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## Guns 'N Protests

As the alt-left gears up its assault on American values—and as Patriots increasingly take to the streets to demonstrate their support of Freedom of Speech and of the Right to Bear Arms—more people are asking about their right –to-carry at a protest, according a *blog.uslawshield.com* posting by Justin McShane, a U.S. LawShield of Pennsylvania Independent Program Attorney.

“It’s a little bit complex because we live in complex times,” he writes. “But what we need to do is start with the very basics.”

In Pennsylvania, he notes, “we basically have two areas. There’s Philadelphia and the rest of the state.” That’s because in the rest of Pennsylvania, there’s no question (subject to certain limitations) that open carry is a right. “It’s not against the law to open carry an AR on a sling or to open carry a firearm on your side,” he explains. But in Philadelphia “we have special rules when it comes to open carry. One may only open carry if you have a license to carry a firearm.”

That’s because Philadelphia is the only city of the first class, which means it has over 1 million people, which enables the municipality to establish certain firearm regulations. So, “if you’re going to and from a protest, you need a license to carry a firearm in order to put it inside your car, and especially in Philadelphia.”

Different statutes govern a so-called National Special Security Event (NSSE), adds McShane. “We’ve had a couple of those, believe it or not, in

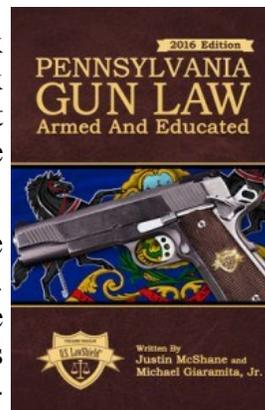
Pennsylvania, and fairly recently. If you remember, the pope, the pontiff, he came into Philadelphia. Department of Homeland Security and Secret Service decided to set up an NSSE, as it’s called, and prohibited not only firearms at the event, but also balloons and hard coolers and a whole bunch of stuff in order to, ostensibly, keep it secure for the pope.”

During an NSSE, the Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction, with the Secret Service, may look at criteria in order to see whether or not they can apply those restrictions.

The three criteria are “pretty simple,” according to McShane. One is “the anticipated attendance by someone who is a U.S. high-level officer and/or foreign dignitary. That’s why when Trump, candidate Trump, visited the farm show complex, we couldn’t have firearms there.” The second consideration is the size of the event, and the third one is the “significance” of the event.

But there are some situations when the government cannot restrict our Second Amendment rights. Under 42 U.S.C. 5207, for example, “even under states of emergency, like Hurricane Katrina, the government cannot, by law, confiscate firearms. But another statute, 18 P.S. 6107, says that there is no open carry on public streets or public property if a state of emergency is granted. “So it’s another reason to get a license to carry a firearm, if you can,” McShane says.

<https://blog.uslawshield.com/protests-and-guns-in-pennsylvania/>



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## Guns ‘N Food

Shopping for the right firearm can take a lot of time, and if a person gets hungry, they often have to choose between breaking off their search or putting off their hunger pangs.

Fortunately for shoppers in Upper Mount Bethel Township, there’s an alternative: it is now possible to take home some cannoli *and* a gun from just one shop. At Comunale’s Italian Market and Gun Shop, visitors can check out new and used firearms—including some that are part of owner Comunale’s personal collection—and also pick up fresh meats, cheeses, and other delicacies that are sure to tempt the taste buds, according to a posting on [blog.uslawshield.com](http://blog.uslawshield.com).



For Comunale—who has a degree in food and restaurant management and whose wife’s family had owned a restaurant—the business combines two passions: Collecting quality firearms and preparing quality meats and other specialty foods.

“Firearms and food might seem an odd mix, but Comunale’s unique deli and gun shop endeavor actually started out as a furniture and firearms business, which isn’t any less strange,” notes U.S. & Texas LawShield Executive Director Peter J. Hermosa, according to the report. “For about 17 years, Comunale and his wife Desiree ran one of the largest independent furniture retailers in the area. But after the economic downturn of 2008, locals weren’t buying new beds, desks, or dining room sets; they were buying guns.”

Comunale says it started with his brother, who had a small business selling guns. “Even as we

were getting out of furniture, we were selling firearms and realized that the business had potential.”

Fortunately, the Comunale family had just the right space for two shops to co-exist under a single roof.

“We have a good setup for it, as our family owns the 22,000-square-foot strip mall that has a hardware store and limousine company on either side of us,” Comunale explains. “We have a total of 6,500 square feet, so it

allows us plenty of room for both our specialty foods and our firearms.”

But given a political climate that has been unwelcoming to firearms, Comunale says it’s no surprise gun shops have a hard time surviving. He also says that Facebook and other digital platforms make it increasingly difficult for him to promote even the Italian market half of his business online.

“We can’t advertise the food business because we sell guns in the shop, so Facebook limits what we can do,” he explains. “I don’t understand how a publicly traded company can leave money on the table and turn down our ads. This is a direction that the country is headed that needs to change. People should be able to run their shop and sell what they want.

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I am sorry if that offends some people, but I don't mince words."

But "we keep our head up and keep swinging, but by being unique, it's like we brought water to the desert," he adds.

"There isn't a lot

of money in selling guns, even under eight years of having someone so hostile to guns in the White House. But I've been collecting for more than 30 years and this is a way for me to feed my addiction of collecting firearms."

There is still some concern that new laws could make it harder for gun owners and the

gun shop. But for the near future, Comunale doesn't worry that sales of the firearms could slow with a Republican president in the White House.

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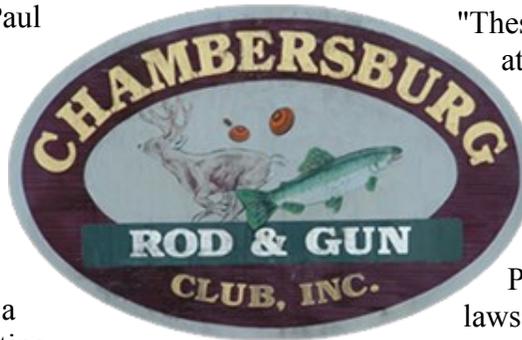
### MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it

## Republican State Representatives To Host Concealed-Carry Seminar

Pennsylvania State Reps. Paul Schemel and Adam Harris will host a concealed-carry seminar on Sept. 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the **Chambersburg Rod and Gun Club at 3725 Warm Spring Road, in Chambersburg**, according to a [www.heraldmillmedia.com](http://www.heraldmillmedia.com) posting.

Attorney Matt Menges, who speaks regularly about firearms laws, will conduct the seminar and answer questions. Menges will focus on how to safely interact with police when carrying a firearm and the legal aspects of the Castle Doctrine, which allows a homeowner to use deadly force, if necessary, when threatened by an armed intruder, said Harris, R-Franklin/Juniata/Mifflin, according to the article.



"These seminars are always well attended because they are a great way for gun owners to learn more about their rights," adds Schemel, R-Franklin. "I encourage anyone with questions about Pennsylvania's current firearms laws to join us."

[http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri\\_state/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-lawmakers-to-host-concealed-carry-seminar/article\\_bf8f3b49-14ec-5313-a700-c08c3f276002.html](http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/tri_state/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-lawmakers-to-host-concealed-carry-seminar/article_bf8f3b49-14ec-5313-a700-c08c3f276002.html)



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