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FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting Agenda August 14, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – Troops / Prayer

Roll Call: Quorum [Yes] [No]

- 1) Kim Stolfer
- 3) Ed Bogats
- Open
 Dan McMonigle
- 7) Klint Macro

- 2) Jim Stoker4) Stephen LaSpina
- 2. Approval of Proposed Agenda: 2.1 Changes (if any):

3. Guest Speakers:

• Dom Giordano – A5C – Presentation – JBS

4. Secretary's Report: FOAC Secretary: Dale Brackin-Minutes

5. How to Effectively Employ a Shotgun-In this month's training tip, Dr. Ed Bogats FOAC BOD, 10year Director of Safety/Security and Campus Police, CCAC and Lead Trainer/Owner (29 years) of EJC Security Services and 40 years in law enforcement, will discuss the effectiveness of Shotguns.

6. ILLEA Fall 2022 Gun Bash Tickets are on SALE – The Fall FOAC-ILLEA Gun Bash Fundraiser is planned for October 8th. <u>https://foac-illea.org/Gun-Bash/14</u>

6.1 FOAC Booth, Washington County Gun Show – The next gun show is September 24th and 25th. The FOAC-ILLEA booth needs volunteers. Contact FOAC member Kevin Jackson for information: 412-302-3544 or <u>rubyred@hotmail.com</u>.

7. Current Legislative Issues & Legal Actions:

7.1 Breaking: FBI Raids Trump's Mar-A-Lago Home

Joe Biden and his fellow Democrats can't seem to decide whether or not they want Donald Trump to run for president. But either way, they're committed to turning our nation into a banana republic with their political persecution of the man whose appeal drives them crazy and whose commitment to draining The Swamp frightens them to their core. As Fox News <u>reports</u>:

The FBI's decision to execute a search warrant at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on Monday is "unprecedented" — especially for a non-sitting commander-in-chief and one who has indicated he might run again, a former special-agent-in-charge told Fox News Digital on Monday. "We just haven't investigated presidents after they've served their term," Michael Tabman, former head of the FBI's Minneapolis Field Office, said. "But it is a huge move by the FBI in that the political sensitivities are clear. It's obvious that they're dealing on a very, sort of tenuous political climate when you go out and you investigate a president, especially one who says he may run for office again." Trump announced on Monday that his palatial Florida residence had been raided early in the morning. Sources told Fox News Digital the search was in connection with materials that Trump took with him from his time as president. Sources also said National Archives and Records Administration referred the case to the Justice Department, which recovered 15 boxes of classified materials from the home.

"The raid of [Mar-A-Lago] is another escalation in the weaponization of federal agencies against the Regime's political opponents, while people like Hunter Biden get treated with kid gloves," <u>tweeted</u> Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. "Now the Regime is getting another 87k IRS agents to wield against its adversaries? Banana Republic."

The governor is spot-on. We used to roll our eyes and shake our heads at the corrupt political machinations going on in all those small, sorry Central American countries. Who's laughing now? **Read More Here**:

- <u>https://patriotpost.us/articles/90418-trumps-mar-a-lago-home-raided-by-fbi-2022-08-09</u>
- <u>https://townhall.com/tipsheet/spencerbrown/2022/08/09/judge-who-approved-maralago-raid-tied-to-epstein-obama-n2611480</u>

7.2 FOAC-ILLEA Challenges PICS Delays – For well over two decades, FOAC-ILLEA has stood our ground and called for the dissolution of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System otherwise known as PICs. We have fought not only those members of the legislature who were intimidated by the Pennsylvania State police but also our fellow organizations (NRA, Goa, CCRKBA) who were all too eager to support law enforcement!

Over the years, FOAC-ILLEA has expressed our deep concerns to legislative leaders in Harrisburg over the violations of the constitutional rights and statutory law for all citizens.

As has been previously discussed, FOAC-ILLEA has found it necessary to launch two actions, one is legislative (HB 280) and is in cooperation with <u>Representative Jason Ortitay</u> and one is judicial and we have retained Prince and Associates to legally remedy the situation. The legal challenge to PICS is in regard to the unwarranted delays that typically exceed 7 hours and, in some occasions, up to 34 hours even though the statutes require the background checks to be instantaneous. Not only has this seriously negatively impacted FFL businesses but thousands of individuals have been disenfranchised of their statutory and constitutional rights under the Pennsylvania and U.S. Constitutions.

Update: in layman's terms, the dysfunction within the PSP is too difficult to put into terms that is able to fit within this newsletter. Over the years, from Cpl. Pica to Lieut. Keeler and all the way up to the Commissioner, along with the legal representation of the Atty. Gen.'s office, what has been evident to the observer is a general unwillingness to comply with statutory law. What's worse is the open disrespect that is shown to the constitutional rights of all citizens under Article 1 Section 21 and Section 25.

This coming week we will once again be faced with a legal situation that has resulted in Judge McCullough bending over backwards to appease the Atty. Gen.'s office and the state police. I do know that the constitutional rights that are managed by the Pennsylvania State police through the statutory compliance with the Uniform Firearms Act is an expanding train record about to happen.

We are in this legal action through the long haul and we believe that our legal counsel is up to the task as is our relationship with Representative Jason Ortitay. Please see the links below on the updates from our attorney and know that we will not quit representing the Constitution and your rights! Links to Updates:

- <u>https://blog.princelaw.com/2022/05/18/foac-illea-seeks-a-writ-of-mandamus-declaratory-and-permanent-injunctive-relief-against-the-psp-for-pics-delays/</u>
- <u>https://blog.princelaw.com/2022/05/13/pennsylvania-state-police-testifies-that-it-misleads-the-pa-general-assembly-in-annual-firearms-report-regarding-background-check-delays-and-more/</u>

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7.2 FOAC et al vs City of Pittsburgh – ever since 1970, when section 6120 (preemption) was enacted, local communities have seen gun control and violations of our rights as a path to success and an excuse for ignoring the criminal element amongst us. As long as we continue to not hold them accountable, we will continue to be bled dry by the vampires in City Hall.

Be that as it may, we once again have defeated the city of Pittsburgh in Commonwealth Court but it is a shallow victory because the city's lawyers the lawyers from Everytown have made it their life's work to drag out the legal costs. What's worse is that all the criminals who have continued to thumb their noses at the law and Pennsylvania's uniform firearms act in particular, continue to find safe haven in the legal section of Everytown.

Links to Updates:

- <u>https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-to-appeal-weapons-ban-ruling-to-state-supreme-court/</u>
- <u>https://princelaw.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/opinion-foac-v-pburgh.pdf</u> link to decision.

I know in this day and age of what appears to be defeats that are all around us, it is difficult for gun owners to believe that our organization has been extremely successful at legal victories made possible by donations to <u>Firearm Owners Against Crime</u>. But it is TRUE! This is another example of what can be done by committed individuals!

7.3 A5C Action Alert – FOAC-ILLEA has continued to circulate action alerts opposing an A5C and <u>SR152</u>. In addition, there are 2 more House Resolutions – <u>HR 57</u> and <u>SR 109</u> – that continue to focus on the Article V Convention approach. While it is not clear what is currently happening in Harrisburg on this issue what is clear is the fact that former Sen. Santorum is spreading around campaign donations in an attempt to buy the support of state legislators who otherwise should know better!

These positions have already caused several incumbents in the Senate their offices including former State Sen. David Argall. It is well-known that this issue is DOA in the House of Representatives and **Representative Keeler** is chair of a committee that is dealing with these issues while at the same time she is a **cosponsor** of <u>SR 109</u>. I don't doubt her commitment to the Constitution as she has said that she would like a true debate on these issues.

COS member Steve Davies has accorded FOAC-ILLEA a high honor for being the '**only**' 2A organization, in PA, responsible for STOPPING <u>SR 152</u> from passing! Congrats to the Senators (Sen. Devlin Robinson and Michelle Brooks especially) and to you all for all your hard work!

The pressure on PA Senators from COS has been unbelievable this year.

If you have not already done so call Senator Kim Ward. If you have called then call again Sen. Kim Ward Majority Leader: Ask her not to bring <u>SR 152</u> or <u>SR 67</u> to a floor Vote! (717) 787-6063 Calls also need to be made to PA Senators to urge a NO Vote, should these be brought up for a floor vote. PA Senate contact info: <u>https://foac-illea.org/PA-Legislator-Info</u>

7.4 Legality of Reference Request on the PA LTCF Form – For over 20 years we (FOAC-ILLEA) have been railing against the references on the LTCF application. This has, also, been an issue for discussion in the concealed carry seminars that FOAC-ILLEA has been conducting for years.

The LTCF form is designed by the PSP administration, who we have seen has little respect for affirming individual rights. In point of fact, there is nothing in PA law which makes the concept of references LEGAL.

"This was a concept that was conjured up by the Pennsylvania State Police that is unsupported by the language in the law."

While Sheriff's are legally obligated to conduct criminal background, mental health and PFA checks they are also charged with investigating an individual's character and reputation to ensure they are not a danger to the public.

The PSP as well as certain Sheriffs have continued to call for the completion of the reference section. This creates a dilemma for a Sheriff who actually checks the references as the disclosure that

the applicant possesses firearms and is seeking to carry for self-defense violates the PA legal prohibition on the disclosure of this information.

In fact, Sheriff offices have been sued in court for violating this prohibition with multimillion dollar settlements. The "concept of references is problematic and unsupportable as a matter of philosophy, legality, and practicality."

Kim Stolfer has prepared a white paper on this issue to reflect FOAC-ILLEA's position. It can be obtained by request to <u>info@foac-illea.org</u>

7.5 FOAC-ILLEA Upcoming Actions - The Amicus(s) will be filed in October, provided that there aren't more continuances filed. Klint Macro raised funds for the brief(s) by building a coalition of like minded organizations. There will be 3 amicus filed. One by Firearms Policy Coalition, one by FOAC-ILLEA, and one by ACSL.Our Counsel, Josh Prince, felt that having FPC address the federal issues, FOAC-ILLEA address the preemption issues, and ACSL address the training and Sporting issues, would be the best way to address the amici. He will decide which of the other organizations will be listed on which amicus under the top line orgs. Klint Macro was able to raise \$29,700 of the requested \$30,000 - \$10,00 of which from FOAC-ILLEA.

8.0 In the news...

8.1 Firearms are, and Continue to be, Life Saving Tools as the ILLEA Self Defense Stories Show – We are engaging in a chronicle of articles that illustrate that Firearms are used as life-saving tools thousands of times more than they are used to commit crimes. Research has shown that law-abiding individuals use a firearm up to 6,850 times a day to stop an assault or prevent a crime. In more than 90% of the cases the presentation of a firearm is sufficient to effectively resolve the situation. Criminals, by their nature, actively seek out 'Gun Free Zones' where they will meet with little or no resistance. The act of 'fighting back', including the presentation of a firearm by the proposed victim, can be very convincing! **Many of these incidents occur in Pennsylvania**.

Defense Stories can be found currently at https://foac-illea.org/Defense-Stories.

8.2 22-year-old woman in Mexico faces seven years in prison for killing her rapist in self-defense: 8/6/2022 - Roxana Ruiz Santiago cautiously peeks out before opening the door. She is less than five feet tall and wears blue jeans and a hand-embroidered white blouse that contrasts with her brown skin. She has big eyes and long black hair; she wears a braid and on her face a smile. At 22 years old, she has survived attempted femicide and has spent nine months in jail, but her nightmare is not over yet. In 2021 she was imprisoned for killing her rapist and since then she has been waiting for the trial to begin that will determine if she is guilty of the murder or if she is released for acting in self-defense. She faces a sentence of up to seven years.

https://foac-illea.org/Mexico-Self-defense:-22-year-old-Woman-In-Mexico-Faces-Seven-Years-In-Prison-For-Killing-Her-Rapist-In-Self-defense/Defense-Story/3278

8.3 Elderly California store owner fires at armed robbery suspect who shouts, 'He shot my arm off!': 08/02/2022 - An 80-year-old <u>California liquor store owner</u> was caught on video opening fire at a would-be robber with a shotgun, prompting the suspect to run out of his business screaming "he shot my arm off!" <u>https://foac-illea.org/California-Self-defanse:-Elderly-California-Store-Owner-Fires-At-Armed-Robbery-Suspect-Who-Shouts-he-Shot-My-Arm-Off!%E2%80%99/Defense-Story/3270</u>

8.4 Man fatally shot while trying to break into York County home, sheriff's office says: 07/25/2022 - YORK COUNTY, Va. (WAVY) — The York Poquoson Sheriff's Office says a homeowner fatally shot a man who tried to kick down the door to a home in York County on Monday. The call for the shooting came in just after 5 p.m. in the 300 block of Corvette Drive. The neighborhood is near Queens Lake Middle School. <u>https://foac-illea.org/Virginia-Self-defense:-Man-Fatally-Shot-While-Trying-To-Break-Into-York-County-Home-Sheriff%E2%80%99s-Office-Says/Defense-Story/3264</u>

9. Election Issues – Gearing up for the Mid-Year Elections of 2022

9.1 2022 Elections – Act 77 and the damage that it wrought continues to be a political hot potato. The PA Supreme Court has rejected another challenge to the unconstitutional (PA's Constitution) underpinnings based on a purely partisan outcome after a lower court judge struck down the law. https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2022/01/pa-mail-voting-court-ruling-unconstitutional-whats-next/

9.2 2000 Mules–Dinesh Dsouza's movie (and book) documenting 2020 Presidential Election fraud. DVD can be purchased at <u>https://shop.salemnow.com/product/2000-mules/</u>

10. Media and Events:

10.1. Concealed Carry Seminars –<u>FOAC-ILLEA</u> Board Member and 1st Vice-President, Jim Stoker and 2nd VP Klint Macro have taken over the presentation of these seminars in Kim's absence. FOAC members Bob Canova and Kevin Jackson also assist with support. A recent addition to the seminars has also been new FOAC member Lisha Mihalko, who travels along and assists in discussing female concealment options for the women in attendance. The seminars are done in conjunction with Pa legislators and sportsmen's associations. They can also be requested by other groups interested in learning about Pa Firearm Laws. These seminars help Pa residents understand the complexity of Pa firearm laws. Lacking an understanding of Pa firearm law, an innocent law-abiding individual can unknowingly become ensnared, prosecuted and lose their firearm rights for life. Upcoming seminars can be found on the FOAC ILLEA website: <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events</u>

11. Legislation:

11.1 PA State Legislation: In response to the recent tragic mass murders disarmament zealots have been roused to fury to attempt to use the deaths of innocents to push their long time wish lists of radical gun control. In Harrisburg, PA House Democrats attempted to abandon House rules and force a vote on an assault weapons bill. It should be noted that following the sunset of the Clinton assault weapons ban, research showed it had no effect on reducing crime. The D's attempt was voted down by 111-87.

Other efforts by Ds were to call for Universal Background Checks, Red Flag Laws, Lost and Stolen Reporting Laws, Mandatory Storage Laws and Tracking hate groups-among others. Bills in the House Judiciary included <u>HB699</u> (*Fitzgerald D*) mandating "safe" storage, <u>HB770</u> (*Gainey D*) Assault weapon ban, <u>HB1538</u> (*Frankel D*) ending state firearm preemption, <u>HB1903</u> (Stephens R) red flag law furthering government confiscation without due process.

PA Republicans have confirmed that they are unlikely to budge on this push for these proven ineffective proposals. <u>https://foac-illea.org/Republican-lawmakers-in-Harrisburg-not-likely-to-budge-on-push-for-gun-control-in-Pennsylvania/News-Item/13848</u>

11.1.1 PA State House – Total Firearm Bills, 53 anti-gun and 24 pro-gun. Current PA House legislation can be accessed at this link <u>https://foac-illea.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation</u>

11.1.2 PA Senate– Total Firearm Bills, 30 anti-gun, 9 pro-gun. Current PA Senate legislation can be accessed at this link <u>https://foac-illea.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-Senate-Legislation</u>

11.1.3 Critical Pro-Gun Legislation in PA House and PA Senate -FOAC lists an explanation of critical pro-gun and anti-gun PA legislation can be found at these links:

- https://foac-illea.org/pdfs/Bill_List_Firearms_21-22_Top_ProGunBills-Synopsis-R6.pdf
- https://foac-illea.org/pdfs/Bill_List_Firearms_21-22_Top_Anti-GunBills-Synopsis-R4.pdf

A representative sampling of individual Pro-Gun Legislation can be seen below:

- 1. Strengthening PA Preemption (Rep Dowling/Sen Langerholc) HB979 / SB 448
- 2. PICS to NICS (Rep Ortitay) HB280
- 3. Constitutional Carry (Rep. Bernstine / Sen. Dush) HB659 / SB 565
- 4. Strengthening Self Defense Disparity of Force (Rep Davanzo) HB921

- 5. Right to Bear Arms Protection Act (Rep Metcalfe/ Sen Mastriano) HB357 / SB624
- Formerly an Assault Weapon Ban now it is a Constitutional Carry bill <u>HB717</u>
 Firearms Transfers During PICS Outages (Rep Metzgar) <u>HB1007</u>

A representative sampling of individual Anti-Gun Legislation can be seen below:

- 1. Assault Weapon Ban <u>HB698</u> / <u>HB770</u> /
- 2. Mandatory Background Checks All Firearms <u>HB 235</u> / <u>HB 338</u> / <u>HB1235</u> / <u>HB 1810</u> / <u>SB88</u>
- 3. Repeals Preemption <u>HB361</u> / <u>HB 1538</u>
- 4. Mandatory Background Checks for Ammo Purchase <u>HB393</u> / <u>HB 1751</u> / <u>HB 1786</u>
- 5. Expansion of Gun Free Zones ex polling places <u>HB528</u> / <u>HB737</u> / <u>HB1090</u>
- 6. Lost or Stolen Mandatory Reporting <u>HB699</u> / <u>HB980</u> / <u>SB217</u>
- 7. Licensing Firearm Ownership & Mandatory Training <u>HB872</u> / <u>HB1846</u> / <u>SB226</u>
- 8. Extreme Risk Protection Orders Red Flag Laws <u>HB1211 / HB 1903 / SB134</u>
- 9. No Fly List Gun Ban HB1900 / SB490

(<u>HB 717</u> was anti-gun – pn 687 – but was amended in committee – pn 3279 – and is pro-gun)

11.2 Federal Legislation - We reported recently on the U.S. Congress rushing through (can you say emotionally charged?) a package of gun control based on Uvalde Texas school tragedy. Since then, the package, <u>HR 7910</u>, was amended several times and ended up garnering 15 Republican turncoats.

Why do I say they are turncoats?

Because information has come out in the intervening weeks that casts a dark shadow over the law enforcement response and the manipulation of those in power. When you have nearly 400 law enforcement officers who then stage in the hallway outside the classroom for over an hour there 'has-to-be' something wrong.

Irrespective of the eventual outcome on the legislation, the complete cluster that was Uvalde Texas has since cast a cloud of doubt over not only the law enforcement response but also the perpetrator, who I won't name, and the reasons why he was allowed to roam the streets!

What is 'in' <u>HR 7910</u>? **Read this and weep**:

- TITLE I—RAISE THE AGE
- TITLE II—PREVENT GUN TRAFFICKING
- TITLE III—UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS
- TITLE IV—SAFE STORAGE
- TITLE V—CLOSING THE BUMP STOCK LOOPHOLE
- TITLE VI—KEEP AMERICANS SAFE
 - Sec. 602. Restrictions on large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
 - Sec. 604. Use of Byrne grants for buy-back programs for large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

Not ONE of these laws would have presented Uvalde Texas or any of the other tragedies in the school murders. What makes it worse is that these are all limitations on the civil right that has already been severely curtailed.

To make matters worse, the appetite for unconstitutional laws in the Democrats has only been whetted by the collapse of the resistance of the Republicans in the U.S. Senate as is evidenced by the passage last week of an Assault Weapon Ban in the House of Representatives.

One thing that has become quite clear lately – anti-Second Amendment extremists no longer are hiding what they want. Some are openly calling for Australia-style gun bans. Others want the Second Amendment repealed. In a lot of cases, Second Amendment supporters are justified in perceiving hatred on the part of anti-Second Amendment extremists.

We have a choice ahead of us and it's not clear how it's going to turn out!

https://thenewamerican.com/as-biden-rails-against-second-amendment-congress-negotiatingradical-gun-control-schemes/?mc_cid=43f9624595&mc_eid=d9f72db284 **11.2.1 US Senate– Total Firearm Bills**, 43 anti-gun, 22 pro-gun – See updates at <u>https://foac-illea.org/Proposed-Federal-Senate-Legislation -</u>

11.2.2 US House – Total Firearm Bills, 99 anti-gun, 44 pro-gun – See updates at <u>https://foac-illea.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation</u>

12. Events: Please check the FOAC-ILLEA website for update <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events</u>

12.1 Washington County Gun Show - 09/24/2022 through 09/25/2022- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm -Washington County Fairgrounds- To volunteer contact Kevin Jackson / <u>rubyred933@hotmail.com</u> 412-302-3544

12.2 Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim - 08/17/2022, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Carlisle Fire and Rescue, 117 Carlisle Springs Road, Carlisle, PA 17013 <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events/37</u>

12.3 Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Bud Cook - 09/08/2022, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Roscoe Sportsmen's Association, 1069 Sloan Lane, Coal Center, Pa. 15423 <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events/40</u>

12.4 Harrisburg 2A Rally – Stay Free, Stay Armed - 09/12/2022 - 10:00 am - Pennsylvania Capitol Stairs - <u>https://pa2arally.com/</u>

12.5 Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event -09/17/2022 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm - Forward Township Municipal Building1000 Golden Cir., Elizabeth, PA 15037 <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events/17</u>

1**2.6 Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event** - 10/1/2022 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm - Crescent Township Municipal Building 225 Spring Run Rd., Glenwillard, PA 15046 <u>https://foacillea.org/Events/18</u>

12.7 Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Jim Marshall - 10/05/2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Daugherty Township VFD, 4198 S R 1022 New Brighton PA 15066 <u>https://foac-illea.org/Events/41</u>

13. Good of the Order:

13.1 Organizational Charts and Committee Assignments/Volunteers – Discussion about the committees, organization, and commitment to effectively impact Section 21 in Pennsylvania. A team impact requires a team effort. The question is... what can YOU do to fight for your rights?

14. Adjournment