



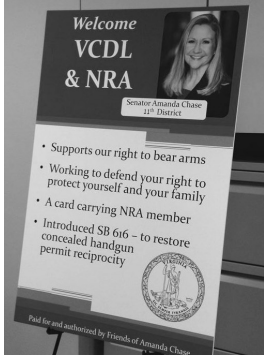
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VCDL MEMBERS SPEAK LOUDLY



VCDL, you did it! You showed our legislators that you are not deterred by a little cold weather when it comes to making your points clear.

An estimated 1200 of you made your voices heard on Lobby Day, clearly showing your elected representatives the depth and breadth of interest and scrutiny from Virginians intent on retaining our 2nd Amendment rights.

Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time. As can be seen in legislative actions (at press time), our voices were heard very clearly.



Members were willing to visit Sen. Marsden, despite this sign.



A group prepares to meet with a legislator.

After approximately 20 volunteer team leaders started their rounds, an almost equal number of *ad hoc* teams formed and headed in. Each legislator received a visit from at least one team, and most also had visits from constituents. From Senator Amanda Chase's (R-11) clear welcome to Senator Dave Marsden's (D-37) downright insulting banner to Delegate Paul Krizek's (D-44) *request* that his constituents not bring their firearms into his office and Delegate Mark Levine's (D-45) *insistence* that individuals entering his office unnecessarily handle loaded firearms, and leave them with a presumably untrained secretary, in a desk drawer, groups met with various levels of openness. As is often the case, some legislators chose not to meet with VCDL teams, but most at least made their legislative aides available.

First-time attendees overwhelmingly offer two comments. First, they appreciate the opportunity. Second, they are grateful to those who serve as team leaders and who are willing to walk newcomers through the process.



A group waits for a legislative aide.

VCDL Public Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 23 — Loudon County
Cascades Public Library
- Thursday, March 24 — Annandale
- Thursday, April 21 — Annandale
- Thursday, May 19 — Annandale
- Wednesday, June 22 — Annandale
- Tuesday, July 19 — Annandale

Additional meetings held throughout the state are announced in VA-ALERT and posted on the calendar at www.vcdl.org/calendar

Annandale meetings are held at the Mason Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
Fellowship 7:30; Meeting 8:00 PM

Sincerest thanks to the "official" team leaders: Sean Kennedy, Bruce Garris, Alan Fisher, Brandon Howard, Marcus White, Matt White, Joe Ligon, Chris Karanski, John Wilburn, Jay Templin, Robert Charlton, Brandy Polanowski, C.J. Meidinger, Gary Moeller, Kyle Heath, Kenneth van Wyk, Jerome Gress, Malcom Blundell, Evan Smith, Damian Ljungquist, and Mitchell Copeland, as well as to all those who volunteered to lead the *ad*

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

VCDL is a non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to defending the human rights of all Virginians. The membership considers the right to keep and bear arms an essential human right. Members are encouraged to participate actively in developing The Defender. Articles on Second Amendment and the Right to Keep and Bear Arms subjects may be published as space permits.

Articles should be brief and to the point. Materials will not be returned. All claims, facts, and quotes must be verifiable. Photos must be accompanied with names of the subjects, dates, location of events, and photographer's name. Articles must be factual, newsworthy, and of interest to the membership. VCDL will not endorse politicians or political candidates for office. Information submitted by the Political Action Committee (VCDL-PAC) appear inside the back page. Opinions expressed in The Defender are not necessarily those of the Virginia Citizens Defense League.

We also welcome, subject to space limitations, book reviews and firearms/gear reviews.

Submissions are subject to editing for length, style, grammar, and conformity with the goals of VCDL. Authors of articles and letters should be identified, and city/town of residence is preferred. Contact the editor for additional details.

VCDL wants to include clippings from around the state. You can help by monitoring your local newspaper for articles, editorials, and letters to the editor dealing with the right to keep and bear arms. Clip the news pieces along with a masthead from the paper and send them in, or send a link. If you write a letter to the editor, please send us a copy. Check the guidelines of the publication you write to, however; some require you not to publish elsewhere, or not to publish elsewhere until after it runs in their paper.

Send submissions at any time via e-mail to TheDefender@vcdl.org or via snail-mail to: The Editor, c/o VCDL, The Defender, P.O. Box 513, Newington, VA 22122

We are investigating the possibility of electronic access to The Defender. Should that be viable, we will notify our members via The Defender and via the VA-ALERT.

SADLY IT TAKES A BIG ANTI-GUN MOVE TO WAKE UP MOST GUN OWNERS

I heard from gun owners over and over again last year that we will not make any progress on gun rights as long as we have Terry McAuliffe for Governor.

Well, here we are, in early March with an excellent pro-gun bill expanding Virginia's reciprocity/recognition of out-of-state permits signed into law! Not only will we get back all the states that we almost lost, no thanks to Attorney General Herring, but we expect to gain at least **three** new ones that recognize our permits: New Hampshire, Georgia, and Colorado!

We also have **eight** other pro-gun bills on the way to the Governor's desk!

With the exception of two bills that were neutered and were part of the "deal" that got the reciprocity bill signed into law, all of the anti-gun agenda is now completely dead.

What brought the Governor to the table in the first place was the massive, angry response from Virginia's gun owners. One of my sources said that many of the normally anti-gun legislators were so inundated with calls from gun-owning constituents that they were not happy with what Herring had done and were pushing McAuliffe to make the pain stop.

On top of that, this is an election year and the Democrats were clearly not wanting to wake up gun owners from our slumber (Virginia has 421,000 permit holders and over one million gun owners, and yet only 6,000 are VCDL members. I consider the non-members to be asleep). But instead, the Attorney General poked a hornet's nest, filling the air with tens of thousands of angry hornets looking for whoever did that. So much for a quiet election year.

There is a lesson in this for those of you represented by anti-gun legislators. Do NOT just walk away from your legislators, thinking that they won't listen to you. The problem is that with all gun owners in such areas not contacting their legislators on gun issues, those legislators don't hear from gun owners at all. Instead they hear only from are the gun grabbers and have a distorted view of their district and the strong support for gun rights.

Lobby Day this year had well over 1,200 gun owners in attendance. It **was** noticed and helped immensely in our success this year. We need to do that every year, not just when we are under a threat. If we could **all** contact our legislators when asked to do so and have a massive Lobby Day each year, there isn't much that VCDL couldn't achieve. What hurts us is all the gun owners that expect someone else (us) to carry their water for them. This is America, we should **all** be carrying our own water.

Lobby Day in 2017 will be on January 16th at 8:30 AM at the General Assembly. Please plan on being there. Give your boss **nine** months' notice - hopefully that will be sufficient!



IN THE PRESS

Executive Member Dave Hicks had this Letter to the Editor published in the Roanoke Times:

"Fast forward to the following press release from The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (SCGV) <http://tinyurl.com/joaened>.

"We are delighted that the enactment clauses have been removed from the domestic violence bill and the voluntary background check bill" said CSGV executive director Josh Horwitz. "Governor McAuliffe can now sign these bills and make the Commonwealth a safer place without putting his signature on a dangerous bill that would put gun-toting individuals with a history of violence on Virginia's streets."

So it appears that The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence wanted the governor to go back on his word to the legislature and veto the reciprocity bill, while signing the other two bills.

Does this deceit by CSGV advance the idea that there can be honest negotiation, concession, and compromise on gun issues? Or does it confirm why many rights advocates don't trust control advocates?

Does this press release underline what many have been saying about the control advocates for a long time - that they believe that lying and deception, on their part, is acceptable because they consider themselves to be so righteous that any end justifies their means?

UPCOMING GUN SHOWS AND EVENTS

To volunteer to help man the VCDL table at a gun show, contact the appropriate coordinator listed in the block to the right. For non-gun show events, contact the listed coordinator. **Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of press time.**

CHANTILLY—Dulles Expo Center

Apr 22-24 Jun 10-12 Jul 22-24 Sep 30 - Oct 2

DALE CITY — VFW Post 1503

Apr 16-17 Jun 4-5 Jul 30-31 Oct 8-9

DOSWELL—Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park

May 7-8 Oct 22-23

FISHERSVILLE—Augusta Expo

Apr 9-10 Sep 10-11

FREDERICKSBURG — Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center

May 21-22 Aug 6-7 Oct 29-30

HAMPTON—Hampton Roads Convention Center

Jul 16-17 Sep 10-11

HARRISONBRUG—Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Oct 8-9

MANASSAS — PWC Fairgrounds

Jun 25-26 Sep 17-18 Dec 3-4

NORFOLK—Norfolk Scope

Apr 9-10 Sep 3-4

RICHMOND—Richmond Raceway Complex

May 21-22 Jul 9-10 Aug 27-28

ROANOKE—Roanoke Civic Center

Apr 16-17 Aug 20-21

SALEM—Salem Civic Center

Apr 30-May 1 Jul 16-17

VIRGINIA BEACH — Convention Center

Oct 15-16

WINCHESTER — Body Renew Fitness and Family Sports Center

April 16-17 Aug 27-28 (info only; no VCDL table)

Nov 7-8 *Info only; no VCDL table*



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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Are you interested in helping get the VCDL word to fellow gun owners? We are seeking a **statewide gun-show coordinator**, who would work with the various coordinators to get information, post shows on the VCDL page, and provide central point of contact. Most of the work is done from home, via telephone and e-mail. We estimate 5-10 hours per month.

Consider volunteering as **coordinator for Fredericksburg/Doswell, Manassas** or for **Winchester** shows. You would be responsible for maintaining the booth and materials for a show, recruiting and scheduling volunteers for the show, setting up and tearing down the display, and reporting results to leadership. There are 1-3 shows scheduled each year at Manassas and Winchester, and 4-6 at Fredericksburg/Doswell. If this is a way you'd like to help, contact the Board of Directors at leadership@vcdl.org or at a phone number on the back page.

Would you like to help spread the message by **working at a booth**? Any of the coordinators listed above right will be happy to have you volunteer for a shift or for a few hours. If you let the coordinator know you are a newcomer, he will pair you with an experienced volunteer.

WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GUN SAFETY CAN SAVE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

VCDL Members Speak Loudly (Continued from page 1)

hoc teams. Special “constituent” teams were led by Baxter Stegall, William Heipp, Ed Levine, and Terrell Prude. The hundreds who braved the cold for the rally heard about the efforts to walk back the governor’s executive order on carry in

By Candy Sugarman

I was giving a speech once to the local Kiwanis club about the Gun Powder Gals and about shooting. Sometimes I go to these speaking engagements knowing exactly what I will say and sometimes, I have a little leeway. I have a feel for the crowd and what they are and are not interested in.

During this particular talk, I mentioned the two tragic deaths of toddlers recently, in which the child got hold of their parent’s gun and either shot themselves or shot someone in their families. I had not planned to speak about this, but I found the words coming out of my mouth.

Both of these incidents occurred while the children’s fathers were watching them. One father put the loaded gun on top of the refrigerator as a way to deter his toddler from getting to it. I don’t have kids, but I know that kids will climb on anything to get what they want. It is my belief that if the mothers of these children knew anything about firearms and firearms safety, there is a good chance they could have prevented these tragedies.

Women, we trust our partners, our dads, our uncles, etc. When they say, ‘I’ve been shooting all my life. I know guns’, we think that everything is okay. That we are safe, that the kids are safe. There is no reason to ask questions or have doubts. And if the women aren’t educated about firearms, they don’t even know the questions to ask.

For example:

Is there an external thumb safety?

Is there a round in the chamber?

Is there a lock or something complicated that can prevent the child from discharging the firearm?

Where do you keep the gun if it is not on you?

If it is on you, how hard is it for the child to get it and pull the trigger?

After the end of this speech a woman came up to me and said, “You started talking and I have no interest in guns, so I immediately started to play with my phone. But you started talking about being able to ask questions about guns and I thought that I don’t know what questions to ask my husband. We have guns all around the house and I always just thought he knew enough to be safe with them.”

I encouraged her to take an NRA First Step or NRA Basic Pistol class to get a better understanding about guns.

If you don’t want to shoot, I get it. It’s not for you or you’re not interested or whatever. But if you have kids, you have a responsibility to educate yourself about guns and gun safety and then do everything you can do to educate your children.

If you don’t think this applies to you because you don’t have a gun in the house, what about all the houses your child (or teenager or young adult) will be in? Can you ensure that at any point in your kids life they won’t come across a firearm? Wouldn’t it be better if they were educated?

Candy Sugarman represents the Gun Powder Gals, a shooting club with chapters in the Fayetteville, NC and Kalamazoo, MI areas. This piece appeared on their blog at <http://gunpowdergals.com/blog/> and is reprinted by permission.



Shaneen Allen addresses the crowd. (Photo credit Jay Templin. Used by permission.)

state buildings, a reminder of why we work for our rights on Martin Luther King Day, and efforts to bring our actions to the attention of non-



Look at that crowd!

traditional groups. Delegates Bryce Reeves, Rob Bell, and Scott Taylor, and Congressman Dave Brat, addressed the attendees. VCDL EM Bob Marcellus, who was edged out in his run for the Powhatan Board of Supervisors, talked about his idea for free concealed handgun permits. Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Corey Stuart, spoke on actions he is taking to implement Bob’s idea for free concealed handgun permits in his county. Member Brendan Mooney spoke about how the importance of being armed came to the forefront when he was in the middle of a public mass shooting in a Seattle, Washington mall in 2008. The highlight of the rally, though, was an address by Ms. Shaneen Allen, a young Pennsylvania mother with a license to carry a firearm who was charged with a felony in New



VCDL Members asking common-sense questions .

Jersey because she did the honest thing and informed a police officer she was carrying when she was stopped. While she spent 48 days in jail in New Jersey, the NJ government chose not to incarcerate a professional football player who was videotaped beating a woman in an elevator.

Ms. Allen speaks eloquently about the disparity in laws and the need for all, but especially women, to carry firearms for protection, and not to be jailed for it.

Next year’s Lobby Day efforts will be Monday, January 16, 2017. Plan ahead!

WHAT TO DO IF THERE'S AN ACTIVE SHOOTER NEARBY

GUNS IN THE CAR: DON'T GO BACK

By Shortbarrel Shepherd

Whether it's an incident like the shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., or you are in the checkout line at the mall or drafting an email in your cubicle – what would you do if you heard gunshots and realized an active shooter was nearby?

Just like in any other emergency situation, the best thing you can do is to be prepared with information on what to do next.

Take a few minutes to review the three options that will help you to quickly determine how to protect yourself.

RUN

- * If there is an escape route, attempt to evacuate
- * Leave your belongings behind
- * Follow instructions of responding emergency personnel

HIDE

- * Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
- * Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- * Send a text message to 9-1-1 if you're able, but ensure your safety first

FIGHT

- * As a last resort and only when life is in imminent danger
- * Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
- * Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO 911

Whether you text or call, here's what you should provide to 911:

- * Location of the active shooter
- * Number of shooters
- * Physical description of shooters
- * Number and type of weapons shooter has
- * Number of potential victims at location

WHEN YOU ARE IN A SAFE PLACE

When public safety personnel arrives, you should:

- * Remain calm and follow instructions
- * Raise hands and spread fingers
- * Keep hands visible at all times
- * Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
- * Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling

Fairfax County recommends the video produced by the City of Houston, Texas, found at <https://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>

Fairfax County also recommends information, including an "active shooter" preparation booklet, pamphlet, and some posters, found at the Department of Homeland Security website at <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

Information from Fairfax County at www.fairfaxcounty.gov

People should decide what's best for them, but I don't think people who have guns in their cars should retrieve them and then respond to a terrorist attack or active shooter.

The concept of a truck gun is not new to me. I grew up on a farm. My father used to keep a rifle in his truck. It was for dispatching wounded animals or stopping predators.

Later in life, I met people who kept rifles in their vehicles as "get home guns." If a disruption of service or civil unrest happened while these folks were away from home, the truck gun might help them get back safely.

As people became more interested in stopping active shooters or terrorists, the truck gun took on an additional role: interdiction. The idea was that people would get to their car, load up, and respond to the attack.

I understand the idea. However, if you can get to your truck gun, you should concentrate on getting away. Here's why: If you can get to your car, you can probably get away. This is what you should do. Unless you are an off duty police officer waiting for backup, get out.

Re-entering an area may be more difficult than exiting. You will be fighting against the flow of people.

If you go back into a shooting armed with a long gun you may cause people to redirect back into danger.

You may increase your chances of being misidentified as an attacker if you re-enter the environment.

Fighting inside of structures is difficult enough as it is. Attackers may be watching for law enforcement and EMS.

The longer you are in a fight, the greater your chances of injury. Reintroducing yourself to the fight should be done as a last resort. You may not have the legal authority to re-enter an active shooting / terrorist situation. Each person should make their own decision about how much legal liability they are willing to accept. Given the hand-wringing after my Anchors Away post, there's a number of people unwilling to take any legal risk.

My primary objective during an active shooting is to escape, fighting where necessary. A long gun in my vehicle does not help me achieve this objective.

I live in a city now, so dispatching wounded animals or predators is not something I expect to encounter.

That restricts any firearms left in my vehicle to the "get home" role. If that is why you have a long gun in your car I understand. Just consider using that weapon to get home, not get back into the fight.

A bag-carried EDC can help you if needed during a disruption of service, but is also accessible during an active shooter event or terrorist attack.

Short Barrel Shepherd is a regular guy who spends a lot of time learning fight-focused firearms training. His daily carry is two Glock 19 pistols and an AK47 SBR in a backpack. He lives in Minnesota, USA with his wife, who also carries an SBR in a backpack. Reprinted from <http://shortbarrelshepherd.com/>. Used by permission.

WHAT IS “GUN VIOLENCE?”

By Jeff Knox

When you hear terms like “gun violence” and “gun deaths,” what do you think of? For most people, the first thought is of thugs waving guns and shooting people during the commission of a violent crime. But that’s not what’s being talked about in “studies” and “statistics” published in the media. Sure they include this terminology when they report on those types of crimes, but most of the time, when the media talks about “gun violence” or “gun deaths,” they’re following a game-plan from gun control advocacy groups, and the data is based on much more than violent criminals. The “gun violence” and “gun deaths” they’re talking about also includes armed citizens using guns to defend themselves and their families, police using guns to stop criminals, hunters unintentionally shooting themselves or others in the fields, and people who use guns when they choose to take their own lives. Over 60% of all firearm-related deaths are suicides.

When you hear the term “gun violence” do you think of a mom shooting a violent intruder in her home? Or a police officer shooting an armed criminal? Even hunting accidents, are included as “gun violence,” and while all of these describe “gun deaths,” they are not the sort of gun deaths most people think of when the term is thrown out on the table.

It’s the use – and abuse – of this type of terminology in the media and from politicians that keeps the American public confused about the role of guns in our society.

The confusion is no accident. Gun control groups intentionally use deceptive terminology in bogus “studies” and false or misleading statistics, and media outlets regurgitate this distorted information with no skepticism, analysis, or basic fact-checking. Media reports are often verbatim re-publications of these advocacy groups’ press releases.

The Violence Policy Center – a gun control advocacy group funded almost entirely by the Joyce Foundation, on whose board of directors Barack Obama once served – has been getting tons of free media with a nonsensical comparison between “gun deaths,” and traffic fatalities. In the “study,” which is really nothing more than an opinion piece with some carefully selected statistics thrown in, they make much of the fact that “gun deaths” are eclipsing traffic deaths in many states. They credit reductions in traffic fatalities to government regulations like drunk driving laws and safety requirements for cars. The suggestion is that additional regulations on guns and gun owners would have a similar positive impact on “gun deaths.” This is the same sort of “magical thinking” that encouraged unilateral destruction of the U.S. nuclear arsenal in the 1970s, and which has fuelled massive surges in violent crime in “controlled” nations like Great Britain.

Newspapers, TV and radio news and talk shows, and internet sites across the country have been promoting the “study” as a significant news story under such catchy headlines as “Bullets vs. Buicks,” and “Bangers vs. Bullets.” Some of the stories make a half-hearted effort toward balance by pointing out in passing that suicides and justified shootings are included in the aggregate, or including a comment from a rights supporter, but never do you see any rational analysis of the methodology of the “study,” the bias and agenda of the authors, or discussion of various factors involved in the statistics.

In all of the mainstream media reports on this “study,” which has

been re-released annually with updated numbers for at least the past five years, I have never seen mention of the fact that nationally, and in every state I’ve analyzed, murders and unintentional deaths by firearm have been declining at a faster rate than traffic fatalities. Never have I seen it pointed out that this decline has been occurring while the numbers of guns and gun owners has been increasing dramatically. Nor have I ever seen mention that total miles driven in the U.S., and in most states, particularly among younger drivers, was going down throughout the “study” period thanks to escalating gasoline prices. And I’ve never seen a story discussing justifiable “car deaths.”

The one statistic that skews the charts is suicide. Over 60% of all firearm-related deaths in the U.S. are attributable to suicide. Rates of suicide by gun are not surprisingly higher in states where guns are more common, and guns tend to be more common in lower populated, Western states where traffic fatalities tend to be lower. Suicide rates have been edging up slightly over the past decade, with the predominant demographic of increase being young military veterans.

That is a tragic reality, and it is something that is just as much a concern to gun owners as any other American. We at The Firearms Coalition believe that this is another area where education can make a significant impact, just as it has in reducing unintentional firearm deaths and injuries. While there is some research suggesting that waiting periods for firearm purchases might have some positive impact on suicide rates, the most comprehensive research to date to reach this conclusion found only a very small impact on a fairly narrow demographic: white males over 55 years of age. It is also worth noting that the research was funded by the Joyce Foundation, the same folks who fund the Violence Policy Center and many other anti-rights activities. Any positive impact of these types of laws is unlikely to outweigh the negative impact on people in immediate need of a firearm for self-defense purposes.

Gun groups have always been the front line in true gun safety efforts, and we have been amazingly effective at reducing accidental deaths attributable to negligent discharges. Gun groups should also be in the vanguard of efforts to prevent firearm suicides, understanding that the goal must be preventing suicides, not just reducing the percentage of them committed using firearms. For more information on suicide prevention, check out www.afsp.org.

The next time you see a report about “gun violence,” look closely to see if it’s really about gun violence or actually about promoting gun control. The 50% reduction in “gun murder” in the U.S. over the past 20 years, while guns and gun ownership have been going up and gun control laws have been being liberalized, clearly shows that guns don’t cause violence. Using a gun to stop a violent criminal should never be labeled as “gun violence.”

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PAC CORNER

There are outstanding VCDL members who make up the VCDL-PAC board and I would like to introduce you to the talent working on your behalf. This PAC Corner I'd like to highlight Bob Sadtler.

Bob joined VCDL in 2007. He became active in 2009, and has been lobbying the General Assembly ever since. He took over the PAC in April of 2013 and serves as the immediate past Chair. He is a political Independent, and a single issue voter. Bob zealously subscribes to Philip's motto "There is no such thing as a Republican or a Democrat. There is either a pro-gun candidate or an anti-gun candidate!"

Bob has prepared this report:

One of our first priorities will be finding a solid candidate to replace Emmet Hangar. And the reason this is needed is because he made excuses for Obama's Presidential Executive Actions – which was bad enough. But then, in my opinion, he betrayed Sen. Dick Black, his party, and gun owners on Constitutional Carry – something we should not forget.

Although we are a state based PAC and limited because of that reality, we are also watching Congress. We may well lose two valuable allies: Sen. Tom Garrett, and Del. Scott Taylor. If that happens, it is in the interests of protecting the Second Amendment to ensure that these stalwart friends are followed by fit, solid replacements. Rabidly anti-gun State Sen. Donald McEachin wants to unseat Congressional Rep. Randy Forbes. This would be a disaster for gun owners in the 4th congressional district.

The 2017 statewide races look promising. Already we have great candidates for Lt. Gov. (Sen. Bryce Reeves) and Attorney General (Del. Rob Bell). Both have done great work in the past and I expect perfect VCDL candidate surveys from each. Del. Bell, in particular, should have an easy time of it now that "Red" A.G. Mark Herring has been humiliated from within his own party for his recent attack on law abiding permit holders here in Virginia and nationally! I am looking forward to -- along with all of you -- making a difference in the very next statewide elections. I know that you are right there with us! Let's make some trouble!

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<http://vcdl.org/sites/default/files/VCDL-PAC%20Contribution%20Form.pdf>

Please remember, your check saves us valuable dollars in processing fees.

No one in the VCDL-PAC takes any salary and there are only very limited administrative expenses. Virtually every penny graciously contributed by you goes directly into the fight to elect pro-gun state based candidates. Remember: Knowledge is power!

I'd like to thank Bob Sadtler for his service and for sharing his perspective. For the entire VCDL-PAC board,

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Chairman, VCDL-PAC

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CHP RENEWALS

Virginia law provides that you can get the full five years of your Concealed Handgun Permit if you apply for renewal at least 90, but no more than 180, days prior to expiration of your current permit. (Section 18.2-308.010)

EXPIRES	RENEW IN
January	August-October
February	September-November
March	October-December
April	November-January
May	December-February
June	January-March
July	February-April
August	March-May
September	April-June
October	May-July
November	June-August
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