on where to hunt in the area.

I have spoken to numerous property owners and only once got permission to hunt on the first ask. I have gotten several permissions, though, as I built a relationship with them, and they got to know me. I have had some of them recommend me to other property owners. Hunting is all about building respectful relationships.

I tell my students that hunting is spending time in nature and getting to know the land and the wildlife. It is

about spending time with those you hunt with and those who support the activity and educating those around you that you're quite the opposite of what the media portrays. That process often begins with a cup of coffee and a friendly conversation.

I challenge you to get out there this hunting season and send us stories and pictures of your hunting season and you may see them in a future issue of the magazine. Remember to always be safe and shoot straight and respect the gift you have so that we may all pass it on to the next generation. **CRPA**

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Proper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance.

Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see humanewatch.org and huntfortruth.org) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

- Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.
- It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.
- Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.
- Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.
- Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.
- Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.
- The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP FOLLOW STATES' CWD REGULATIONS

- Follow California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 712.
- Review the regulations related to CWD for other states (<http://cwd-info.org/category/national-news/>).
- Check with the state's wildlife agency for possible mandatory testing areas.

ALERT CDFW IF YOUR OUT-OF-STATE DEER TESTS POSITIVE FOR CWD

- Have out-of-state deer and elk tested and processed in the state of its origin.
- If meat of an out-of-state deer tests positive for CWD, please contact the CDFW Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at (916) 358-2790.
- CDFW may incinerate meat from a CWD infected animal upon request.

USE CAUTION WHEN HANDLING GAME

- Wear gloves when field dressing and processing carcasses.
- Bone out meat from the animal.
- Minimize handling of brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing.
- Avoid eating meat from sick or CWD positive animals.

REPORT SICK ANIMALS

- Report any deer exhibiting abnormal signs via our online mortality reporting form (see Useful Links).

GET YOUR ANIMAL TESTED

- If hunting in CA, check the CWD webpage for information on CDFW check station locations and dates.

USEFUL LINKS

CDFW Wildlife Mortality Reporting
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Investigations/Monitoring/Mortality-Report

CWD Alliance
<http://cwd-info.org/>

USGS National Wildlife Health Center – Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
www.nwhc.usgs.gov/disease_information/chronic_wasting_disease/

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Investigations Laboratory
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 358-2790

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California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 712. Restriction of Importation of Hunter-Harvested Deer and Elk Carcasses.

No hunter harvested deer or elk (cervid) carcass or parts of cervid carcass shall be imported into the State, except for the following body parts:

- (a) boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat.
- (b) portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- (c) hides with no heads attached.
- (d) clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached.
- (e) antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- (f) finished taxidermy heads.
- (g) upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).

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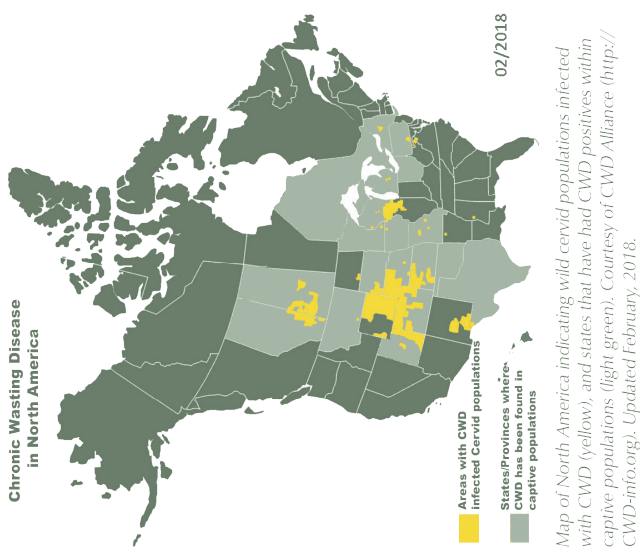
WHAT IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IS A FATAL NEUROLOGIC DISEASE OF CERVIDS (DEER, ELK, MOOSE, REINDEER).

IT IS CAUSED BY A MISFOLDED PROTEIN, CALLED A PRION, THAT CAUSES PROGRESSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BRAIN.

WHERE IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been diagnosed in free-ranging and captive deer, elk, and moose in 25 states and two Canadian provinces. It has also been found in captive elk and Sika deer in South Korea; free-ranging reindeer, red deer, and moose in Norway; and free-ranging moose in Finland.



HOW IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SPREAD?

The disease spreads through direct contact with infected individuals or an environment contaminated with infectious material. Infectious prion has been detected in urine, feces, saliva, and many tissues of infected animals such as muscle.

CAN CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE BE SPREAD TO PEOPLE?

There are no documented cases of CWD in a people. However, CDFW and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that hunters do not consume animals that test positive for CWD or otherwise appear sick.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

Infected animals gradually lose body condition, becoming emaciated or “wasted.” They may display a wide stance, staggering gait, or inability to keep their head up and have excessive salivation and thirst.

HOW IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE DIAGNOSED?

Approved tests in free-ranging cervids involve directly testing lymph node and brainstem. For this reason, sampling hunter-harvested animals remains the most reliable method for obtaining sufficient numbers for surveillance.

WHAT IS CALIFORNIA DOING?

Since 1999, California has tested 4500 deer and elk for CWD. To date, no CWD has been found. However, the potential for CWD to spread to California’s deer and elk populations still exists and surveillance for the disease remains important.

California legislative and regulatory actions have helped reduce the risk of importing CWD. These include:

- severely limiting the importation of captive deer and elk (and other cervids)
- banning the feeding of wildlife
- limiting what hunters can bring in from out-of-state hunts; “no skull, no backbone.”





State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife
DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE
DFW 901 (NEW 01/01/22)
📄 You can submit online at wildlife.ca.gov/qr/declaration-form

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Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2353 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712.5, this declaration form shall be completed by the person importing dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians, prior to or upon entry (within 24 hours) into the State of California. This declaration form shall be submitted online at wildlife.ca.gov/qr/declaration-form or postmarked to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division, PO Box 944209, Sacramento CA 94244-2090. A copy of this completed declaration form, or a confirmation number if completed online, shall be retained with the dead fish or wildlife.

SECTION 1. IMPORTER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	
GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID or DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS (Voluntary)
IMPORTATION VEHICLE LICENSE #		LOCATION AND DATE OF IMPORTATION	

SECTION 2. DEAD WILDLIFE, AND/ OR PARTS THEREOF INFORMATION

Description of Fish or Wildlife (species, quantity, sex, antler points when applicable, etc.)	Carcass or Part type ^A	Out of State Fishing or Hunting License #, or permit #	Out of State Hunting Tag #	Harvest Location (County, State, or country)

SECTION 3. CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information above is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described above are legally possessed/imported by the undersigned.

Signature _____ Date _____

Information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease: The California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. For more information go to:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Monitoring/CWD>

^A Carcass or Part Type codes: **WC** = whole fresh/frozen carcass; **MC** = meat cuts (processed); **MQ** = meat cuts (quarter); **TS** = tissue samples; **TA** = taxidermy/ trophy mount; **H** = hide; **S** = scientific specimens; **O** = other



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Form Instructions

BEFORE COMPLETING: Pursuant to Title 14, Section 712.5, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Fish and Game Code Section 2353, notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful to import (or bring into the state of California) any dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibia legally taken and legally possessed from outside of California, unless a declaration is submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) at or immediately prior to the time of entry. The importation of live animals is regulated under separate laws and regulations, therefore this form is not required for importation of live wildlife. Situations by which this form would be used include dead wildlife imported into California from out of state (including out of the country in accordance with that country's export requirements):

- Legally hunted or fished for personal consumption;
- Legally taken for trophy or taxidermy;
- Legally taken specimens for scientific or other research, notwithstanding other laws for their possession and/ or importation; and
- Other legal uses.

Section 1 – Original Permitholder Information. For importation of dead wildlife and/or parts thereof, indicate the Importer's first name, last name, Government-Issued ID or Driver's License #, birthdate, physical (mailing) address, and optional email address.

Section 2 – Dead Wildlife and/or Parts Thereof Information. Provide a description of the wildlife imported, including species, quantity, sex and antler points when applicable, etc. State or Federal permits under which authority the take and/or possession (collection) of the salvaged animals, and/or parts thereof occurred. For categories that don't apply, indicate N/A.

Section 3 – CERTIFICATION The importer signs here certifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described are legally possessed/imported by the signer.

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State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife
ENTRY PERMIT FOR HUNTING
FG994 (rev. 8/14)

Permission is hereby granted to

Name _____

Address _____

To enter upon my property or property under my control for the purpose of:

- Hunting birds and mammals during daylight hours. (From one-half hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Hunting nongame mammals or furbearers at night. (From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise)

(Note to Landowner: You may cross out whichever statement does not apply. If neither is crossed out, the permittee is authorized to hunt on your land at any hour of the day or night.)

Location of property _____

Size of property (acres) _____

Special conditions _____

This permit shall expire on _____

Signature of Landowner, Tenant or Agent

Date Issued

CRPA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA HUNTING & CONSERVATION COALITION

California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.

The Coalition’s primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.

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CRPA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

ALL NEW CRPA members of every level receive these benefits:

- Subscription to CRPA’s *California Firing Line* magazine
- CRPA membership card with Know Your Rights notice
- CRPA decal or sticker
- Legislative & litigation updates and information bulletins
- Exclusive access to timely and informative webinars, podcasts and other resources

Upgraded members receive *additional* benefits as listed below. To sign up for membership, please visit crpa.org.

■ **Student 1-Year Membership:** \$30 / Year

■ **1-Year General Membership:** \$55 / Year

■ **5-Year General Membership:** \$225 (\$5 savings a year on annual membership)

■ **2A Sustaining Membership:** \$17.91 / month

CRPA LIFE MEMBERSHIPS*

- Life Member Hat
- Life Member Velcro Patch
- CRPA Life Member Decal or Sticker
- Pocket Constitution
- CRPA Challenge Coin
- A copy of the current year edition of *California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* by CRPA’s President and General Counsel Chuck Michel

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■ **Senior Life Member (65 and older):** \$550

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- **Defender Life Member:** \$1000 upgrade for CRPA Life Members
- CRPA Defender Life Member Hat
- CRPA Defender Life Member Lapel Pin
- CRPA Custom-Engraved Defender Life Member Buck Knife
- Annually updated copy of *California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* by CRPA’s President and General Counsel Chuck Michel
- Defender Life Member Certificate
- Invitations to Exclusive VIP Events, Briefings and Tours
- Personal Recognition from CRPA President

■ **Activist Life Member (Silver/Patron):** \$1500 upgrade for CRPA Defender Life Members

- Activist Life Member Embroidered Patch
- Activist Life Member Outerwear / Jacket
- Activist Life Member Hat
- Activist Life Member Lapel Pin
- CRPA Custom Engraved Life Membership Buck Knife
- Annually updated copy of *California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* by CRPA’s President and General Counsel Chuck Michel
- Activist Life Member Certificate
- Invitations to Exclusive VIP Events, Briefings and Tours
- Personal Recognition from CRPA President

■ **Patriot Life Member (Gold/Benefactor):** \$1500 upgrade for CRPA Activist Life Members

- Custom Engraved Pistol (For First 50 Members)
- CRPA Patriot Life Member Hat
- CRPA Patriot Life Member Lapel Pin
- CRPA Custom Engraved Life Member Buck Knife
- Annually updated copy of *California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* by CRPA’s President and General Counsel Chuck Michel
- CRPA Patriot Life Member Challenge Coin
- Special Patriot Life Member Recognition Wall Plaque
- Patriot Life Member Certificate
- Invitations to Exclusive VIP Events, Briefings and Tours
- Personal Recognition from CRPA President
- Custom logo jacket

CRPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name
DOB
Street Address
City, County, State, Zip Code
Phone
Email Address

Membership Options	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Student 1-Year Member	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Year Member	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Member	\$225
<input type="checkbox"/> 2A Sustaining Member	\$17.91/month
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	\$1000
*Veterans take 10% off Annual, 5-year, Life	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Life Member	\$550
<input type="checkbox"/> Defender Life Member	\$1000 + Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Activist Life Member	\$1500 + Defender
<input type="checkbox"/> Patriot Life Member	\$1500 + Activist

Check next to membership of choice

☐ Auto-Renewal Total Due \$ _____

Check #
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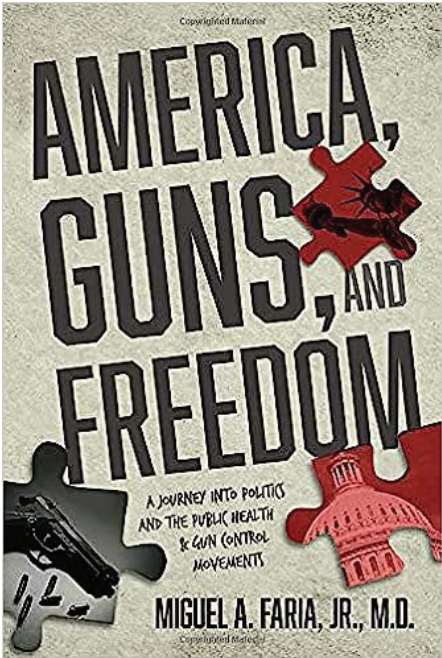
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AMERICA, GUNS AND FREEDOM

A JOURNEY INTO POLITICS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH & GUN CONTROL MOVEMENTS



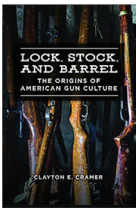
that this “gun culture” played in saving England during World War II. American traditions have been and remain beacons of liberty, and this is most evident in America, Guns, and Freedom. Totalitarian governments that deny their citizens the right to keep and bear arms are a threat to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. **CRPA**

BY MIGUEL A. FARIA, JR., M.D.

America, Guns, and Freedom outlines why the Second Amendment and armed self-defense are still needed in modern society, debunks the arguments that the U.S. should follow the path of European social democracies by enforcing draconian gun control, and expounds on how civilian disarmament in Australia and Great Britain, despite media hype, has not decreased violent crime in those countries. In *America, Guns, and Freedom*, the author warns us of the five essential ingredients

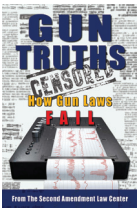
required for the creation and sustenance of tyrannical governments, one of which has been civilian disarmament via gun registration followed by gun bans and confiscation. Faria discusses mass shooting incidents and the role of mental illness. Special attention is given to the problem of how media sensationalism may encourage deranged individuals and madmen to become mass shooters seeking celebrity status, even in death. While gun control advocates decry America’s “gun culture,” Faria informs us of the significant role

LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL: The Origins of American Gun Culture
BY CLAYTON E. CRAMER



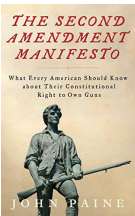
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GUN TRUTHS: How Gun Laws Fail
FROM THE SECOND AMENDMENT LAW CENTER



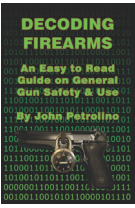
Gun Truths debunks common myths about firearms, self-defense, and gun ownership. It serves as a reference guide for journalists, politicians, law enforcement, and anyone interested in learning about the topics inflaming the debate on gun control.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT MANIFESTO: What Every American Should Know About Their Constitutional Right To Own Guns
BY JOHN PAINE



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BY JOHN PETROLINO



Decoding Firearms is an introductory look into gun safety and firearm use. Topics include gun safety rules, how firearms work, how to operate some common firearm types, the steps you take when using a firearm, and more. This is a good first look, presented in a conversational and didactic manner.

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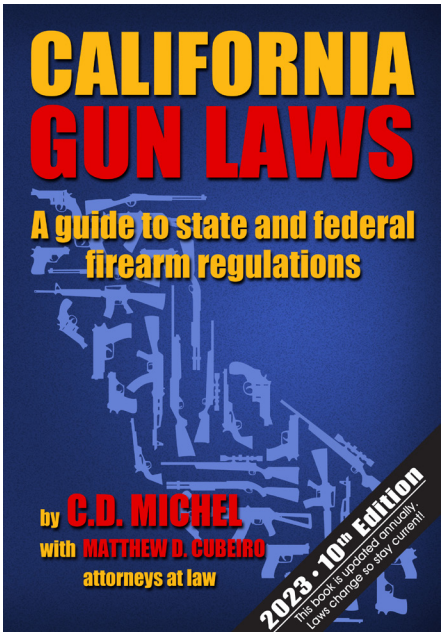
CALIFORNIA GUN LAWS

A GUIDE TO STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARM REGULATIONS

BY C.D. MICHEL
& MATTHEW D. CUBEIRO

California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations is said to be the bible and definitive source for information on the subject. This tremendous resource is jam-packed with thousands of hours of legal research, all of which has been transcribed into a format that is easy to read and comprehend. Chock-full of legal and practical insights drawn from decades of experience, this book is a must-have for any California gun owner.

The 2023 10th Edition is perhaps our greatest undertaking yet. Following the highly anticipated ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* from the United States Supreme Court, a flurry of lawsuits have been filed challenging California's arbitrary and unconstitutional gun laws.



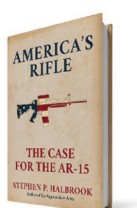
But anti-gun politicians are not letting the Supreme Court's decision stand in their way of enacting legislative and regulatory changes—nearly all of which are also being challenged. Core among these is the recent changes to federal regulations for the definition of a firearm and a frame/receiver. And in California, over a dozen new anti-gun bills were signed into law that are addressed in the 10th Edition, including:

■ **Senate Bill No. 1327**, which creates a private right of action against any person who manufactures, distributes, transports, imports, sells, gives, or lends any firearm lacking a serial number, any “assault weapon,” any .50 BMG rifle, or any firearm precursor part under certain circumstances.

■ **Assembly Bill No. 2571**, which prohibits the advertising or marketing of any firearm-related product in a way that is designed, intended, or reasonably appears to be attractive to minors.

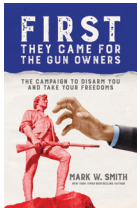
And More! **CRPA**

AMERICA'S RIFLE: The Case For The AR-15
BY STEPHEN P. HALBROOK



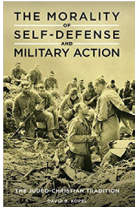
This book is the definitive work showing the central place of AR-15s and other semiautomatic rifles in the American story. Halbrook comprehensively reviews the historical, legal, and policy arguments advanced by gun prohibitionists and demonstrates that these bans are deeply antagonistic to our history, our interests, and our Constitution.

FIRST THEY CAME FOR THE GUN OWNERS: The Campaign to Disarm You and Take Your Freedoms
BY MARK W. SMITH



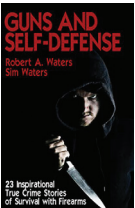
Bestselling author and attorney Mark W. Smith exposes the all-encompassing nature of the anti-gun lobby's attack on the right to keep and bear arms that empowers government to control other important aspects of our lives.

THE MORALITY OF SELF-DEFENSE AND MILITARY ACTION: The Judeo-Christian Tradition
BY DAVID B. KOPEL



Shedding new light on a controversial and intriguing issue, this book reshapes the self-defense debate. Kopel takes a multidisciplinary approach, engaging with leading writers on both sides of the issue.

GUNS AND SELF-DEFENSE
BY ROBERT A. WATERS AND SIM WATERS



The authors describe true stories in which a cross-section of Americans used guns to fend off violent assailants. These are stories the mainstream media rarely reports. For those who fancy identity politics, the would-be victims represent a microcosm of America. Read about the stories that didn't get their due time in the media.



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