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New York State Police Start SAFE Act Gun Confiscations

The first confiscation of guns and order to surrender a pistol permit under the NY SAFE Act began in Erie County. Under the mental health provisions of the SAFE Act an Amherst resident, David Lewis had his NYS pistol permit revoked and his guns seized, in early April.

His crime? The State Police issued an order to the Erie County Clerk to revoke his pistol permit and turn in his guns citing a mental health issue. It is unclear what information source the State Police acted upon.

Mr. Lewis had to retain an attorney and go before a judge who found he had not violated the SAFE Act, reinstated his pistol license and ordered his guns returned. Lewis did not have as much as a parking ticket on his record. His attorney stated the NY State Police had acted because Lewis had been prescribed a common, mild anti anxiety medication in the past. Not something that should have triggered the SAFE Act provisions.

The State Police deny having access

to private patient records. That would be a serious violation of the HIPAA law.

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) is a federal law that protects the privacy of personal medical information. It is considered a violation of your civil rights if HIPAA rules are not followed.

Another possible source for the information is the Gun Tip Line. A toll free line where you can call anonymously and report anyone you think is violating a gun law in exchange for \$500.

Both the State police and Erie County Clerks Office have been trying to place the blame elsewhere because of the bad publicity and harassment of an innocent law abiding gun owner.

In a prepared statement, Erie County Clerk Christopher L. Jacobs said "Until the mental health provisions are fixed, these mistakes will continue to happen." That reassures me, how about you?

Guns are not protected by the First Amendment

Jared Markham, an eighth grader from West Virginia found out the First Amendment no longer applies to expressing support for the Second Amendment. Friday, April 19, Jared went to school as usual at Logan Middle School. He wore a tee shirt with the picture of a gun, the NRA logo and the saying "Protect Your Right."

While at lunch a teacher, walked up to Jared and insisted that he take the tee shirt off because it violated the school dress code by being disruptive to the educational process. After refusing to take off his shirt, Jared was brought to the principals office where he was given suspension. Then the police were called and the principal had Jared arrested on charges of "obstruction and disturbing the

education process." The only "disturbed" persons seemed to be the teacher and the principal.

Jared's father, Allen Lardieri, has promised to fight these outrageous charges. Many of Jared's school mates have protested the suspension by dressing in tee shirts with guns on them. The school did ask at least one of those students to change their shirt. Both the school district and Logan Middle School have not publicly commented on the matter.

Jared is to be congratulated for standing up for his rights. At the same time it is disturbing and makes one wonder why a school would consider a tee shirt saying "Protect Your Right" "disruptive to the educational process." What happened to the First Amendment? Just what is being taught in schools and what is the real agenda? Clearly our rights are being attacked on all sides.

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The NYC Chapter's Meeting is no longer being held at a Restaurant. Part of our Monthly Meeting is a visit to a gun store and/or a range. Normally we're doing this on a Tuesday evening, but that may change depending on the hours of our target location of the month.

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**Membership
needs your help**

By Mike Mastrogiovanni, CNY

America has hit tough times, not only economically but gun owners in New York State have been assaulted on every front, state, local and soon federal. We need to join together and fight back.

I am asking every member in SCOPE to sign up a friend, if they are a gun owner or not. If this friend does not have the money to join do it for him.

This small amount will help Scope continue to fight the good fight, resisting the anti-gun politicians.

Remember what Ben Franklin said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Consequences of Civil Disobedience

By Ralph Esposito

There are some who suggest that civil disobedience is one way to fight the SAFE Act. There is a tradition in America that predates our Constitution to protest unjust and unconstitutional laws by not complying with them. From the Boston Tea Party to the Civil Rights Movement. We are not afraid to challenge, disobey and act when we feel oppressed by unjust laws.

Before you do, please take a moment to understand the possible consequences. The politicians who passed this travesty made sure those current law abiding citizens who did not obey the new law would be severely punished. **Should you choose not to comply with the NY SAFE Act and you are caught, you will be charged with a felony.** You will be subject to arrest, court costs, fines, possible jail time, loss of all your guns and loss of your right to vote.

Part of the lawsuits filed included a motion for an injunction. That would have suspended the implementation of the SAFE Act until the court had ruled on the lawsuits. The first was denied. There are several other lawsuits that have or will be filed shortly against the SAFE Act and each will ask for an injunction. The suits may take several years

to go through the courts. If the other injunctions are also denied it will mean New York State will implement the law as they see fit until we win one of the lawsuits.


At this point in time after discussion with an attorney who specializes in Second Amendment issues he advised gun owners to comply with the law or they may face felony charges. Thank you Cuomo, Bloomberg, the democrat party and several spineless republicans NYS Senators.

Bloomberg and New York State are still on the attack

So you think the NYS democrats are done with gun control? Well it is a sure bet Cuomo and Bloomberg have a few more things up their sleeve for gun owners.



Even now the rich control freak, Mayor Bloomberg has put up 12 million dollars to destroy the NRA. Word is that this is just the start, another 6 million may be added to that pile very soon.

The law suits may well change the SAFE Act significantly. However it is unknown if they will completely strike down the law. There are two ways we can stop the stealing of our Rights. The first is to vote out the bad and vote in those who respect our Second Amendment Rights. The second, donate to the SCOPE Legal Defense Fund and SCOPE PAC (p 7 & 9).



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Are we being governed or ruled?

By Budd Schroeder

The SAFE law is in effect and the registration provisions are in action. The governor wishes to have people who own so called "assault weapons" and high capacity magazines registered. The best information is that upstate New York gun owners are not in favor of this law and the enthusiasm for compliance is lacking.

Most of the gun owners are not in a rush to register their guns and magazines. The sheriffs and most law enforcement officers are not enthusiastic about enforcing the seven round limit in magazines law. The SAFE law is being challenged in at least three law suits with a fourth one being considered by SCOPE. Many gun owners are delaying a decision because they want to see how the law suits will be decided.

SCOPE has printed and is selling bumper stickers as part of their protest against the law. The message is "Protect the Constitution. Impeach Cuomo" and "What part of infringing don't you understand?" and can be ordered at the web site www.SCOPENY.org.

The SAFE ACT was rammed down the throats of New York gun owners by a "message of necessity" in January, but if it was so necessary to pass it in the middle of the night, why was compliance on the registration given a year? This was strictly a political move to satisfy the ego of a power mad governor who wished to be able to make a press release regarding signing a bill that made New York the most restrictive state regarding gun control.

We all know that the term gun control is a misnomer. It is really only a euphuism for people control. The founding fathers put the **S e c o n d A m e n d m e n t** in the Constitution to guarantee that the people would be more powerful than the politicians in government. Many of the modern politicians don't like that balance. They prefer that those running the state and federal governments should have more power over the people.

This is where the rubber meets the road. The First Amendment gives the people the power of assembly and the right to petition the government. The honest, law-abiding gun owners have been and will continue to hold rallies and protests against a draconian law that definitely infringes on their Second Amendment rights.

There are state legislators who are submitting bills to repeal the

law, but their big obstacle is Sheldon Sliver who rules the assembly with an iron hand and won't let any bill he doesn't like on the floor. However, with the negative publicity Albany is getting regarding corruption running rampant in both the assembly and senate, that may have a bearing on how the repeal bills will be treated.

We are still governed by the concept of a republic and if the people are in charge of governance this could be a winnable battle. If not through the courts, then there is a fair chance of having the repeal bills at least given a possibility of passage.

This bill has opened a floodgate for a test of whether the people prefer to abide by the Constitution or will submit to the whims of powerful liberal politicians using their power and money to defeat constitutional rights. They will find out if upstate New York can have a say in the laws governing their rights or if they have to bow to the whims of the New York City liberals. We get the government we deserve is an old saying. Upstate citizens believe we deserve better than what we are given.

This law is a focal point of finding out if we are being governed or ruled.

Marching to the Beat of Whose Drum? The Dangerous Aspects of the SAFE Act

By Helena Kosorek

While Americans are glued to flat screen TVs and seek to find out the latest in what is turning out to be an overwhelming amount of visual evidence of change within America, there are others working furiously to reach out to other Americans to have them look at the ever increasing signs of control and a loss of freedom.

Have events moved us to accept today what would not have been accepted fifteen years ago? What happened to the premise innocent until proven guilty? Or that evidence was required to prove a crime? Why have we accepted the terminology "person of interest" and television programming of that same name about apprehending someone before a crime is committed? Why was "probable

cause" being questioned and the case for using "reasonable suspicion" being advanced?

Events are presented to us in theaters, then mirrored in the news, it seems, and we roll into it like rolling into a wave. You either roll with it or get swept off your feet. How do we determine what is the truth and what is in our best interest?

As Americans our benchmark has been and should be the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. With the enactment of the NY SAFE Act we recognize the 2nd amendment, one of

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Mental Health

By Paul Rusin

Mental health is an issue which has come to the fore with the shootings at a school in Newtown, CT. Though there is a constant push to have a database of mentally deficient, the question remains how the determinations are to be made. During the early part of the 20th Century many people were institutionalized when they showed even the least sign of hysteria, such as a woman getting mad, and berating her husband even though it may have been deserved.

No one can prove the mental health/stability of anyone, and mental status may change at the drop of a hat depending on circumstance. Some would say a well grounded person will remain well grounded, but suppose the straw that broke the camels back was presented to you? Suppose the very fact that you were willing to shoot another person on your own property as you felt threatened made the authorities determine that you were rash, irrationally paranoid?

See, once you start injecting "Mental Health" into the gun debate, anyone can be denied permission by the state for any thing, no matter how minor. A slip of the tongue, a slight to someone who takes it personally (a mental health issue in itself), use of a word deemed inappropriate by the state, whether in writing, or speech (already Orleans County has passed a request to the federal congress to ban the use of the word "retard(ed)" in regards to mental health status). How many more words have been proposed to be banned? Any slight against a minority, or even someone's ethnicity, may not have been banned, but use of words like Pollock, Kike, Guinea, etc., have been made inappropriate in our speech, even tho' few of those whose ethnicity was mocked took unkindly to these words then, and some, even now. Your status with the person in question often plays into whether they accept the name you have called them. If one takes offense, they can be called on it, but to ban outright such things seems a might provocative, and ungainly from a constitutional perspective where speech is supposed to be protected.

I think most here could agree, or at the least surmise that to which I write. The fact is, there are

people who are mentally deficient, but often that deficiency cannot be seen, or tested for, in the general population. The individual is key here, and no amount of doctoring, or mentoring, or psychological profiling can get it right every time. So, these databases that the left--I suppose many on the right, as well -- would like to see created in regards to mental health would seem to me to be unconscionable.

Further, how can we allow that there is a privacy in the doctor patient relationship in regards to abortion (infanticide), and not in regards to mental status, and health? It would seem that only where the state agrees one may murder is such appropriate. The key here is the denial issue. How many recall the purges of NAZI Germany? Not many alive today can recall when the retarded were taken from their families, and the infirmaries they were in, these families being told they were going to work camps where they would be happy being around people like themselves, when, in reality, the NAZI's were systematically murdering them because of their mental incapacity.

The Soviet Union used incarceration of mental defectives a part of its agenda. Who were considered such? Here is a rendering entitled, "The Legacy of Psychiatric Abuse in the USSR":

"In the late 1960s and 1970s, procuratorial and KGB agencies increasingly began to send dissidents from the scientific and humanitarian intelligentsia as well as the independent labor movement to psychiatric detention. The usual pattern was to arrest a dissident on a political charge such as Art. 70 ("anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda") or Art. 190-1 (anti-state slander), subject him to compulsory psychiatric examination (usually at the Serbsky Institute of Forensic Psychiatry in Moscow), hold a perfunctory trial in absentia, and immediately assign the defendant to indefinite detention in special psychiatric hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The advantage of forensic psychiatric detention is that no case has to be built in court, behavior can be controlled with drugs, and the "sentence" is indefinite. Hundreds of dissidents went through this torment. "<http://www.hrw.org/reports/pdfs/u/ussr/>

ussr2905.pdf

How many recall the 1950's and 1960's when lobotomies were routinely performed on those who the state couldn't handle. Even one of the Kennedy's relations was lobotomized. The mental health community also used electrical shock therapy to staunch the bad behavior of some individuals, but shock therapy isn't commonly used anymore for various, and good reasons, one being that memories of the patients were erased if these shock treatments occurred enough times, and could even occur with one use.

Certainly, medicines capacity to treat mental illness has come a long way with the research done, and drugs created to treat mental health issues, and brain chemical deficiencies, especially in those with depression, and mania. However, suppose one use of an anti-anxiety drug made you no longer eligible for state permission to carry a weapon? Would that not make you vulnerable? Suppose being right wing (constitutional belief in rule of law, republican form of governance, libertarianism, etc.) was considered a mental health problem? Could you be denied the ability to carry for being so? What if left wing meant that you were so averse to guns that if you wanted to carry you were thought to have a mental problem, perhaps paranoia, regardless of your true mental status, or regard for your own personal safety? Would that not be a "Catch 22"?

The mental health issue has to be addressed in this country, but it can't be used as an excuse to deny anyone who ever sought medical help for a mental health issue the right to keep and bear arms. Imagine if you have a cheating, or abusive, spouse with whom you cannot deal, or some other reason such as job loss, which has resulted in a mild depression. Does one lose the ability--their right--to carry--for life simply because one has a short term problem? And, what provisions did the founders have for mental defectives? How were they treated? How were they denied the ability to own and carry weapons? Some may have considered "Billy the kid" Bonnie a might 'loony tunes' for his lack of morals, and disregard for human life.

What role does morality play

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Unsafe NY SAFE Act

By Stephen J Aldstadt

NY SAFE Act is anything but. This new law will do virtually nothing to improve safety and reduce crime in New York but it seems many people are still under the impression that it is a good thing. They see it on TV; guns are bad, guns kill people and now the government is finally doing something about it. SCOPE members know better, but what about the rest of the people, the ones who only know what they see on TV? It is up to us as individuals to talk to our friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We need to educate them. Let them know the truth because you know they are not going to get from the media.

The biggest and most important misconception is that American society is getting more and more violent. We see sensational stories about unspeakable crimes committed with guns. It seems as if no one is safe any more, not even our kids in schools. It seems like gun violence is an ever increasing plague in our country. It is no wonder that many people believe the politicians when they something must be done to stop it.

The murders at Newtown Connecticut and Aurora Colorado are still fresh on everybody's mind. They were horrible vicious crimes to be sure, but are they really evidence that gun violence is epidemic? The fact they are such an abnormality is what makes them such sensational news. It is informative to take a look at the bigger picture. Lets examine some of the government's own data on gun crime in America.

According to the FBI uniform crime statistics; in 2011, an estimated 14,612 persons were murdered in the United States. This was a 0.7 percent decrease from the 2010 estimate, a 14.7 percent decline from the 2007 figure, and a 10.0 percent decrease from the 2002 estimate.

There were 4.7 murders per 100,000 inhabitants, a 1.5 percent

decrease from the 2010 rate. Compared with the 2007 rate, the murder rate declined 17.4 percent, and compared with the 2002 rate, the murder rate decreased 16.8 percent.

During the same period, gun purchases went from 147,484 in the year 2005 to 992,975 in 2011, and over a million in 2012. That's a lot of numbers, but what does it really mean? Well for those of you in Rio Linda as Rush would say it boils down to this, more guns and less crime. That seems counter intuitive to a lot of people. More guns should mean more crime right? It is only logical. But it is simply not true, but it is exactly what politicians and their media allies want you to think.

Who are the victims of these murders? You know all about the innocent children from Sandy Hook Elementary. You are reminded about them almost daily. But again, the reason it is such a sensational news story is that it is such a stark contrast to the normal. Despite certain preconceptions many have regarding race relations in America, the majority of homicide victims tend to be killed by members of their own ethnic groups; whites tend to kill other whites, blacks tend to murder other blacks, and likewise Hispanics tend to victimize their own communities as well.

What is seldom reported or discussed is the tendency, regardless of social or ethnic groups involved, is that most of the murderers have a prior criminal record and most of their victims do as well. This tends to indicate that the real problem of gun violence in this county has more to do with illegal drugs, and the national failure the criminal justice system to deal with the criminal enterprises that result from the drug prohibition.

The NY SAFE Act specifically targets so called "Assault Weapons". The promise is that your communities will be safer once we rid our neighborhoods of these "military style" weapons with "high capacity" magazines. Really? The latest complete statistics we have from the FBI

are for 2010. In that year 12,996 homicides were committed. 358 were committed with rifles of any type; the total number in New York State is 5. By contrast in the same period 540 homicides were committed with blunt objects (clubs hammers, etc.), 745 were committed with personal weapons (hands, fist, feet, etc.), and 1704 were committed with knives. It has been estimated that there are over a million modern sporting rifles in New York State. People are now being arrested for buying or selling the guns they legally owned prior to the enactment of this new law. Tell me again how this makes us safer?

Americans are buying more and more guns. The most popular modern sporting rifles are variants of the AR-15 style semi-automatic rifles. Crime in America is steadily and measurably decreasing. Most gun crime is committed with handguns by people with criminal records who are barred by law from possessing a gun in the first place. Now with the passage of the NY SAFE Act previously legal gun owners will face felony charges, not for committing any violent or anti-social acts, but simply possessing the property they had already legally and peacefully owned.

Is it any wonder people all over New York are vowing non-compliance? Is it any wonder county and local governments, NYS Sheriff's association, NYS Association of County Clerks, law enforcement professionals and PBAs all across the state are calling for repeal of the law? Rather than being protected, law abiding citizens are being targeted by their own government.

It is up to all of us as individuals to make sure people understand the absurdity of this law. This law has nothing to do with making us safer. This law is a nothing less than a vast expansion of power over the lives of ordinary people for political gain. Remember when we used to say it's a free county?

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The SAFE Act Magazine Fix

The first passage of the SAFE Act limited magazines to 7 rounds or less and banned all 10 round or higher capacity magazines. This caused law enforcement/government to complain as well as the public. It also put NYS in a position where magazines might be difficult to impossible to obtain for law enforcement.

Don't believe for a moment Cuomo, Bloomberg or the democrat

politicians bent to the protests of the people. They needed to cover their rear ends. First to make sure law enforcement has magazines but also to blunt the lawsuits being filed against NYS. The 7 round magazine provision may well have been considered a ban because currently no one makes the lower capacity magazines.

The "fix" was passed and it allows 10 round magazines to be possessed and sold. The restrictions? I called NYS and was told the following:

1. Law enforcement/government may have 10 rounds in their magazines.

2. Retired law enforcement are under the same 7 round restrictions as civilians.
3. Civilians can only have 7 rounds in their magazines. THIS INCLUDES IN YOUR HOME.
4. You may have 1 round in the chamber and 7 in the magazine.
5. 10 rounds may be loaded in the magazine only at the gun range and competition shoots.

Again this information was supplied by the NYS 1-855-GUNLAWS information number. If you have a technical question about the SAFE Act give them a call.

HIPAA & the Pistol Permittee in NYS: A "Message of Necessity" all Pistol Permittees Need to Read & Understand about the New Pistol Licensing Renewal Process in NYS

By Paul Rusin

For all Pistol Permit (PP) Holders of record, in the future you may be (likely will be) asked to sign a HIPAA form so the state can check your medical records. This is an invasion of your medical privacy. If you say you have nothing to hide from the state just look at the recent Erie County man whose permit was revoked as one of the State Police noted he took an anxiety drug for an office visit with his MD once, in years past. Have you ever had a dentist issue you Novocain, laughing gas, or other drug, to stop you from experiencing pain during dental work? Novocain is a narcotic, nerve numbing, similar in nature to cocaine. Have you ever had anxiety about even going to a dentist, and been offered something like Xanax?

What about a temporary setback which caused depression--i.e., loss of job, suffered a rape, or other which brought about trauma, a death in the family, perhaps a loved one died in battle far from home, perhaps you, yourself suffered injuries as a result of such a battle--in which you have been prescribed a mind altering substance to either alleviate anxiety, or mild depression? Ever been put under in order to undergo an operation? You could be judged mentally incapacitated for life merely for that one incident. Are you willing to take that chance?

If you answered in the affirmative to any of these, then you

could be subject to revocation of your permit, permanently, and further, the state may use this in the future to deny you all future purchases of firearms (long guns—rifles & shotguns), as well as a determination made that you may no longer own any weapons, and seek to confiscate them, or order you to turn them over to the state police, or other authority. All mental defectives are debarred arms under Brady Law, what the NRA affectionately calls NICS, thanks to their hand in crafting the legislation, and allowing it to continue rather than fighting it within the courts.

Only now have they realized what their future holds as the Senate seeks to further encroach on our right to keep & bear arms by expanding the database, and the usage of the NICS for all purchases & transfers, in essence, creating a database (all form 4473's eventually end up in BATFE files somewhere—think they are not creating a database given what we have seen with Eric Holder in regards allowing semi-auto firearms to “walk” across the border during “Operation Fast & Furious”, and other total disregard by the Obama-Soetoro regime, and their total lack of disregard for the law, and the Constitution?) of all gun owners in the future. I'm still not sure why Obama & Holder have not been brought up on charges of treason, and seeking to start a war with our neighbor to the south (who have shut their mouths on the operation after being blackmailed that they would lose the \$500 million, that's a ½ Billion folks, for drug interdiction efforts in Mexico). The deaths of hundreds if not thousands, and potentially tens of thousands, of Mexican citizens lies squarely in their lap, but I digress.

Suppose you then hire a lawyer, and you wish to sue to get your guns back, sue to clear your name, in essence. Suppose that the MD, Psychiatrist, or other healthcare professional who supplied your information did so because you signed the HIPAA form as demanded by the State of NY

in their capacity under NY's S.A.F.E. Act? Your medical records are no longer private, and may be released to the public just as the names of Pistol Licensees have been released in the past. Further, the information goes into the federal NICS database, which the federal Senate wishes to expand to all gun purchases, and transfers, even amongst individuals. You would be debarred purchase of arms nationwide. Are you prepared to move out of the United States to be able to keep & bear arms, a right guaranteed by your constitution, and that said entity (the federal government in its legislative, executive, and judiciary capacity, is tasked with protecting and defending?). Do you now understand why NRA is fighting this proposed law in the federal Senate?

On top of that, the HIPAA form you sign has language in it preventing you from suing the very health care practitioners/providers who released this information. You now not only have no recourse against the state, and are now an adjudicated mental defective, but you are, also, unable to sue the state, or the doctors for redress, or damages incurred by you (lawyer fees, loss of life, limb, etc., in case of a theft, or other in which you are now incapable of defending yourself, et al).

NY State is about to do you irreparable, costly, and possibly deadly harm, all because Governor 'L'il Duce' Cuomo saw fit to send a “message of necessity,” along with a bill of long awaited desire by him, and those in the bubble wrap with which he surrounds himself, because children that the state of Connecticut was tasked with protecting were left defenseless by state & federal law(s). Do you understand what I am saying here? Federal & state laws which disarm all individuals within a protected sphere, but who fail to protect that sphere, have just been indicted, by me, if by no one else, for taking the lives of 26 people in Connecticut

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at Sandy Hook Elementary, in Newtown These deaths are directly attributed to legislation crafted by state & federal legislators. Who gets the blame for Sandy Hook? The law abiding gun owner, who is further tasked with jumping through ever more hoops so that in the future, other Sandy Hooks, can once again be laid at their feet. Well, I'm tired of the hypocrisy, and being told I am evil because I like guns, shooting, hunting, and the like.

Other incidents where self defense was disallowed were Columbine High, Virginia Tech, Paducah, KY, as well as the movie theater in Aurora, CO., where a crazed gunman shot dozens of people leaving approximately a dozen dead. Signs posted outside the theater debarred the carry of weapons to "law abiding" citizens, but failed to protect their patrons from a criminal element. Further, the psychiatric condition of the Aurora shooter was known but the system failed to adequately provide the means, and possibly motivate the healthcare provider treating him to report him to the authorities, tho', I personally decry the

use of such as a reason to debar arms, it being that many treated individuals are not a threat to themselves, or others. In many cases this may result in a state afflicted "lifelong disability" where one is disallowed firearm ownership, or use.

Further, if the state is going after the people who use psychotropic drugs even once, what does that say about the effectiveness, possible lethality, and possible detrimental nature of these drugs. The state, federal government, our HC provider, or our pharmacy, are not telling us about these drugs they are prescribing, and what effects they may have on us?

In essence, what I am telling you is that we need all Pistol licensees to refuse to sign the HIPAA form that you will be provided when you re-apply (in essence that what the renewal process is about) for your pistol license every 5 years now that we have renewable permits thanks to a couple of dolts in the pro-gun community, who I will not name, but who likely know who they are, that proposed this in a compromise to get NY a "shall issue" system of permit over a decade ago. I warned them at the

time, as did others, that pursuing that line of thought with the legislature/legislators would result in a 5 year renewal, without their precious "shall issue," and that is exactly what happened. I hate to sound prescient, but this was merely putting two and two together, and understanding the mentality of the left, their tyrannical nature, their hatred of all things firearm related today, drugs & alcohol related in the past, and who knows what the next thing may be tho' they have already slandered salt, fatty foods, fast food, cigarettes, and Big Gulps. Look at what they are doing in our schools to protect the children from being overweight, and you can see the future. Look at BarryCare (ObamaCare) to see the future of HC in the U.S. We know what totalitarians are like, and how they operate. We have seen it in Germany under Hitler, the Soviet Union under Stalin, and Lenin, Red China under Mao, Cambodia under the reign of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge ('Red' hats), Italy under 'il Duce' Mussolini, and now NY under Andy 'L'il Duce' Cuomo. Yes, I have been notified he hates being called that, but if the shoe fits...

Operation Pack the 'Pac'

By Bob Brannan
Wayne Chapter Vice Chair

This initiative was one of the core elements of a Power Point presentation that was delivered at the statewide S.C.O.P.E. convention that was convened 4/13/13 in Rochester NY.

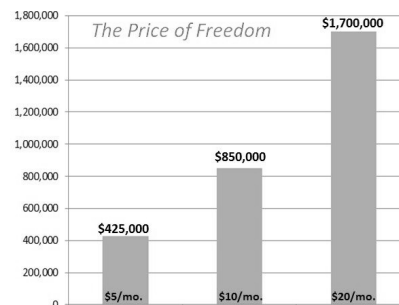
We all have to realize that in order to be successful in the upcoming battle, both legal and political we must reassess the methodology and time frame assessment to assure an at least reasonable chance of victory. Traditional fundraising methods at this point in time are not going to be sufficient to serve our needs. If you think for one minute that this fight is going to be over after a court ruling you are very much mistaken, further you have to make a decision as to just what your rights are worth and then... act on it.

As of this writing S.C.O.P.E. has 5000 members and is headed for 6000 statewide. I am asking that every member make a pledge; to yourself to donate what you can

every month in order to enable us all, through the S.C.O.P.E. platform to support 2nd amendment friendly representatives in Albany, and to continue the legal battle on several fronts. The chart gives you some idea of just how much can be raised as we head to the 2014 election cycle and believe me this kind of financial asset can determine election results statewide.

The decision to engage is yours; liberty regained or lost forever...that is yours as well.

- "Pack the P.A.C." potential after 17 months of pledges.



The Freedom Fight Continues

By Tim Swedenhjelm

I have had the Honor to be at Two of the Albany Pro Second Amendment Rally's with A few thousand at the first, and 15,000 to 19,000 or more at the second. They all are people just like me, folks taking off days of work, spending time and money that could be used elsewhere in their lives, spending time away from their families, enduring long bus and train rides, standing in the freezing cold, driving there in their own cars, just to be there. It's because the issue of our Rights and Freedoms still mean that much to each and every one of them. It seems the Kool-Aid of mind control didn't last for long and is wearing off for many of these folks, and they're not accepting this Force of Lies that's trying to be sold to New York. This all happened when I was feeling all was lost in here NY. It has reactivated my belief that Americans are now waking up from the coma of stupid and reawaking as very Angry Americans. I've spoken at a number of different events in the past few weeks and the anger is growing like a wild fire. I just attended the Oath Keepers

Protest with the Million Women and Mom's of the Second Amendment and again have been witness to at least two thousand people showing up in the cold to protect their God Given Rights. Of course the mindless media says hundreds showed up to try to down play the event. It's so Awesome to see this many people ready to take back this country that so many have died for to give us the Freedom that many just take for Granted.

Everyday I hear so many people here in NY complain how the quality of life here has gone down so very low that they're thinking of moving somewhere else. This should be the example that proves that who you vote for matters. If you voted for Cuomo, and all his lies, don't bitch, you deserve him, and what you get. Same to the people that were fooled Twice by Barry Obama, or whatever he calls himself today. All that has been proven is that people that know nothing about the government should never vote. We now call them Low Information Voters, This is proof that voting fools are dangerous to the safety of a nation, and easy to be led like the sheep the Government thinks they are.

If you're on the other side of all this you know that we all have work to do. This state and nation are a mess, and it's going to take a lot of

work to clean it up. One of the first things that have to stop is giving liberal/leftist opinion any valid credit. That should be responded to like the mental illness that it is - never followed. It's a form of mind poison designed to rob you of free thought and promoted by the mind control media that strangely over the past 50 years has developed into only one haunting voice, one opinion, and everyone not of that opinion is minimized. You know, 10,000 people become hundreds, and their 20 people are thousands. They do all this thinking the sheep will never notice because they have done this over time. What they forgot is that Truth Never Changes, no matter how they try to infect it with their lies. Sadly many of them that know how wrong they are, know they're trapped, in the (go along to get along) agenda thinking. Where they're going, you really don't want to be. It's a mud pit that's hard to wash off.

I Hope all of us join the fight for freedom. It's nothing personal; it's just our time to do it.

Thank You

I just want to thank everyone for electing me to the Board of Directors. I consider it to be a great honor. I have been a member of Scope for two years and a shooter for about the last six. When I was at the annual meeting yesterday, it was wonderful hearing how some of the Chapters in our organization are working so diligently to make a difference. Seeing the membership in every county growing shows me that many people in our state are just as concerned as I am about our Second Amendment rights being taken away. It makes me proud to say that I am a

member of Scope and just being there yesterday was an educational experience for me. Meeting so many people from such diverse backgrounds, all fighting towards a common goal was very inspiring and makes me want to work even harder towards preserving our Second Amendments Right for our children and grandchildren. I know I have a lot to learn but I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get down to work.

Thank you again,

Kathy Kristy
SCOPE BoD

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THERE ARE NO "BOMB FREE ZONES"

By Budd Schroeder

The horrific bombing in Boston shows that a sociopath doesn't need an assault rifle and high capacity magazines. Mayhem is in the mind of the madman. In this case it was two maniacs who used information easily found on the Internet on how to construct a bomb, and a pressure cooker easily obtained in most department stores. The information and materials are readily available and you don't need a background check or a permit to get them.

There have been satirical postings on the Internet about how now the anti-gun politicians will be asking for laws regulating pressure cookers and how they will be limited to seven pints of water. Perhaps there will be a law proposed to register pressure cookers and the materials that can be used to make bombs.

The real problem is that with all the publicity and knowledge given by the media on the ease and availability of bomb making components there can be copy cats anxious to get their fifteen minutes of fame by using bombs to create mass hysteria and mayhem. This could be something a sociopath would find appealing and easy to do.

A huge problem with crazy people is that they often think that they are smarter than the ones who failed and got caught. Then their abnormal ego drives them to test their theories about fooling law enforcement and being able to be the center of attention of the media. Some want people to fear them and being a mad bomber is a way to scare the masses.

Bombs are not difficult to make using pressure cookers and even pipes. They can be secreted in obscure places and with the electronic technology rampant in cell phones and toys they can be set off from safe

distances. Safe for the bomber, that is.

The common thread of these maniacs is consistent. They are nuts! Some are difficult to spot. Some are more obvious, but to say that all people who are disturbed are dangerous creates a problem too. Some politicians want to know if a person is taking an anti-depressant and if so, should be forbidden from possessing firearms.

Mental health experts have been saying that the vast majority of people with mental health problems are not dangerous. Many doctors say that their patients are more likely to be victims rather than criminals. One report estimated that about forty percent of police officers take anti-depressants of some sort. How can

you say that they should not be allowed to carry guns?

It is a complex problem to get the necessary information without treading on HIPAA laws regarding confidentiality between doctors and patients. The law already requires that a mental health professional must alert law enforcement if their patient, in their professional opinion, is a danger to himself and others.

There are not many people who believe that this kind of information belongs in the data base that is used in the background checks a person must undergo before they can buy a gun from a dealer. This rule has been in effect since 1968. Some states have not been up to date in supplying

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It's a very simple idea; if everyone who had taken an Oath had upheld that Oath, our beloved country would not be in the state it is in now. The 1934 National Fire Arms Act, the 1968 Gun Control Act, the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection Act, the 1994 Assault Weapons Bank and now the 2013 NYS Safe Act are all in direct violation of the Second Amendment as they infringe on the rights of American citizens to keep and bear arms. It is that simple. These unconstitutional laws were proposed, sponsored, voted for and signed into law by lawmakers who took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. In doing so, each and every one of those lawmakers broke their oath.

The mission of SCOPE is protecting gun ownership and the second amendment rights of New York citizens.

- The SAFE Act is an unconstitutional law which infringes upon

gun ownership and negates the second amendment rights of New York citizens.

- Oath Keepers swear not to obey unconstitutional laws.

Therefore, the missions of SCOPE and Oath Keepers could not be more closely aligned.

In both Washington and Albany we see evidenced in the words and actions of our elected officials increasing hubris and disdain for the national rights of all citizens. Not many years ago, the idea of gun confiscation would have been laughed at as a conspiracy theory. Today it looms on the horizon.

James Madison, father of our Constitutions, said "I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

The encroachments must stop now.

Oath Keepers seeks to remind those that may be ordered to enforce these unconstitutional laws that their first oath is to the Constitution, the highest law of the land.

Suzanne Redonnet Parker
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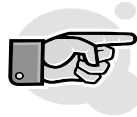
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that information to the national data base.

Some politicians are saying that sales between individuals should require a background check, but this faces the huge problem of being unenforceable. If Joe wants to sell his old thirty-thirty to his friend Bob, who is going to know? If Bob is out in the field hunting deer, and the LEO asks him to prove he had a background check to buy that gun, all Bob has to do is tell him that he got the gun from an uncle who died twenty years ago. Who can prove him wrong?

How many people keep receipts that many years old? How many guns have been bought and sold with an exchange of cash and a handshake? Possession is nine-tenths of the law. If I got it I own it. Prove otherwise!

It still breaks down to the inescapable fact that more than ninety-nine percent of gun owners are not dangerous to society. It would be nice if ninety-nine percent of our politicians were honest and didn't abuse their power, but just by reading the headlines, we know that we do have a problem with honesty and ethics in our federal and state capitals. Probably in the local government offices, too.

The politicians who are arguing for stricter gun controls on honest gun owners may be better served to look at their own group in legislative chambers. They should clean that up before taking Constitutional rights from gun owners who never have committed a crime, are not committing crimes and won't commit crimes. Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

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