

MORE GUNS, LESS ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Although the facts show that more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens result in less crime, left-wing liberals keep saying that more guns mean more deaths. The latest blow to their lies comes courtesy of a report issued by the National Safety Council, which admits that gun sales are up while accidental gun injuries are down.

The National Safety Council’s “Injury Facts -2017 Edition” shows a 17 percent decrease in accidents involving firearms from 2014 to 2015, a period when gun sales soared, according to a report on FOX News.

The FBI processed more gun-related background checks in September than any other on record, documents show.

There were 1,992,219 checks conducted through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS, that month, according to the FOX News report. The number represents an increase of nearly 200,000 checks, or more than 10 percent, over September 2015. September was the 17th month in a row to set a new record within its month, a streak dating back to May 2015.

There were 489 unintentional firearms-related fatalities during that time period, the lowest total since record-keeping began in 1903, accounting for less than 1 percent of accident deaths, according to the report. This decrease, which was the largest percentage decline of any category cited in the NSC’s report, came in a year that saw record-high firearm sales.



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While the government does not publish an official number of gun sales, background checks do indicate how many people try to buy guns –a number that skyrocketed under President Barack Hussein Obama, a “President” who consistently praised cop-killers, Islamic terrorists and other thugs. In 2016, more than 24.7 million criminal background checks for gun transactions were processed, according to data from the FBI’s National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS.

Left-wing liberals are whining over the report, but patriots and other pro-Second Amendment organizations are touting the results of the NSC report as a win for law-abiding citizens.

“This latest release from the National Safety Council shows that the vast majority of the 100 million American firearm owners meet the

serious responsibilities which come with firearm ownership,” says National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) President and CEO Steve Sanetti, according to FOX News. “They store their firearms safely and securely when not in use, and follow the basic rules of firearms safety when handling them.”

NSSF took credit for the “ever-downward trend” in firearms accidents, citing its program, Project ChildSafe, one of many firearms safety education programs sponsored by the firearms industry.

“We will continue to work with organizations interested in genuine firearms safety,” Sanetti says, “to help reduce the number of firearms accidents even further in the days and years ahead.”

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/03/30/accidental-gun-deaths-hit-record-low-even-amid-recent-boom-in-firearms-sales.html>

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/04/sign-surge-sales-gun-related-background-checks-break-monthly-record.html>

PA HOUSE BILL 38 AIMS TO EXPAND 2A WORKPLACE RIGHTS

An important bill that was introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill 38, aims to expand the scope of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA) by protecting individuals from workplace discrimination stemming from the lawful ownership, use, possession, transportation and storage of a firearm, according to a report on mondaq.com.

“Like employers in many states, Pennsylvania employers, regardless of merit, have seen an ever increasing number of employment discrimination lawsuit filed by current and former employees,” according to the article. “If

enacted, House Bill 38 would expand the number of protected classifications under the PHRA to include the ‘exercise of self-defense rights.’

The bill, which was introduced and sponsored by 15 State Representatives, will modify the PHRA, a Pennsylvania state law that bars workplace discrimination based on various protected classifications such as race, color, gender, national origin, age and a physical or mental disability. Under the PHRA, an individual who has been subject to workplace discrimination due to one of the listed protected classifications has the right to file a lawsuit against his or her current or former employer seeking to recover various damages including back wages, emotional distress and attorneys' fees.

Within the proposed legislation, the term "exercise of self-defense rights" is defined to include the lawful ownership, use, possession, transportation and storage of a firearm. If passed, House Bill 38 would prevent employers from taking an adverse action against an employee for exercising various rights relating to the lawful ownership of a firearm and to provide employees who have been subject to such an adverse action a right to file and pursue a discrimination lawsuit, according to the report.

The bill has not yet been passed or even put to a floor vote, but instead was referred to a committee for further consideration. But patriots say that it is still very much alive, and has a good chance of getting passed, especially if 2nd Amendment advocates and other patriots contact their representatives about House Bill 38.

www.mondaq.com/article.asp?article_id=578512

CENTRAL PA. SEES INCREASE IN CONCEALED CARRY SEMINARS

Concealed carry permit applications are increasing across Central Pennsylvania, according to officials; and state representatives are arming those applicants with the information of when and how to use their gun by holding concealed carry seminars, according to a report on FOX43.com.

"Before unholstering your firearm, officials said you have to answer yes to some questions, or you may have to answer to a jury," the report warns.

The article notes that Robert Klutas, from Middle Paxton Township, says, "You want to know when it's OK to use that. To display it, to shoot it, those kinds of things. That's very important."

State Rep. Sue Helm is aiming to help people understand their rights while carrying a concealed gun with a seminar in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County.

"Because they want to carry this weapon so that they are protected if somebody attacks them, or whatever walks in the house," Helm says. But they don't want to shoot if they shouldn't shoot."

Joseph Staudt, the owner of Staudt's Gun Shop, observes that applying for a concealed carry permit is getting more popular.

"When people see terrorist attacks whether it's foreign countries or here, like the night club shooting or Orlando, or what happened in San Bernardino, people get fearful," he says, according to the article. "And they want to

protect themselves if they were in that kind of situation."

Staudt adds there are more benefits that come with a concealed carry permit.

"It kind of protects you for carrying your firearm and ammunition," he said.

Attorney Josh Bodene educated the public on Pennsylvania laws and how to apply them.

"But it's use of deadly force, castle doctrine, stand your ground, concealed carry." He adds that regardless if it's concealed carry or open carry, you have to be able to distinguish when you are allowed to use deadly force.

And you may only have seconds to decide.

Rep. Helm plans to have another concealed carry seminar on April 27 in Ono, Lebanon County, so people throughout her jurisdiction can be better armed with information.

In another seminar, residents from Bedford County recently packed into a room in Schellsburg to hear about gun rights. A panel consisting of the county's sheriff, district attorney and local state representatives took questions from constituents about firearm legislation, including concealed carry laws. Residents were also interested in learning how to talk with law enforcement officers when carrying a firearm, according to a report on bearingarms.com.

"I'm always encouraged when I see groups of law abiding citizens coming out and want to exercise their Second Amendment rights, but want to do so responsibly," Bedford County District Attorney Bill Higgins told WJAC, according to the report

State Rep. Jesse Topper notes that these types of forums serve to educate the public and allow residents to brush up on laws and legislations surrounding particular issues.

“I really believe that we’re in the process of educating people on their rights and their responsibilities as gun owners,” says Topper. “These great turnouts obviously show that people are interested and they want to be responsible.”

Gun laws are constantly changing, and the representatives say it’s important to hold these types of forums and panels to address constituent questions. The article notes that District Attorney Higgins says most of the crime involving firearms that he deals with involves people who are uneducated about current gun laws.

<http://fox43.com/2017/04/06/concealed-carry-seminar-educates-public-on-rights/>

<https://bearingarms.com/beth-b/2017/04/13/pa-gun-rights-seminar/>

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

QUOTABLE QUOTES

To ban guns because criminals use them is to tell the innocent and law-abiding that their rights and liberties depend not on their own

conduct, but on the conduct of the guilty and the lawless, and that the law will permit them to have only such rights and liberties as the lawless will allow. ... For society does not control crime, ever, by forcing the law-abiding to accommodate themselves to the expected behavior of criminals. Society controls crime by forcing the criminals to accommodate themselves to the expected behavior of the law-abiding. – Jeff Snyder (“A Nation of Cowards”)

We must reject the idea that every time a law’s broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. – Ronald Reagan

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US Constitution 2nd Amendment

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21

“The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”
