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## Letter From the ~~President~~ Editor

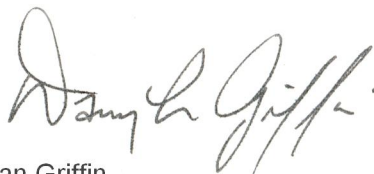
It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing that this will be the final issue of the Michigan Open Carry Newsletter. It has been both challenging and rewarding to bring news and articles of interest to the Michigan firearms community, and ultimately even to a wider audience. We have tried to offer our members and readers something not found anywhere else by any other organization in the United States. We have offered unique content with original articles on a variety of Open Carry and Second Amendment topics as well as provide hundreds of links each issue to articles of interest to the firearms community, with additional areas of focus on women, minorities, training, and even the occasional caliber debate.

We have kept an eye on national firearms initiatives as well as provided state-by-state summaries of pending and signed (or vetoed) legislation complete with links that you as the reader would have to spend months gathering from several sources. It took nothing more than a quick look down the state list of legislation in each issue of the newsletter to give you a sense of the feeling of Americans on gun-rights, gun-control, and the Second Amendment.

Why is the Michigan Open Carry Newsletter ceasing publication? The short answer is that there is no real appetite for it among its members. Michigan Open Carry has two facebook pages that serve the organization well and seem to suit the members better. The short format, along with people's attraction to social media, seem to address their interests well. Although I personally lament the omission of regular original, long form content, we have a new section of the Michigan Open Carry website for original content that in one way is superior to the newsletter. Because articles are posted there as needed, they are more timely than the newsletter. They also offer immediate reader feedback and discussion in the form of comments and questions. The news articles can be found here: <http://www.miopencarry.org/news>

You can sign up for our NEWS feed by clicking the appropriate box here: <http://miopencarry.org/updates> and clicking on the **News Postings from MOC Website** box.

It has been a pleasure serving you for the past two and a half years. I've met a number of you at various events, online, or via telephone, and I hope to meet many more in the coming years.



Dan Griffin  
Editor, Michigan Open Carry Newsletter

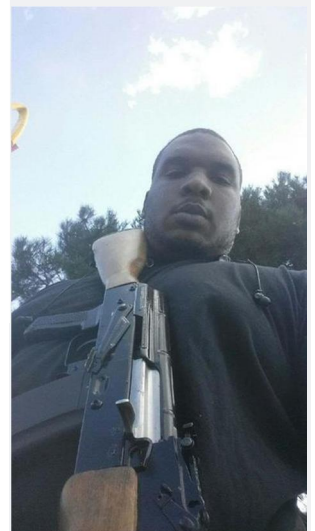
## ALSO OF INTEREST

Michigan Is An Open Carry State...But Only If You Are White



Cops found lying in court in Elijah Woody case

Michigan OCer Elijah Woody Found Not Guilty of CPL Violation



Hell's Saints allege racial motivations

*"To disarm the people...is the most effectual way to enslave them."*

— George Mason

## IN THE NEWS

Obama administration forcing new gun buyers to declare race, ethnicity



Change in 4473 risks privacy, racial profiling

New Anti-Gun Strategies



“Assault weapon” bans have proved very unpopular — but the anti-gun lobbies aren’t giving up

GOA’s Open Letter to President Barack H. Obama Regarding 2A



The Second Amendment does **not** “give” citizens any rights

Twenty-One Mechanisms For Defeating Second Amendment



How anti-gun groups seek to destroy the Second Amendment

## Firearms Legislation Pending/Passed/Vetoed

This is a subset of firearms and weapons bills that were recently or are currently before the Michigan Legislature. Michigan Open Carry does not take a formal position on many of them. This information is given here as an aid to the reader so he can contact his or her representative and voice his support or opposition as appropriate.

### 2013-2014 Session

**SB 977** would allow active duty military service members, reservists, and guardsmen to file CPL renewals by mail. This was passed by the Senate but stalled in the House and died last session.

**SB 213** modifies many aspects of carry, including CPL class certifications expiring after five years, eliminates some establishments from PFZ restrictions, and replaces the County Gun Boards with the MI State Police. This bill was introduced in the Senate but died last session. MOC strongly supported this bill.

**HB 4774**, **HB 4775**, and **HB 4776** propose to change the regulation of selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of firearms. These have been only introduced in the House and died last session. MOC strongly opposed these bills.

**HB 4262** proposes new restrictions to the carrying of knives. This bill was passed by the House but died last session.

**SB 407** proposed to modify MCL 28.425o to add language defining “Gun-Free Zone” signage. This bill was only been introduced in the Senate but died last session. MOC opposed this bill.

**HB 4872** proposed changes to the law affecting people who have been ordered by a court not to possess firearms. This bill was only introduced in the House but died last session. MOC opposed this bill.

**HB 4332** provided for members of the military to obtain a CPL at 18 years of age. This bill was only introduced in the House but died last session.

**SB 63** declared that personal firearms, accessories, and ammunition that are manufactured in Michigan and do not leave the state are not subject to Federal regulation. This bill passed out of committee but died last session. MOC supported this bill.

**HB 4457** declared that personal firearms, accessories, and ammunition that are manufactured in Michigan and do not leave the state are not subject to Federal regulation. This bill imposed criminal penalties against federal officials who violate this law. This bill was only introduced in the House but died last session. MOC supported this bill.

**SB 49** and **HB 4349** add a FOIA exemption to the pistol registration database. SB 49 has been signed into law. MOC supported this bill.

**HB 4104** and **HB 4105** attempted to add public libraries to the list of

Fighting For the Right to ‘Open Carry’



MSNBC profiles Detroit’s Hell’s Saints

Charges Dropped Against Seven Texas Open Carriers



All charges finally dropped more than a year later

When Prosecution Is Persecution



For the gun-ban crowd, firearms in the hands of private citizens are inherently evil

Gun Ownership a Natural Right, Not a Political One



Natural rights exist with or without the consent of those in political office

## Lawmakers, advocates push for renewed gun-law effort as Sandy Hook anniversary nears



Lawmakers, gun-control advocates renew calls for gun control legislation to mark the two-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook shootings

## Second Amendment Crushes Gun Control Candidates In Midterm Elections



The Second Amendment annihilated the left's relentless claim that 90 percent of Americans support more gun control

## Eric Holder: 'I take personally as a failure' the inability to pass gun control



"And something that I think we as a society should take as a failure — a glaring failure that I hope will ultimately be rectified."

pistol free zones, and HB 4104 prohibits open carry in pistol free zones. These bills were only introduced in the House but died last session. MOC strongly opposed these bills.

**HB 4027** would have given Michigan workers the right to store a firearm in their car on private property, i.e. their employer's parking lot or garage. This bill was only introduced in the House but died last session.

**HB 5085** adds a person who has certain training (safety course or training required for a CPL) to the list of people a minor is allowed to possess or shoot a pistol with. This bill has been signed into law.

**SB 610** allows manufacture, sale, and possession of a short-barreled shotgun (SBS) or short-barreled rifle (SBR) in Michigan. This bill has been signed into law.

**SB 572** would have allowed tasers in pistol-free zones for CPL holders. This bill passed out of committee but died last session.

**HB 4283** would have allowed certain rifles to be used to hunt deer in the southern part of the state. This bill passed the House but died last session.

**HB 4134** created a special class of people by creating CPL training exemptions for peace officers and active duty or retired military. This bill was passed by the House but died last session. MOC strongly opposed this bill.

**HB 4350** created another special class of people by allowing prosecutors and former LEOs to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. This bill was passed by the House but died last session. MOC strongly opposed this bill.

**HB 4133** created another special class of people by allowing active or retired corrections officers, probation officers, and parole officers to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. This bill was passed by the House but died last session. MOC strongly opposed this bill.

**SB 984** eliminated the contiguous state requirement for long gun purchases. This bill has been enacted into law.

**HB 5091** and **HB 5092** clarify the definition of brandishing and explicitly state that the lawful open carry of a holstered pistol or slung rifle is not brandishing. HB 5091 was passed by both the House and Senate but vetoed by the governor. MOC strongly supported these bills.

House Bills **4155**, **5324**, **5325**, **5326**, **5327** and **5328**, collectively known as the "Firearms Records Confidentiality Package," pass overwhelmingly in the legislature and get sent to the governor for his signature. These bills aim to rework the current regulations regarding how firearms records are collected, used, and accessed. They reiterate that information contained in a firearms record is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. HB 4155, 5325, and 5328 were signed into law. MOC supported these bills.

## Where Open Carry is Dangerous



There are places in the world where the obvious, open carry of firearms is a dangerous thing to do

## OC vs CC: Changing the Language



With Open Carry yet again in the national spotlight, it is time to discuss a verbiage change

## Lawful Open Carry and the First, Second, and Fourth Amendments



Cops issue citation for offense that is not a crime

## What's Behind Growing Gun Rights Support In the US?



The BBC explains open carry

## Biden: 'I Pray That It Is Sooner Rather Than Later' That We Have Another Gun Control Champion



"What we need is another Jim Brady"

## Dems Push to Revive Failed Gun Control Legislation



Democrats push universal background checks

## Targeting 'Assault Weapons' Again



Gun-control advocates continue to push for another AWB

*"I am convinced that we can do to guns what we've done to drugs: create a multi-billion dollar underground market over which we have absolutely no control."*

— George L. Roman

**SB 789** eliminated county gun boards. This bill was passed by both the Senate and House but was vetoed by the governor. MOC supported this bill.

**HB 5500** adds teeth to Michigan's firearms preemption law by forcing units of government that lose in court to pay for plaintiff's legal costs, provides punishment for elected officials who knowingly and willfully violate preemption, and grants standing to groups to bring lawsuits. This bill was only introduced in the House. MOC strongly supported this bill.

## 2015-2016 Session

**SB 34** and **SB 35** eliminates county gun boards. This bill has been passed by both the Senate and House. MOC supports this bill.

**SB 53** creates another special class of people by allowing retired federal officers to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. MOC strongly opposes this bill.

**HB 4159** creates another special class of people by allowing active or retired corrections officers, probation officers, and parole officers to carry firearms in pistol-free zones. This bill has been passed by the House. MOC strongly opposes this bill.

**HB 4160** and **HB 4161** clarify the definition of brandishing and explicitly state that the lawful open carry of a holstered pistol or slung rifle is not brandishing. MOC strongly supports this bill.

## Winning the Battle and Losing the War

Dan Griffin (gryphon)



Over the past several years, organizations such as Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (MDA, formerly One Million Moms for Gun Control) have pressured companies such as Starbucks and Panera to prohibit firearms in their businesses. Their latest target is Kroger brand stores.

While some companies have issued what amounts to meaningless statements saying that they request that patrons not carry firearms into their stores, others such as Walmart and Kroger have stated that they will follow state law and refuse to bend to the will of Bloomberg and his paid minions. In fact, the Demanding Moms have been formally ejected off of several properties, while no open or concealed firearms carriers have been similarly treated.

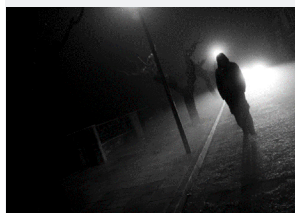
Even though some statements from some corporate headquarters have asked that people refrain from carrying firearms onto their properties, at the same time they have stated that they will not refuse to serve those patrons nor ask them to leave. These seem like nothing more than public relations statements issued to keep anti-freedom groups such as MDA at arm's length.

## Why Criminals Continue to Carry Guns



The criminals we fear most aren't deterred by things like registration requirements, background checks, waiting periods or going back to jail

## This Is (One Reason) Why I Carry



One person's close encounter story

## Gay Gun Ownership In a Postjudicial World



Anti-rights agitators tend to hold views, opinions that don't match reality

*"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within."*

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

## New York Times Admits 'Assault Weapons' A 'Myth' Democrats Created In 1990s



Threat posed by the private ownership of "assault weapons" is mythological

## Finally Waving the White Flag on the Assault Weapons Ban



The Center for American Progress says it's no longer an idea worth pursuing

*"There are two ways to sleep well at night...be ignorant or be prepared."*

— Simon Black

## Gun Control Group Seeks 'Cash and Guidance' After Midterm Losses



Americans for Responsible Solutions scrounges for ideas and money

However, despite no business actually prohibiting the carrying of firearms by patrons, many gun carriers, particularly open carriers, have stated that they will no longer patronize those businesses. They have elected to vote with their dollars and not reward those businesses because they didn't take a strong enough stand for the Second Amendment. In my opinion this is a mistake.

By refusing to carry their firearms into those stores who have never prohibited it, they are accomplishing through their own actions what MDA could not through all of their protesting and expensive ad campaigns. In their minds these gun owners are punishing the stores by not shopping there. In effect they may be winning the smaller, personal battle, but by doing so are losing the larger war. Remember, our fight is not against Panera or Starbucks, our fight is against MDA and Bloomberg and Everytown and the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence. Each of us may deny a store a few dollars profit, but the real message we would be sending to the public is that MDA controls the narrative and is winning. Don't give in to MDA.

What the public will see, what the businesses will see, and what the anti-gunners will see is that if they want guns banned or prohibited in stores, all they have to do is get in the news and they can effectively get them banned (even though they were never actually banned to begin with).

Some hard-liners assert that by shopping there we are rewarding bad behavior. That is, we are giving our money to stores who are not staunchly pro-Second Amendment. I strongly disagree with this view. By *not* shopping there you are rewarding the bad behavior of the true enemies of freedom. The fact is that we should continue to shop and open carry in these places to show MDA for the pathetic, weak, anti-liberty organization that it is. Remember, none of these businesses banned guns. None put up "no guns" signs. None said they would ask you to leave if you carried a gun in their store. I repeat, none prohibited guns. I have a hard time listening to someone tell me how evil these companies are because some corporate mouthpiece put out a noncommittal public relations statement trying to placate both the pro-gun and anti-gun crowds. Remember, they could just have easily banned guns altogether, but they purposefully chose not to do so. Does that count for nothing? I would rather save my ire and withhold my money from businesses that actually prohibit firearms on their premises.

This is why "normalization" of open carry is important. We have to take the language back. Bearing arms is either a fundamental right or it is not. While the Demanding Moms keep shilling for non-binding policies in restaurants, we – slowly but surely – are winning where it matters, in the court houses and state houses. Let's not let them think that by using pressure tactics they are winning in the court of public opinion and on the street when they are not.

It is important to publically resist MDA. The cries of "We have to do something!" and "It's a good start" are nonstop. Simply prohibiting open carry, MDA's current goal, accomplishes nothing and they know it. Just because one can't see a gun doesn't mean one doesn't exist. They full well know that shoppers could be carrying concealed and no one would

## Gay Gun Activists: Growing LGBT Push to Support the Second Amendment



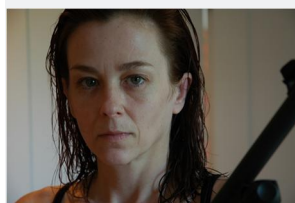
"We don't want people to hurt us, we want people to run away from us, and the best way we have found to do that is to be armed."

## More Than Ever, Women Are Getting Carry Permits



80 percent of gun retailers see increase in women

## The Truth About Armed Self-Defense for Women



Who is really warring against women, those who want them to feel safe or those who want them to be safe?

## Gabby Giffords: Gun Control for Women's Sake Now



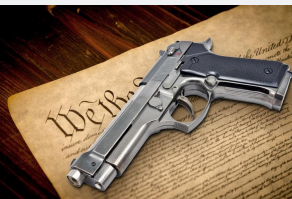
Wants new gun control laws for boyfriends and partners

## It's the Right to Keep, Bear Arms, Stupid



Gun control candidates crushed in Senate and gubernatorial races around the country.

## It's the Second Amendment, Stupid



Washington Post admits Americans largely agree with the NRA's views on the Second Amendment

## Democrats Run As Pro-Gun To Get Elected...



...Then war against guns and freedom

be the wiser, but it's one brick in the wall that they think they can move. Much of the public are often not politically aware, and that provides MDA the opportunity to advance anti-2A policies, whether they be through legislation or influencing private business rules. Open carry can be prohibited, but relatively few people open carry. They know that getting open carry banned in no way mitigates what they see as "danger" because most people carry concealed. The next logical step is they must prohibit concealed carry to actually be "safe in public."

Unfortunately even that isn't all they have set their sights on. Their ultimate goal is an end to the private ownership of guns in the United States. Hardly a day goes by where I don't read at least one article by someone or some group calling for the elimination of guns in the United States. One of the recent articles attempted to cast the United States in a bad light because we have a higher *firearms* suicide rate than Japan does. Their argument was that we should emulate Japan and eliminate the private ownership of guns. The problem with that argument, though, is that Japan actually has a higher *overall* suicide rate than the U.S., they just don't use guns. Their statistic is meaningless, but they hope it sounds persuasive to people who aren't critical thinkers. A few weeks ago the Tallahassee Democrat, a Gannett newspaper, flat out called for a gun ban and repeal of the Second Amendment.

Remember, the only gun control that will be even remotely effective is a complete, 100% gun ban. Back when groups like the National Coalition to Ban Handguns and Handgun Control Incorporated were new, they described a process whereby they were going to completely do away with handgun ownership by slowly adding one little restriction on top of another over a couple of decades. More than 40 years later they are still sticking to that strategy with new language and new tactics, but the target—destruction of the "gun culture" and the right to keep and bear arms—remains the same.

We in the pro-2A community often talk about bringing others into the fold, to turn anti-2A into pro-2A people. We don't shun others who are not rabidly anti-2A, we try to show them that gun owners are good. Why treat businesses any differently than we would someone personally who was on the fence about guns? We would try to encourage individuals to become pro-2A by giving them positive experiences with guns; we would talk to them, we would take them to the range. The same thing should apply to businesses. They haven't banned us, they are ambivalent, or on the fence. Let's try to encourage them to become pro-2A by giving them positive experiences with gun-owners, not make enemies of them.

*This is the opinion of Dan Griffin and not necessarily that of Michigan Open Carry, its Board of Directors, or others in leadership.*

## New York Times Mocks Rape Victim Advocating Self-Defense



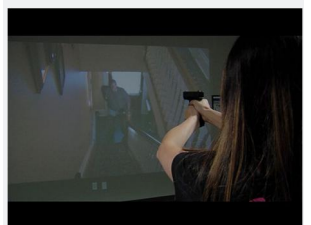
Victim tells Bloomberg that he "[does] not have the right to tell [her] how to defend [her] life."

## Teens on Target Teaches Firearm Use and Self-Defense to Teenage Girls



"The true value of this program is female empowerment."

## Utah Sees Spike in Women Obtaining Concealed Firearms Permits



Record number of women obtaining carry permits

*"The Second Amendment is the Equal Rights Amendment."*

— Jannalee Tobias

## Pittsburgh Suing State Over New Preemption Law



Argues law is unconstitutional

## Washington: Gun Sales in Spokane Soar After I-594



Washingtonians believe government is out to take their guns and they are buying them like crazy

## Florida Newspaper Calls For Repeal of Second Amendment



Also total ban on handguns and "assault rifles"

## Repeal the Stupid Second Amendment



Surround it, grab it, bring it in the back room, pull down the shades, and end it

## If You Can't Take Training Classes, You Can Still Train

Dan Griffin (gryphon)



As readers of this newsletter know, I am a big advocate of firearms training. I've linked many articles to training and preparing for training. I've even written an article about a few classes I've taken.

Paraphrasing Donald Rumsfeld, "There are known knowns, there are known unknowns, but there are also unknown unknowns." If you have grabbed a pencil and are now trying to diagram that like a Zork map or the family tree in the song, "I'm My Own Grandpa," let me save you the trouble: it means you don't know what you don't know.

That's why I am a proponent of professional training. But what if, for whatever reason, you can't attend a professional instruction class? Or at least can't attend one in the near future? While there is no substitute for personal instruction where you can be evaluated, thanks to instructors who make training courses available on DVD from companies such as Thunder Ranch and Magpul Dynamics, you can still benefit from the experience and knowledge of people like Clint Smith, Travis Haley, and Chris Costa, to name a few.

If you are lucky enough to live in the country where you can set up any type of live fire course, or belong to a gun club with a tactical range, you can practice live fire at multiple distances with multiple targets, barriers, and movement. But if your gun club doesn't allow you to go beyond the firing line, or you primarily shoot at a commercial indoor range, or a DNR range where you can't set up barriers and practice real-world self-defense shooting, you can still make your own training range of a sort at home.

Here is a picture of someone's garage set up for just such practice.



## Women With Guns



"If you ask me where I'm going on vacation, I'm going to tell you I'm packing my bags to go shooting somewhere."

## More Women Are Gun Buyers, Sellers, and Activists



Nearly 79 percent of firearms retailers reported an increase in female customers

*"Every late-19<sup>th</sup>-century legal scholar that we have read interpreted the Second Amendment to secure an individual right unconnected with militia service."*

— U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 2008

## Why Millions of Women Are Target Shooting



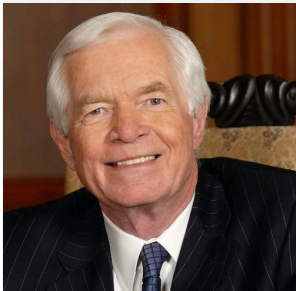
Shooting sports are in the middle of a renaissance thanks to women

## DC Police Were Set to Arrest NBC's David Gregory for High Cap Mag Possession



D.C. Attorney General Irvin Nathan refused to prosecute Gregory

## The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2015



Bill picks up support in both chambers of congress

## Bill Eliminating ATF Introduced



Bill calls for eliminating the agency a year after the bill's final passage

*"We sometimes think our duty is to make everyone safe. It's not to make a society that's absolutely safe. It's to preserve liberty."*

— Sen. Jim Rice

Along with multiple targets, you can use anything handy for cover or a concealment barrier to practice shooting from different positions. A pet crate becomes a low barrier, and an A-frame step ladder becomes the side of a building and can be utilized for virtually any conventional or unconventional braced position. Desks, chairs, your child's play tent, all can be pressed into service as training aids and used as barriers. With this setup, your training is truly only limited by your imagination. Single target and target to target transitions are just the beginning. You can practice getting down to the ground, and transitioning from standing to kneeling to laying on the ground and back. Remember, should you be attacked violently, your opponent or opponents will do everything in their power to knock you to the ground by whatever means necessary. If they surprise you, there's a good chance they'll succeed. Then what? In that horrific circumstance you need to know how to draw and fire from a prone position. To do be able to do that effectively, you really ought to practice. The world in general, and your sights in specific, look very different from the deck. When was the last time you shot upwards?

## Lasers and Airsoft

While you don't want to be shooting live ammo into your basement wall or through your garage door, you can use a dedicated training gun like the SIRT laser pistol, a laser cartridge such as LaserLyte in your own personal defense weapon, or a realistic airsoft gun shooting plastic BBs.



Today's airsoft-type guns are available as realistic 1:1 replicas. Not only will they feel the same in your hand but the similar weight of the two will allow you to do thousands of draws and still be able to mimic that muscle memory when it counts. Another reason for spending that extra money on a quality 1:1 replica is that it is almost guaranteed to work with your existing carry holster. Just remember, these are training aids to supplement live fire, they are not a substitute for live fire.

If you are a competitive shooter, a replica gun also allows you to practice for matches in the comfort of your own home. Professional 3-gun shooters like Jesse Tischauer and Kalani Laker do it when they can't get out to the range. They are big fans of using airsoft guns to practice for competitions.

## 25 Ways to Make Women Feel at Home On the Range



Nearly two in five new shooters are women, and most were introduced to firearms as adults

## Tips for Women: Choosing a Semi-Automatic Handgun



Sadly, not all gun store clerks are savvy to the needs of their female customers

*"A man can never have too much red wine, too many books, or too much ammunition"*

— Rudyard Kipling

## Armed Woman Says 'It's About Protecting Yourself'



"It's not about hurting someone else, it's about protecting yourself."



## FROM THE FEDERAL COURTS

### Connecticut Case Seeks to Overturn Firearm, Magazine Bans



Important NRA-backed case is making its way through the federal courts

### Ninth Circuit Rejects Attempts by California AG and Brady Campaign to Meddle with Peruta Decision



Judges reject motion to intervene, pro-Second Amendment ruling stands

### California Can't Challenge Ruling On Concealed Guns



Decision another victory for gun rights advocates

### U.S. Appeals Court Expands Gun Rights



Michigan man committed to mental institution decades ago can't be blocked from buying gun

## Dry Fire

Although tactical training is important and may even prove essential to you overcoming a deadly threat one day, don't neglect plain dry fire. Dry fire with your unloaded carry pistol is the single best way to keep your skills honed and ready. That's because when you dry fire, you're practicing everything up to the point where the weapon goes "bang." In other words, all of the factors that determine where the bullet goes. Once you hear the bang, the outcome is already fixed. Dry fire is convenient, and you don't need to set up a tac range in your garage. You can do it in the comfort of your living room or bedroom. And it costs you nothing. In the process of dry fire you will be practicing drawing, grip, presentation, and the all-important trigger pull. Hundreds, thousands of times.

When it comes to shooting, whether for self-defense or competition, you get out of it what you put in. As someone once said, there are no shortcuts in life, and there sure aren't any when it comes to becoming a better shooter.

## Lessons from Zimmerman: Part III

Dan Griffin (gryphon)



In the **August 2013** issue of the Michigan Open Carry Newsletter we began a three-part series on the Zimmerman trial from the citizen gun-owner's point of view. In the **July 2014** issue we followed up with a look at the trial from an attorney's point of view. In this, the third and final installment of the series, we examine the Zimmerman trial from a cop's point of view.

Apparently great minds think alike because Masaad Ayoob recently wrote a column that touches on some of the facts I will be bringing forth in this article. His focus was different, but I just wanted to acknowledge his work and note that the similarities are coincidental.

I will not bother to go into the gross violations of protocol and police procedure that occurred when the Sanford city officials and Florida State Attorney Angela Corey became involved. I will merely state the results.

The Sanford Chief of Police Bill Lee was fired because he didn't file charges when his investigation determined that George Zimmerman acted in self-defense. He was fired for following the law, although the captain that replaced him and was tasked with the Zimmerman investigation came to the exact same conclusion.

Ben Kruidbos, director of Information Services for Angela Corey's prosecutor's office, was fired for providing discovery materials to the defense as required by law. State Prosecutor Angela Corey was withholding evidence, and she fired him.

The lead investigator, Detective Chris Serino, whose testimony backed up George Zimmerman and not Trayvon Martin, was busted back to police uniform rank.

## Women 'Want To Be Able to Protect Themselves'



"Women are in different situations now than they used to be."

## Locked and Loaded Ladies



More women carrying guns for protection

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*"The provision in the constitution granting the right to all persons to bear arms is a limitation upon the power of the Legislature to enact any law to the contrary. The exercise of a right guaranteed by the Constitution cannot be made subject to the will of the sheriff."*

— People v. Zerillo,  
Michigan Supreme Court

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## Grandmothers Get Robbed, Start Gun Group



Our main objective is to get women trained to where they would be able to react and save themselves. Or at least make a very valiant attempt to save themselves.

## Michigan Joins Friend-of-the-Court Brief Asking Federal Appeals Court to Overturn Maryland Gun-Control Law



Michigan joins 20 other states to ask federal appeals court to rule Maryland gun-control law unconstitutional

## Louisiana AG Joins Effort to Deem Maryland's Gun Restrictions Unconstitutional



Has joined 20 other state attorneys general in opposing Maryland's Firearm Safety Act of 2013 which restricts gun rights

## Federal Appellate Court Rules EPA Cannot Regulate Ammunition Content



Dismisses lawsuit seeking to ban traditional ammunition using lead

That has to have a chilling effect on law enforcement in this country, to see people who were demoted or fired for following the law and not pressing for prosecution out of hand, and I think it has.

I routinely communicate with rank-and-file law enforcement at various state and local agencies across these United States, and despite their varied backgrounds and agencies, one of the things most are in agreement with is that their brass would not hesitate to throw them under the bus if need be. In fact, when the recent shooting of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, MO occurred, the consensus was that officer Wilson was wound around a decreasing diameter helical axis and would be sacrificed on the altar of political correctness, despite the fact that it certainly seemed to be a good shoot.

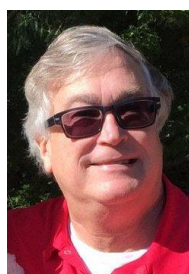
I know a sergeant in the Detroit Police Department, and his position (which I strongly disagree with) is to err on the side of caution and arrest everybody and let the prosecutor sort it out.

This may be the final lesson from Zimmerman, as played out in subsequent police encounters. If you are a cop, why risk your career by following the law as written, especially if it is about something that doesn't have the "right" type of public support? The worst case for a gun owner would be if he had to engage in a self-defense encounter, but I can see simple open carry fall into this in certain circumstances or with certain police officers or agencies and unflattering media attention. Indeed, we have seen this exact thing happen in Texas.

So the final lesson from Zimmerman is to be scrupulous in your actions, and be ready to back them up in a court of law if need be. The law is always your defense. Unfortunately, in today's climate you may need to pay for the privilege of exercising it, even when you shouldn't have to.

## MOC Member Profile

with Glenn Disosway (Pond Scum)



MOC: This month we're interviewing Michigan Open Carry member Glenn Disosway. Glenn, tell us a little bit about yourself!

Glenn: I'm 61 years old and I've been married for twenty years. I don't have any children but I have five wonderful grandchildren. I've been in sales of electrical equipment my entire career which spans 35 years now. I live in Grand Rapids but travel across North America for business. I usually bring a gun with me when I'm traveling, which is typically by air, and I carry it in states that recognize our Michigan carry license.

MOC: How did you first become interested in firearms?

Glenn: I had a modest interest in firearms when I was in my early twenties, and I bought my first handgun in my twenties. I bought two handguns, a .25 caliber Beretta and a Smith & Wesson Model 59 9mm. I only had a hunting and target permit, which was pretty much useless, and I

## Macomb County Gun Permit Trends Mirror Nation



After the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, Brown Bear Sporting Goods in Chesterfield Township developed a more diverse clientele

## Concealed Carrie Expands Its Concealed Carry Line



"Why should women be forced to compromise fashion for function?"

## Is Off-Body Firearm Carry A Potential Safety Concern?



You are responsible for your firearm every moment of the day. It only takes mere seconds for an unauthorized person to acquire your firearm if you do not have it in your possession and under your direct control.

**U.S. District Court Judge Strikes Down California 10-Day Waiting Period For Existing Gun Owners**



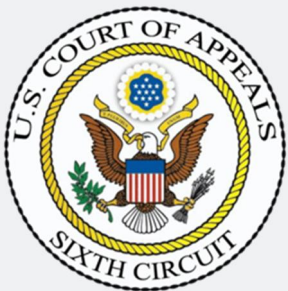
Judge: "Dealing with an unconstitutional law should be towards the top of the list"

**Federal Judge Strikes Down Ordinance Banning Guns in Bars**



Rules Baton Rouge ordinance banning guns in bars violates Second Amendment

**6th Circuit Strikes Down Federal Mental Health Gun Ban**



US appeals court deems gun law unconstitutional

did not shoot much for years. After Michigan became a "shall issue" state I decided I would like to get a CPL, but still for years I didn't do anything until I convinced my wife to go to a safety class with me. And so we went to a safety class and she enjoyed it, and I said I was going on for my CPL and she agreed to do that, so we both got our CPLs about six years ago.

MOC: When did you begin carrying a pistol for self-defense?

Glenn: After I got my CPL, I made a decision that I was going to carry, if not all the time, I was going to carry most of the time, both for self-defense and also because I thought that if good people don't carry guns then the only people with guns are going to be bad people, and so that played a role in my decision to carry everyday as well.

MOC: That's a very good point. You say that you usually bring a pistol with you on airplanes when you travel. Have you had any bad experiences with the TSA or have they all been pretty uneventful? Do you feel some airports are better or worse than others?

Glenn: Carrying a gun on a plane is easy. It's easy and almost painless. It slows me down maybe five minutes. You check in with the ticket agent, you sign the form stating that your gun is unloaded and that it's in a locked container. You follow the rules and it's easy. Airports are pretty consistent in how they do it. Probably the longest it's ever taken me was an extra ten minutes.

MOC: Do you have your hard case secured with a steel cable to the inside of your luggage to deter theft of your entire case by airport workers?

Glenn: Yes. I've got a small pistol-sized carry cases. I have one with a key and also one with a combination. They have cables and I always run the cable through the support bars on the suitcase, just to make it a little tougher for anybody to remove my gun.

MOC: Absolutely. There have been instances where gun cases have come up missing. As a matter of fact, about four years ago when Benjamin Netanyahu came to the United States he had two security agents with him and their guns came up missing. Their guns got stolen in one of our American airports.

Glenn: Yes, I remember that.

MOC: When did you begin open carrying? Why?

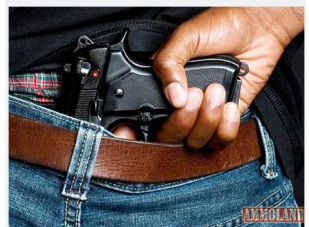
Glenn: After I had my CPL probably about two years I started occasionally open carrying. I just started doing it because I could, and strangely enough my wife prefers it when I open carry. I don't know why, but she encourages it. I haven't taken very much advantage of open carrying in the pistol free zones other than theaters. One thing I've found when I am open carrying is that it has always been a very good conversation starter, and it gives me the opportunity to talk to people about Second Amendment rights and also to encourage people to go get their CPLs and get some training. A lot of people see the gun, they're interested in it, they ask questions, and it gives me a chance to do a little bit of promo-

**Do Black People Have Equal Gun Rights?**



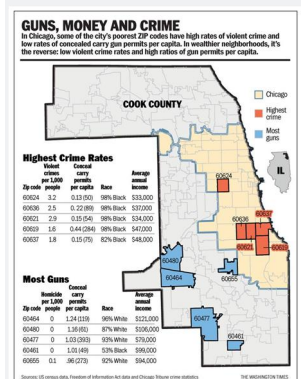
The Second Amendment should serve as a totem of African-Americans' full citizenship and enfranchisement

**Black Americans in High Crime Areas Greatest Beneficiaries of 'Stand Your Ground'**



Gun control never makes the vulnerable less vulnerable

**Gun Redlining in Chicago**



Poorest, most violent neighborhoods have fewest gun carry permits

## Idaho Woman Wins



## US Army Corps of Engineers®

U.S. Army Corps Gun Ban Unconstitutional

Corps' Regulation Violates Core Right of Self-Defense

### FIREARM LEGISLATION FROM THE STATES

#### Alabama

Voters approve RKBA state amendment

Bill would allow guns in vehicles sans permits

#### Arizona

SB 1291 adds penalties for violations of the preemption statute

HB 2320 allows permitted concealed carry at public establishments or events where certain security measures are not in place

#### Arkansas

HB 1190 allowing active military between the ages of 18 and 21 to obtain concealed carry licenses signed into law

SB 159 would allow employees to carry guns in state courthouses

HB 1077 would allow employees of public colleges and universities to carry firearms

**HB 1203** and **HB 1240** both make improvements to the existing Castle Doctrine law

tion on Second Amendment rights. One place I would say I open carry almost all the time is when I'm riding my motorcycle. That is just more comfortable and an easier way to carry when I'm on my bike.

MOC: Can you tell us a little bit about your experiences open carrying?

Glenn: I haven't had any negative experiences open carrying. Most people will comment on my handgun. A couple of people may say something like, "Is it real?" and I answer affirmatively, but usually people want to talk about what kind it is. Some people will comment. I think there's been enough publicity from Michigan Open Carry that people ask, "Are you using the open carry law?" and generally I'll just say yes. I don't usually try to get into big discussions explaining that there's really not an open carry law, it's just a lack of a law against it that makes it legal. That's too confusing for some. The laws are so confusing it would tend to scare people away. I do encourage people to get training and also to get their CPLs.

MOC: What is your preferred carry gun?

Glenn: 1911. Most of the time I'm carrying a 1911 of one sort or another. Open carrying, I'm carrying my famous hard chrome Metro Arms American Classic with green pearl grips. Other carry I've generally been carrying a Commander size lightweight, either a Smith & Wesson or most recently a Colt. The Smith is an SW1911SC. It has ambidextrous safeties, which I like, and tritium night sights. This is what got me into carrying the lightweights. But since I got this Colt I've been carrying that instead. I will also carry a Bersa 380 Plus with a double stack 15-round magazine, sometimes as a backup gun and sometimes as a primary.

MOC: Tell us a little more about your personal life. What do you do for enjoyment?

Glenn: Most of the time we're at our lake cottage. I don't go fishing and don't boat much anymore. We also vacation at Disney a lot. We have annual passes to Disney World, we take several trips there every year, and we're probably on a couple of Disney cruises every year as well. I also participate in the Rockford Sportsman's Club Defensive Pistol shoots.

MOC: Is there anything you'd wish we'd have asked but didn't? This is your last chance to tell us anything about yourself that we didn't know enough to ask you about.

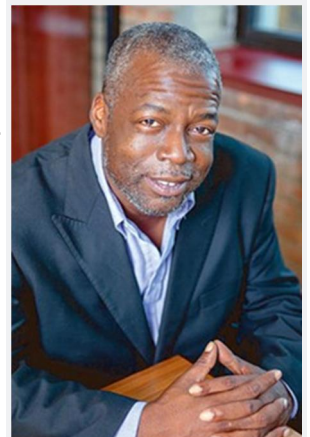
Glenn: No, I think you've about covered it. But I would like to say that I appreciate what the leadership of Michigan Open Carry is doing to promote not just open carry in Michigan, but gun rights in general in Michigan. They really have done a lot to improve our gun rights. I appreciate what Michigan Open Carry has done with regards to legislation, safety, and education, and that's why I joined and that's why I contribute to it. The gun laws in Michigan are terribly confusing, and it's very difficult to learn and understand them. I appreciate the efforts of Michigan Open Carry to help simplify some of that and help there be less confusion and really less bear traps, because it's very easy to unintentionally break a

## Racial Disparity in Chicago's Issuance of Gun Permits



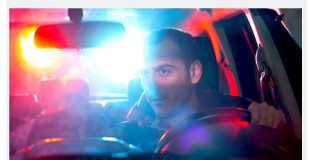
90 percent of Illinois gun carry permits have been issued to white people

## Rick Ector of Legally Armed in Detroit Talks Legal Gun Ownership



Michigan gun laws are rooted in racism

## Five Reasons You Should Never Submit to a Police Search — Even If You Have Nothing to Hide



Do you know what your rights are when a police officer asks to search you?

HB 1372 removes the prohibition on carrying a concealed firearm private K-12 school property

SB 573 would prevent employers from prohibiting an employee with a valid carry license from storing firearms in their vehicles while parked in the employer's parking lot

SB 612 would allow permanent U.S. residents who are not citizens to obtain an Arkansas concealed handgun license

### California

SB 808 making it a crime to manufacture a firearm without first obtaining state approval vetoed

AB 1014 authorizing a family member or LEO to file for a restraining order to have your guns forfeited signed into law

AB 1609 criminalizing the transport or import firearms into California acquired out of state unless transferred through a California gun dealer signed into law

California lawmakers reject bill requiring background checks for ammo buyers

### Colorado

HB 1009 repealing law that limits ammunition to 15 rounds defeated

SB 175 would repeal law that limits ammunition to 15 rounds

SB 86 would repeal law requiring a background check for private sales

HB 1050 that would have repealed the private transfer background check law defeated

law.

MOC: Thank you Glenn. We appreciate you taking the time to speak with us.

## The Dangers of Intervention

Evan Marshall

There has been a lot of space devoted in the **Stopping Power Message Board** and other message boards to the presentation of hypothetical situations and a request for solutions. The problem with such imaginary situations is that there is none of the untidiness and ambiguity that exists in the real world.

Please understand that I'm not ridiculing those who present such situations or those who attempt to solve them. I consider those who post on this board as friends I haven't met yet. As your friend I feel a moral responsibility to share my observations based on my actual experiences in real incidents. I don't want to see good guys and gals get their selves in a jam by jumping into situations that are unclear and fraught with danger.

Let me be perfectly frank. Those who think that intervention will bring fame, honors, glory, etc., are delusional. I once prevented the rape of a woman by butt stroking her attacker with a shotgun while he was in the act of penetrating her. Weeks later she made an excessive force complaint against me. She thought I should have been more restrained in my behavior! On another occasion, my partner and I chased a holdup man into a store where he took a woman hostage. He then threatened to kill her (he had just shot two people in a bank and we believed him!) My partner shot the bad guys three times. One of those bullets slightly grazed the woman's finger and she sued us for endangering her!

If the rescued individual doesn't make life miserable for you in the courts, they just might kill you. I'm aware of four instances where officers responded to a domestic violence situation and when the wife realized the breadwinner was going to jail she assaulted and killed her would-be rescuers.

My Tac Unit partner and I backed up a precinct unit on a domestic assault arrest. As the husband was being handcuffed the wife disappeared down the hallway. I motioned to my partner and we followed her down the hall with guns drawn. We found her in the bedroom loading a Winchester .30-30 lever action rifle. We quickly disarmed and cuffed her. As we brought her into the living room a precinct sergeant ordered us to let her go. When we refused to do so, he attempted to remove her from our custody. When told him that if he didn't back off we would arrest him, he left to complain to our supervisors.

If ingratitude isn't enough we need to understand that things are almost never what they seem. What appears to be a carjacking may be the attempt by a father to recover a child from a noncustodial mother. Our intervention may not only be ill advised but we may be acting in violation of a court order. The fact that we are unaware of a court order will not save

### 'Guns are Welcome' Signs Posted at Maryville, TN Family Restaurant



Business increases after signs posted

### Port Allen Restaurant Offers Discount to Gun-Carrying Customers



"If you have a gun on you, I'm going to give you a discount," said Cox.

### Smaller Restaurants Welcome Gun Owners



Growing number of independent restaurateurs around the country are rolling out the red carpet for gun owners

HB 1049 that would have extend the right of home self-defense to your place of business was defeated

SB 32 would allow residents to legally carry concealed without a permit

### Florida

SB 290 protects citizens from being disarmed and charged with a crime for carrying a firearm during a mandatory evacuation

SB 176 would allow adults over 21 who have a license to carry their firearms on campus

### Georgia

SB 67 would prohibit the carrying of firearms in all public buildings

SB 68 would add required training for a carry license

SB 73 would allow an individual to be detained to investigate whether such individual has a weapons carry license

### Hawaii

Judge overturns gun restrictions on legal immigrants, ban violated equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution

### Idaho

New bill would allow constitutional carry

### Indiana

SB 433, which was passed by the Senate, would allow short barreled shotguns

### Iowa

Proposed firearms ban defeated

### Kansas

SB 45 constitutional carry set to pass Senate

the day.

Even if the situation is exactly as it appears and you're even in accordance with the law, you need to understand one simple fact—**the law is what the local prosecutor says it is.** Do you really want to spend seven years in jail waiting for an appeal to be heard and your conviction overturned?

I once got sued for in excess of \$100,000 for handcuffing a suspect. The city settled out of court even though my actions were totally legal. Anybody who read about this settlement in the paper would assume I was guilty of inappropriate behavior or some illegality. The city paid the settlement and provided legal counsel. Had I been acting as a private citizen I would have subjected my family to decades of poverty in order to pay the judgment and attorney fees.

Situations that involve significant injury or death are frighteningly expensive. My partners and I were sued for \$17.5 million dollars in the fatal shooting of a holdup man. The legal fees alone would have run into seven figures. We were accused of being blood thirsty, trigger-happy racist cops. The media conveniently forgot we had intervened in the severe beating and robbery of an elderly woman.

All that being said and experienced, I continued to intervene. However, people should be reminded I was a cop—it was my job. I spent 20 years going in harm's way for total strangers. Would I do that today? Probably not. I no longer have the deep pockets of the City of Detroit behind me. Sound callous? Well, would you be willing to jeopardize everything you own and your family's security for a total stranger? Would you be willing to lose your home, your cars, and your retirement to play Knight of the Round Table?

Apparently some people are certainly willing to fantasize about intervening in a hypothetical situation. Some may consider this harmless musing, but I find it troubling. Tactical planning involves assessing all the potential problems carefully and realistically looking at the cost of such intervention. Role-playing or gaming looks at it through rose colored glasses and ignores the cold hard reality of a person's involvement in a deadly force event.

I carry a gun to protect myself and the people I love from the monsters that roam the earth. When I'm away from those that mean everything to me, I carry so I can return to them. Are there circumstances where I would intervene to help a stranger? Yes, but such intervention would be on my terms at my pace. I am not going to jump into a situation with gun drawn.

Rather I would seek cover and carefully evaluate the **totality** of the circumstance. When I was convinced I knew what is really going on I would respond with the minimum amount of force necessary whether that required drawing my cell phone or my pistol. If all we have is a pistol we have severely limited options. I carry three pistols, OC [spray], cell phone, and a flashlight, and I am a PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor. I am willing and trained to respond with the appropriate level of force even

## Everything You Know About Firearms Training Is Wrong



In the main, firearms training is little more than target shooting. If you're forced to physically stop an attack, the fight will be close, sudden, fast, spastic and chaotic.

### 'Little Mistakes'



In gun-fighting, spectacular feats of accuracy don't win the day

### How Often Do LEOs Train?



Often rarely

*"America was founded by men who understood that the threat of domestic tyranny is as great as any threat from abroad. If we want to be worthy of their legacy, we must resist the rush toward ever-increasing state control of our society.*

*Otherwise, our government will become a greater threat to our freedoms than any foreign terrorist."*

— Ron Paul

## Kentucky

SB 66 would allow military, LEOs. and Coast Guard under 21 to get a concealed carry permit

SB 67 allowing NRA safety, training courses for CDWL passed by Senate

HR 16 would create a "gun violence" task force to study the effects of gun violence in Kentucky

SB 14 would eliminate stand your ground

## Maine

LD 652 would allow "constitutional carry"

## Massachusetts

Sweeping overhaul of gun laws signed into law, gives police chiefs right to go to court to deny ID cards needed to buy rifles or shotguns to people they feel are unsuitable

## Minnesota

H 830 would allow the purchase of long guns in non-contiguous states

S 900 would allow the purchase of long guns in non-contiguous states

H 722 would prohibit any government agency from confiscating or regulating the lawful possession, carrying, transfer, transportation and defensive use of firearms or ammunition during a state of emergency

## Missouri

SB 656 providing multiple pro-gun reforms including open carry preemption vetoed by governor, but Legislature overrides veto

Voters adopt constitution amendment reiterating

if that is "only" a command voice. I understand the force continuum and know what the appropriate level force is in a given situation. Ignorance of such critical parameters can have horrific consequences.

Those who think the mere display of a weapon will stop hostilities are naïve in the extreme. The same people we will be confronting know what an appropriate level of force is and when we make outlandish or unjustified threats we'll show our true colors. These people can tell when we're serious and we will quickly find ourselves disarmed and in real trouble.

Again, we need to avoid rushing in where Angels fear to tread. Remember the most endangered species is good guys and gals. Go with God.

*About the author: Evan Marshall served with the Detroit Police Department for twenty years and is currently a contract instructor for federal agencies with direct counter-terrorist responsibilities. Evan is also the co-author of three firearms books, "Handgun Stopping Power: The Definitive Study," "Street Stoppers: The Latest Handgun Stopping Power `Street Results," and "Stopping Power: A Practical Analysis of the Latest Handgun Ammunition."*

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## Upcoming MOC Events

**Monthly MOC Leadership Meeting, Fourth Tuesday of Every Month, 9:00 PM: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 22, November 24, December 22**

On the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:00 PM, the Michigan Open Carry Board of Directors conducts a Leadership Meeting using a free online web chat service, <http://www.teamspeak.com> This allows members from all over the state to participate and contribute. Those with active MOC memberships are encouraged to attend.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please follow the tutorial listed at [http://michiganopencarry.org?q=pages/ts3\\_tutorial](http://michiganopencarry.org?q=pages/ts3_tutorial) that has been provided by our IT department.

Note: rarely the meeting date is changed out of necessity. MOC members will receive an email notification should this occur.

When: Fourth Tuesday of every month

Time: 9:00 PM

Place: Online

## Open Carry Seminar in Novi, Saturday January 3 at 3:00 PM

Never open carried before? Just curious? Join us on Saturday January 3rd at 3:00 pm for an Open Carry Seminar at the Novi Gander Mountain. Lawful Open Carry of a Holstered handgun is welcomed, but not re-

## Shoot Like the Pros – Old FBI Qualification Course of Fire



Bored with the same old target practice? Try the FBI qualification course.

## Shoot Like the Pros: The New FBI Qualification Course of Fire



New FBI qualification course better represents the kind of gunfights that FBI agents actually see

*"Gun bans don't disarm criminals, gun bans attract them."*

— Walter Mondale

## Shotgun for Personal Defense: Knowing Distance vs. Pattern – Thunder Ranch Video



Using your shotgun effectively requires that you know how it works in all scenarios

the U.S. Constitution's right to bear arms

HB 75 would impose an additional tax on all retail sales of handguns and to finance video cameras to be worn by law enforcement

### Montana

SB 143 allowing university carry with minimal control passed by the Senate

HB 298 would allow Montanans to carry concealed weapon without a permit inside city limits

HB 320 gives local school boards more discretion in disciplining students who bring firearms to school and leave them in their car in school parking lot

HB 371 would allow concealed carry in places where carrying weapons is currently prohibited

### Nevada

AB 2 allows carry and vehicle storage on school and university parking lots

AB 127 would eliminate local regulation of pistols

AB 121 would protect students using a pastry or food item to simulate a firearm, possessing a toy gun 2 inches in length or shorter, or using a hand or finger to mimic having a gun from discipline

SB 175 provides for state firearms law preemption

### New Hampshire

House OKs concealed weapons in Statehouse

SB 116 allowing "constitutional carry" passed by Senate

### New Jersey

quired.

These seminars, presented by Michigan Open Carry, are an excellent opportunity to learn about the laws and myths that surround the Open Carry of a handgun in Michigan.

Bring a friend and learn about open carry in Michigan and more from Michigan Open Carry, Inc.

When: Saturday, January 3, 2015

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Novi Gander Mountain

Address: 43825 West Oaks Drive, Novi, MI 48377

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php?topic,4685.0.html>

Immediately following the Michigan Open Carry Seminar, there will be a Michigan Open Carry Dinner at the nearby Gourmet Buffet, starting at 6:00pm.

### Open Carry Dinner in Novi, Saturday January 3 at 6:00 PM

Never open carried before? Curious about it? Join us for dinner in Novi! Lawful Open Carry of a holstered handgun is welcome and encouraged, but not required.

Michigan Open Carry is inviting you and your friends to come to Gourmet Buffet in Novi on January 3rd at 6:00pm for dinner. We'll be there having good food, pleasant conversation, and answering any questions about open carry that we can.

These events sponsored by Michigan Open Carry are a great way to learn more about the lawfulness of open carrying of a handgun. When:

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Gourmet Buffet

Address: 43626 West Oaks Drive, Novi, MI 48377

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php?topic,4686.0.html>

### Open Carry Lunch in Brighton, Sunday January 11 at 2:00 PM

Never open carried before? Curious about it? Join us for lunch in Brighton!

Lawful Open Carry of a holstered handgun welcome and encouraged, but not required.

Michigan Open Carry is inviting you and your friends to come to LIL'

## Make Your Own Splatter Targets



All you need is some cardboard sheets, 13-gallon garbage bags, duct tape, spray paint, and a paint pen

## Understanding Stopping Power

Size	Grains (7000)	Bullet Frontal Area	Bullet Velocity (FPS)	Muzzle Energy (Ft-Lb)	Muzzle Type	Bullet Range (Ft)	Penetration (Ft)	Energy Transfer Index
100gr	100	0.41	1200	1440	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
125gr	125	0.49	1100	1512	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
150gr	150	0.59	1000	1500	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
175gr	175	0.70	900	1417	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
200gr	200	0.82	800	1280	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
225gr	225	0.95	700	1102	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
250gr	250	1.08	600	900	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
275gr	275	1.22	500	687	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
300gr	300	1.37	400	480	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
325gr	325	1.52	300	270	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
350gr	350	1.68	200	140	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
375gr	375	1.84	100	37	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0
400gr	400	2.01	0	0	J&K	1000	1.5	1.0

Choosing a defensive handgun requires you to balance power and accuracy

## Stopping Power – One Doctor's Point of View

## The TRUTH About GUNS.

The correct answer to most "stopping power" questions is "who knows?"

*"No state shall convert a liberty to a privilege, license it, and charge a fee therefor."*

— Murdock vs. Pennsylvania 319 US 105



SB 1287 would allow residents of NJ to carry guns for self-defense

### Nevada

SB 175 clarifies that "castle doctrine" also covers vehicles

AB 121 forbids schools from punishing students that play with toy guns or pretend to use a firearm

### New Mexico

SB 118 eliminates the mid-term, two-hour refresher course for concealed carry licensees

HB 106 eliminates the mid-term, two-hour refresher course for concealed carry licensees

SB 268 eliminates the mid-term, two-hour refresher course for concealed carry licensees, removes restrictions for training and licensure, extends term of a license to five years, exempts military from fees, qualification requirements

HB 189 eliminates the mid-term, two-hour refresher course for concealed licensees and extends the term of a license to five years

New bill to require background checks on buyers at gun shows dies fast death

### North Dakota

Senate passes SB 2274 requiring CLEO to sign off on NFA items within thirty days

HB 1450 expanding the locations where law-abiding citizens can carry passed by House

HB 1241 expanding carry locations and requiring

Chef Restaurant in Brighton for lunch. We'll be there having good food, pleasant conversation, and answering any questions we can. These events sponsored by Michigan Open Carry are a great way to learn more about the lawfulness of open carrying of a handgun.

When: Sunday, January 11, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Lil' Chef Restaurant

Address: Brighton Mall, 101 Brookside Lane, Brighton, MI 48116

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php/topic,4687.0.html>

### Open Carry Seminar in Lansing, Thursday January 15 at 7:45 PM

Michigan Open Carry, Inc. will be hosting an Open Carry Seminar near Lansing on January 15, 2015.

These seminars are a great educational opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about open carry. For this seminar, we are the guest of the Eaton County Tea Party Patriots. As always, anyone is welcome regardless of political or ideological affiliations.

When: Thursday, January 15, 2015

Time: 7:45 PM

Place: Tony M's—Safari Conference Room

Address: 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917

#### Schedule:

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00PM-7:45 PM - Tea Party Meeting

7:45 PM - 9:00 PM - Open Carry Seminar

Tony M's does serve alcohol, but we have secured a written permission slip per MCL 750.234d(2) for anyone who does not have a CPL yet wishes to attend.

**Presenter:** Phillip Hofmeister, President of Michigan Open Carry, Inc.

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php/topic,4715.0.html>

### Open Carry Lunch in Fenton, Sunday February 15 at 1:00 PM

Never open carried before? Curious about it? Join us for lunch in Fenton!

Lawful Open Carry of a holstered handgun welcome and encouraged, but not required.

Michigan Open Carry is inviting you and your friends to come to Culver's Restaurant in Fenton for lunch. We'll be there having good food, pleasant conversation, and answering any questions we can.

### The Real Truth About 1911s



The 1911 is the "King of the Feedway Stoppage" because we are asking the pistol to do more than it was ever designed to do

### Build a 1911 Pistol at Home



No FFL, no background check, 100% legal (MI residents must still register, though)

### Beretta Pulls All Manufacturing Out of Maryland



Beretta had originally only planned to use the new Gallatin, Tennessee facility for new product, but due to Maryland's new anti-gun laws they have now decided to pull ALL manufacturing out of Maryland completely.

*"A man's rights rest in three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box."*

— Frederick Douglass

CLEO sign off on NFA items passed by House

## Ohio

HB 234 signed into law, improves CC license laws, expands reciprocity, repeals restrictions on contiguous state long gun purchases, contains "shall certify" NFA language, and redefines automatic firearm so large hi-cap mags no longer qualify

## Oklahoma

SB 19 would allow licensed carriers to carry on a public bus

HJR 1009 requires strict scrutiny for restrictions of firearms freedoms

## Pennsylvania

Governor signs strengthened preemption into law

HB 2243 would make it illegal for most employers to forbid workers from keeping guns in their cars on company property

## South Carolina

Bills in both houses would bring gun rights, safety, and marksmanship into the classroom

## South Dakota

HB 1116 allowing Constitutional Carry passes the House but was defeated in Senate committee

HB 1096, allowing the state to apply for NICS exemption certification so a pistol carry permit would serve as a background check for firearm purchases, passed by the House but was defeated in Senate committee

HB 1215 would provide an optional enhanced carry permit that would be rec-

These events sponsored by Michigan Open Carry are a great way to learn more about the lawfulness of open carrying of a handgun.

When: Sunday, February 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Culver's Restaurant

Address: 3202 Owen Road, Fenton, MI 48430

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php/topic,4745.0.html>

### Open Carry Lunch in Fowlerville, Sunday March 15 at 2:00 PM

Never open carried before? Curious about it? Join us for lunch in Fenton!

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When: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Great Lakes Family Restaurant

Address: 963 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Map: [Link](#)

For more information: <https://forums.miopencarry.org/index.php/topic,4778.0.html>

### Joint MOC / MGO Picnics this summer! Stay tuned!

Michigan Open Carry, Inc. and Michigan Gun Owners would like to announce and invite everyone to this year's summer gun picnics!

The rough schedule is as follows. Specific times and locations will be announced as locations are booked.

June - Midland

July - Detroit

August - Traverse City

September - Grand Rapids

The general public is welcome, so bring your family and friends for some free food and fun. We will see you there and please remember to share.

## Refinanced Colt Walks Away from \$1m FL Building Deal



Osceola leaders plan to evict gun company that promised jobs, but never followed through

## Remington shifts jobs from N.Y. to Alabama



Remington reduces work force in New York, where the gun maker has operated a factory for nearly 200 years

## Smith & Wesson: On the Ropes Again?



People just aren't stocking up on firearms the way they used to

## Smith & Wesson Buys Battenfeld



Maker of Caldwell, Other Brands In a \$130.5 million cash deal

ognized by more states  
 HB 1205 would require  
 that CLEOs sign off on  
 NFA items within 15 days

**Tennessee**

SB 206 provides for a  
 "Second Amendment  
 sales tax holiday"

**SB 1058** and **HB 994**  
 would create a cause of  
 action against an em-  
 ployer for discharge or  
 adverse employment  
 action based solely on  
 transportation or storage  
 of a firearm or firearm  
 ammunition in an em-  
 ployer parking lot

**SB 1171** and **HB 995**  
 would allow a person  
 with a handgun carry  
 permit to carry a firearm  
 in any state, county, or  
 municipal park or other  
 recreation area, would  
 remove provisions allow-  
 ing local governments to  
 prohibit carrying in parks  
 by resolution or ordi-  
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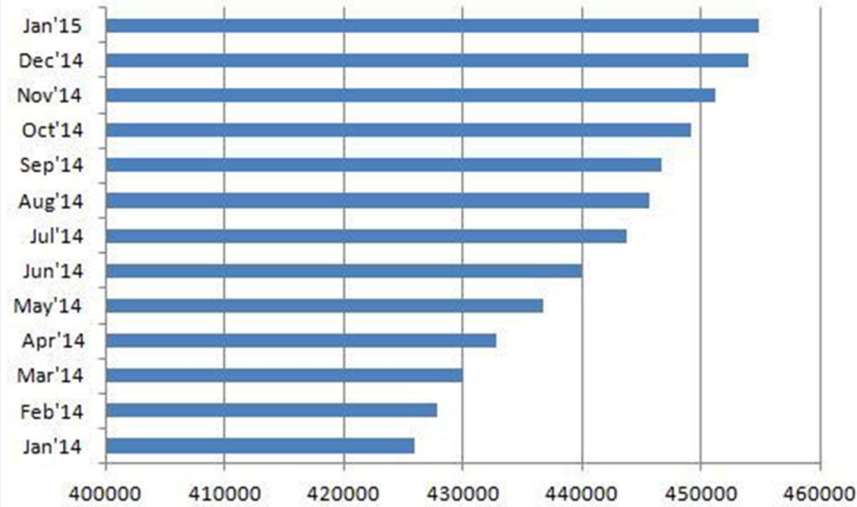
**SB 1215** and **HB 1255**  
 would require the CLEO  
 certify NFA transfers or  
 firearms manufacture  
 within 15 days

**HB 481** and **SB 70**  
 would clarify that it is not  
 an offense for a person  
 to transport and properly  
 store a firearm in a motor  
 vehicle parked on school  
 property

**SB 780** and **HB 535**  
 would allow  
 "constitutional carry"

**HB 683** and **SB 633**  
 would prohibit schools  
 from requiring students,  
 parents, or employees to  
 provide information on  
 firearm ownership

**Firearms Fact**



Statistics from the Michigan State Police. Graph courtesy of MCRGO.

As of January 5, 2015, there were 454,905 concealed pistol license holders in Michigan.

**Missed an Issue?**

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**Become a Member of Michigan Open Carry!**



Michigan Open Carry is a fully volunteer organization. Your membership and donations help us fight for the right to keep and bear arms both in the courts and in the legislature. Won't you consider becoming a dues paying member today?

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**Magpul Finalizes  
 Departure From  
 Colorado to Protest  
 Anti-Gun Laws**



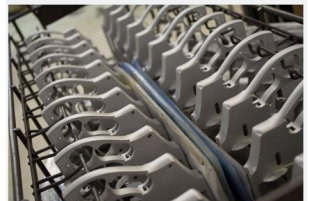
Officials unveiled its new facilities in Texas and Wyoming

**Magpul Finalizes New  
 Headquarters**



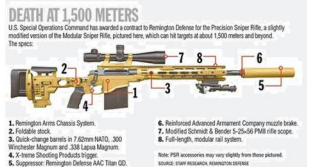
Austin, Texas!

**Making of a  
 Smith & Wesson**



A look inside the gun factory

**Remington Defense  
 Snags M40 Sniper  
 Rifle Stocks Contract**



On top of \$28m Army contract for XM2010 sniper rifles and \$80m Marine Corps contract for Precision Sniper Rifles ("PSR") and 4.6 million rounds of precision ammunition

**SB 700** and **HB 745** would create a lifetime handgun carry permit

**SB 1110** and **HB 1341** would prohibit the use of any public funds, personnel, or property to enforce any federal law or regulation that regulates the ownership, use, or possession of firearms, ammunition, or firearms accessories

### Texas

HB 176 invalidates federal firearms laws

HB 422 bars the in-state enforcement of nearly any federal gun control measure “past, present or future”

**HB 195** and **SB 342** would allow constitutional carry

**HB 226** and **SB 273** would impose fines on state agencies, cities or counties that improperly post 30.06 signs prohibiting CHLs from public property

HB 308 removes all restrictions on where CHLs may lawfully carry

SB 311 would repeal the prohibition on carrying in certain locations that are considered private property, private businesses

HB 216 reduces CHL age from 21 to 18

**SB 11** and **HB 937** would allow concealed carry on college campuses

**SB 17**, **HB 164**, and **HB 910** would allow CHL holders to open carry

SB 256 bans the possession or transfer of “large capacity magazines”

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### Liberty Ammunition Wins Patent Lawsuit Over Army's M855A1 Ammo



Ammunition maker wins more than \$15 million in patent infringement lawsuit against federal government, plus tens of millions more in royalties

### Humphrey's World No More – Marijuana and Guns



Marijuana and guns don't mix

### Marijuana Cards, Gun Ownership Combination Remain a Legal Risk



Federal government still doesn't believe the two should mix

## Utah

HB 260 would allow anyone over 21 to carry a concealed gun as long as a round isn't chambered

## Virginia

SB 1137, passed and awaiting the governor's signature, would prohibit local ordinances that ban concealed carry permit holders from transporting a loaded rifle or shotgun

SB 948, passed and awaiting the governor's signature, would prohibit sharing concealed carry license info with law enforcement in states that do not have reciprocity agreements with Virginia

SB 689 would allow concealed permit holders to obtain a lifetime permit

SB1132 would allow concealed carry on school property if no school event is in session

SB 828 would allow the possession of firearms on private and religious school property

HB 1329, passed by the House, would provide for recognition of out-of-state carry licenses

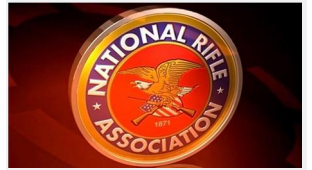
HB 2009, passed by both the House and Senate, would require CLEOs to sign off on NFA transfers

HB 2024 would prohibit the lawful carry of firearms in libraries

HB 1329 would allow all out-of-state concealed handgun licenses to be recognized

HB 2029, passed by the House, exempts Virginia residents with concealed handgun permit from

## Man Told to Remove NRA Hat at Georgia Polling Place, Sues



Told NRA was associated with Republican Party

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*"To summarize, we conclude that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms. That right existed prior to the formation of the new government under the Constitution and was premised on the private use of arms for activities such as hunting and self-defense, the latter being understood as resistance to either private lawlessness or the depredations of a tyrannical government (or a threat from abroad).*

*— U.S. Court of Appeals,  
District of Columbia,  
March 9, 2007*

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undergoing a background check to purchase a gun

### Washington, D.C.

D.C. mayor signs into law emergency legislation on new gun carry permits

### West Virginia

SB 284 would require a CLEO to sign off on NFA items within thirty days

HB 2128 would allow concealed license holders to store guns in cars on Capitol grounds

SB 347 allowing "constitutional carry" passed by Senate

### Wisconsin

**SB 35** and **AB 49** would repeal 48-hour waiting period for handgun purchases

### Wyoming

The House has passed HB 114 which will repeal current gun free zones in public schools, college campuses, and government buildings. However, the Senate Education Committee completely gutted the bill and replaced it with an unrecognizable, anti-gun **substitute bill.**

## ACROSS THE BORDERS

### Canada

Harper government stops RCMP firearms reclassification system in its track

### England

UK gun owners now subject to surprise warrantless firearm "inspections"

Labour leader demands government tighten restrictions on ammunition

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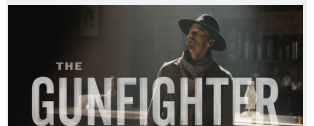
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Gunfighter



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*"Where rights secured by  
the Constitution are  
involved, there can be no  
legislation which would  
abrogate them."*

— *Miranda vs Arizona*  
384 US 436