

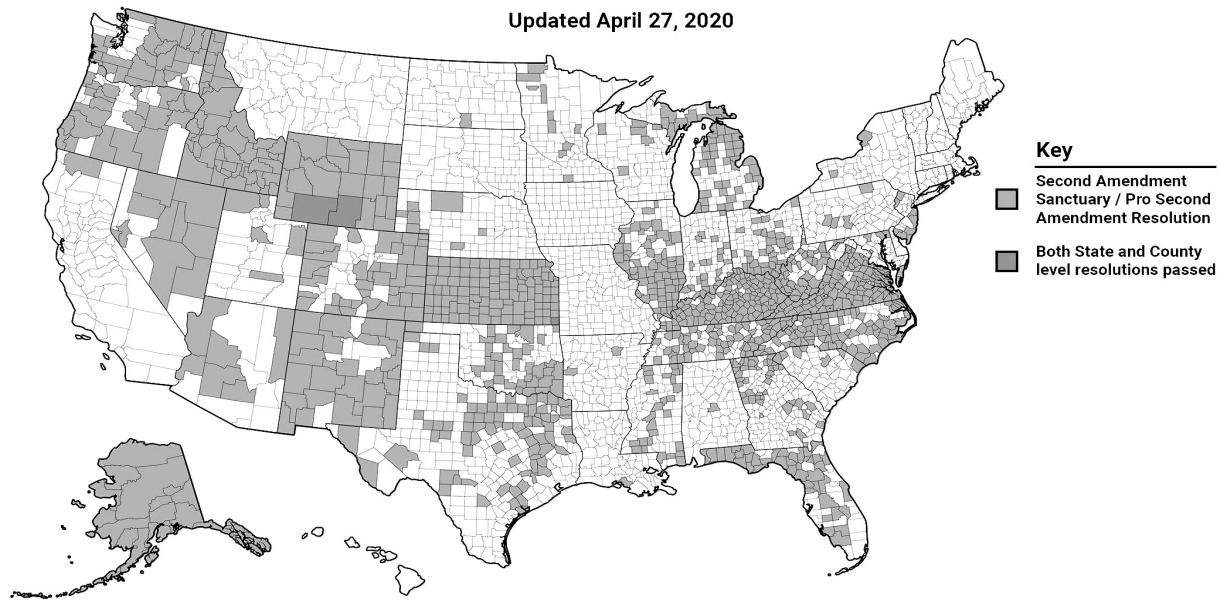


THE DEFENDER



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Defending Your Right To Defend Yourself

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The influence of the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary movement. Only Alaska, Idaho, Wyoming, and Kansas have more coverage than Virginia, though Kentucky is close. VCDL's Watch Teams for Local Government are monitoring the situation in Virginia, given the General Assembly's and the Governor's kowtow to anti-gunner money. Source: sanctuarycounties.com

VCDL Public Meeting Dates Planned

Thursday, May 28 — virtual—watch VA-ALERT

Thursday, Jun 18 — Stay tuned

Thursday, Jul 23 — Annandale

Thursday, Aug 20 — Annandale

Thursday, Sep 17 — 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, Annandale Fellowship 7:30 PM; Meeting 8:00 PM

WORTH REPEATING VCDL TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

VCDL has implemented a text alert system. To opt in to this free system (message and data rates may apply), send an email to secretary@vcdl.org with the following information:

Subject line: OPT IN

Body of email should include:

FIRST NAME

CELL PHONE NUMBER

ZIP+4

YOUR MEMBER NUMBER (not mandatory)

The ZIP+4 helps us focus regional alerts for messages that call for volunteers in a specific area.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Spring issue of The Defender. What a quarter this has been! From a wildly successful Lobby Day with over 50,000 attendees by our reckoning, to a disappointing but not as bad as it could have been General Assembly session, to a successful lawsuit that demonstrated the governor's unconstitutional overreach, to creation of Watch Teams for Local Government (<https://vcdl.org/WTLG>), to an amusing Reconvene Session of the GA, this has been different from anything we've ever seen.

Please note even though gun shows have been curtailed, the number of individuals cited in our **Thank You** column continues to grow. These people were working to spread the VCDL message right up to the stay-at-home orders. Want to know what else you can do to help? Board Member Pat Webb and Executive Members Ed Levine and Joanna Smith led a live event to answer the question. You can see it now on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/HelpVCDL>

Virtual meetings are being held on Facebook, and transferred to YouTube afterward. Search for 'VCDL' on YouTube to see previous meetings. Consider subscribing to the VCDL YouTube channel to see all offerings.

Many of you are new members and this may be your first issue of The Defender. You can see previous issues at vcdl.org/Defender. Paid members get this newsletter quarterly; it is posted to the web site one quarter late. If you wish to opt out of the paper newsletter, send an email to membership@vcdl.org. We hope to have a method for those who don't want paper to get electronic copies, but have to figure out how to make it members only.

Tess Ailshire
Editor



PRESIDENT'S PEN

THE CRITICAL FIGHT AGAINST LOCAL GUN CONTROL. YOU NEED TO BE PART OF THAT FIGHT

Now that the General Assembly session is over, we will begin to fight back against the new gun control laws. Some of those laws will be challenged in court and others will be targeted for repeal in future sessions of the General Assembly.

One law will be fought at the local government level. That law allows local governments to make gun-control laws for local government buildings, parks, recreation centers, community centers, and at permitted events and their adjacent streets.

As part of that effort, VCDL has created Watch Teams for Local Government (WTLG). The goal is for each locality in Virginia to have its own WTLG, headed by a team leader. The watch team's primary purpose is to look for anything that deals with firearms at the local government level (Board of Supervisors, City Council, Town Council, Sheriff's office, police department, etc.) That includes any firearm bans or restrictions, zoning that affects gun owners or gun ranges in any way, restrictions that affect hunting with firearms, etc.

WTLGs will act much like Paul Revere, giving VCDL a heads-up on pending issues. VCDL can then rally its members to oppose any and all local gun control.

To see the current list of WTLG team leaders, go to vcdl.org/WTLG

If you don't see a team leader in your area and want to become the team leader, send an email to wtlg@vcdl.org.

PHASE 2 IN FIGHTING LOCAL GUN CONTROL

VCDL is also going to start a campaign to get localities to pass a resolution saying they won't be creating any new gun control. The Second Amendment Sanctuary localities that came on board from November to January should be amenable to such a resolution. That said, we will push all localities to adopt that resolution.

We will need gun owners to turn out in large numbers at select local government meetings, much as gun owners did for the Second Amendment Sanctuary movement, to stop any and all attacks on our gun rights at the local level. If we don't remain engaged in this fight, we could have a nightmarish cobweb of confusing gun-control laws across the Commonwealth.

As the saying goes, "we had best hang together or we will certainly hang separately."

UPCOMING GUN SHOWS AND EVENTS

If you'd like to work a show, email the coordinator and ask to be put on the mailing list used for volunteers. Volunteers get free admission to the show, and some vendors offer discounts to other vendors, including our volunteers.

Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of press time.

CHANTILLY—Dulles Expo Center

Jun 19-21 Jul 24-26 Oct 2-4 Nov 20-22

DALE CITY—VFW Post 1503

Oct 10-11 Dec 19-20

DOSWELL—Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park

Oct 17-18 Dec 19-20

FISHERSVILLE—Augusta Expo

Sep 12-13 Dec 5-6

FREDERICKSBURG—Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center

Aug 1-2 Oct 24-25 Dec 12-13

HAMPTON—Hampton Roads Convention Center

Jul 18-19 Sep 12-13 Nov 28-29

HARRISONBURG—Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Oct 31-Nov 1

LYNCHBURG—Macy's at the River Ridge Mall

Jun 27-28

RICHMOND—Richmond Raceway Complex

Jul 11-12 Aug 22-23

ROANOKE—Berglund Center

Jun 13-14

SALEM—Salem Civic Center

Jul 18-19 Oct 10-11 Dec 19-20

VIRGINIA BEACH — Convention Center

Oct 10-11

WEYERS CAVE—Weyers Cave Community Center

Sep 19-20

WINCHESTER — Winchester Sportsplex

Oct 10-11

WOODSTOCK—Woodstock Moose Lodge

Aug 29-30 Nov 14-15

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A special thanks to those members who used their time to help spread the VCDL word.

Special thanks to these first-time helpers!

CHANTILLY Jan 3-5

Vaughn Allex, Chester Bulas, Debra Casey, Dwin Craig, Robert Eufemia, Glen Foster, Kelly Foster, John Glass, Rus Howell, Monique Hunt, Steve Hunt, Donna Elizabeth Hurlock, Kelly Johnson, Orest Jowyk, Chris Karanski, Bob Kemner, Sean Kennedy, Margaret Marcus, Michael Oakes, Alexander Rogge, Mark Shinn, Russell Slater, Mike Stinnette, Gary VanDeMortel, Robert Wilson

WEYERS CAVE Jan 11-12

Melissa Hower, Seth Hower, Mike Piper, Bob Quinn, Thom Verga, Charles Winkler

DALE CITY Jan 18-19

Tommy Bunnell, Robert Eufemia, James Hartneady, Marie Horest, Stephen Horest, Robert James, Richard Kroh, Charles Martin, Tom O'Hara, Tom Pietras, David Platte, Bob Wilson

HARRISONBURG Jan 18-19

Twyman Andes, Melissa Hower, Seth Hower, Mike Piper, Bob Quinn, Thom Verga

THE DIAMOND—LOBBY DAY Jan 21

Chris Williams, Laura Brown, John "Jason" Gnatowsky, Michael Smielecki, Bryan Dunn, Ron Lilly, Mrs. Ron Lilly, Rowley Molina

FISHERSVILLE Jan 25-26

Rick Bayless, Gary Duden, Seth Hower, Melissa Hower, Jim Kiser, Mike Piper, Bob Quinn, Gaert Sime, Thom Verga, Charles Winkler

FREDERICKSBURG Jan 25-26

George Abney, Matt Adams, Keith Bailey, Mike Ball, Ariel Banagan, John Beck, Michael Beyer, Jake Biller, Sue and Troy Blevins, John Borg, Chip Cieplak, Tina and Sean Curtis, James Davis, Daniel Dod, Russell Easter, Dave Eckart, Matthew Fischer, Thomas Fuller, Rob Gardner, Bruce Harang, Sarah Holland, Theron Keller, Louis Kelley, Richard Keyser, John Luvera, Troy Miller, Paul Mitchell, Jennifer and JC Myers, David Oates, Ken Ross, Robert Sharrocks, Rick Stewart, Stanley Walker, John Walt, James Watters, Chris Weaver

SALEM Jan 25-26

Bryan Dyer, Ken Modica, Ed Noell, Phillip and Shannon Honaker Neil Motter, Sam Hollingsworth, Al Steed, Jr.,

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PROMOTERS

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www.showmastersgunshows.com

Sporting Shows Unlimited

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RANGE TIME—Part IV

By EM Kenneth Van Wyk

Welcome back to our series on getting the most out of range time. We're going to pick up where we left off, and talk about practicing for different kinds of carry modes, such as inside the waistband and full concealment.

So far, we've really only discussed building your fundamentals of gun carry by using an Outside the WaistBand (OWB) holster. We always recommend starting with OWB and then moving on as your needs and your skills progress. You also need to be aware of your range's rules, but that's a discussion between you and your range safety officers.

For our purposes, we're going to discuss other modes of carry here, as they're what many concealed carriers move to for most situations out in the general public. Let's start with Inside the WaistBand (IWB).

Just like with your OWB gear for the range or other circumstances in which you choose to carry OWB, your IWB holster should be well-constructed and fit well. Most IWB holsters clip onto your gun belt so that when you draw your firearm, the holster remains firmly in place. A well-made Kydex (plastic) IWB holster provides the firearm with a form-fitted hollow space in which to fit. It should hold the firearm firmly in place while still allowing you to access the firearm to draw it when needed.

One important note with IWB gear: The only operation that requires you practice speed is drawing your firearm. For re-holstering it, you really should be taking your time, ensuring your clothing doesn't snag the firearm or, even worse, get inside the trigger guard. If you're in an emergency situation and you have drawn your firearm, that means there is still a threat present. Keep the firearm at the ready. If the threat has abated, then go ahead and re-holster. Take the time to look at your holster and carefully slide the firearm back into its resting position. Same holds true at the range. Go ahead and practice a fast-as-hell draw, but your re-holstering should be slow and solid. Every. Single. Time.

Now, as for drills, start with the series of steps you worked on in our last article. [www.vcdl.org/Defender — Winter 2020] Adapt that as required for your IWB holster. When you're starting down this path, your first step should be to practice without any concealment garment covering your firearm or IWB holster. Chances are the steps you practiced for OWB will work fine for now.

Go through those steps just as you did with OWB. Start with dry-fire practice with snap caps, and go through your steps one at a time. Recite each step in your head or even out loud as you go through them. Repeat them many, many times until you are comfortable and confident with drawing and re-holstering.

When you dry fire, make sure your firearm's action is in the same state it would be if you were using live rounds. Look out

for the trigger catching on clothing, fingers, etc. If you accidentally activate the trigger while dry firing, back up and work through your steps again. Over and over until you cannot make a mistake.

Next, go to your range and practice the same steps — still without any concealment garment — using live rounds. You're not working for speed at this point. You should be working on slow but consistent moves, with an eye on safety first, every time. If you have an instructor or friend who can assist, all the better. Have him or her stand behind you on your strong side and watch for common mistakes — the most important of which is having your finger on the trigger prior to being on target.

Practice this over and over until you are supremely comfortable and consistent with it.

Only then should you move on to practicing with a concealment garment, starting again from dry-fire practice. Now, with your firearm loaded safely with snap caps and holstered, put on a loose fitting concealment garment. A vest or loose shirt can be a great starting point. The garment should cover your holster and firearm from view.

For drawing from concealment, you will need to re-visit your draw steps a bit. Prior to getting your strong hand on your firearm (step 1), your non-dominant (or support) hand should safely move the concealed garment out of the way. Once the garment is out of the way, then move on to step 1 and so on.

Once again, practice this over and over. Include in your practice the process of re-holstering your firearm, just as before.

And again, when you are completely comfortable with drawing from concealment, proceed to the range for some live-fire practice, ensuring once again that you are complying with your range's safety rules.

This sounds pretty slow and repetitive, right? It should! At various points, you are handling a loaded firearm against your body. Mistakes can have horrible consequences, so take your time and get it right.

Before we sign off, let's consider one other popular form of concealed carry, the pocket holster. A good quality pocket holster can be a perfectly acceptable form of concealed carry for many people. (Sorry, skinny jeans fans or others with pocket-less garments...)

The drill steps for pocket carry will be pretty similar to IWB carry, with a couple of caveats. Since there really is no equivalent of OWB pocket carry, we suggest getting proficient with OWB and IWB carry before moving to pocket carry. Also, choose your pocket holster carefully. Our favorites are made of Kydex plastic because they provide the best shield over the trigger. However, soft and or "sticky"

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pocket holsters are also available and are quite popular. In choosing a pocket holster, make absolutely sure that the product protects your trigger adequately. As a rule of thumb, the really inexpensive ones are less than ideal.

With those things in mind, practice as we've outlined above. Lather, rinse, repeat — over and over and over. Remember our saying, it's not sufficient to practice until you get it right. You should be practicing until you cannot get it wrong.

To be fair, we've completely skipped over appendix carry, shoulder carry, ankle carry, and undoubtedly others we've failed to list here. We'll visit those options in a later article.

In our next article, we'll focus on drills for common and real world circumstances, like when you're carrying a bag of groceries through a parking lot.

If you missed any of our earlier articles in this series, you can get them from VCDL by visiting VCDL.org/Defender. The series began with the Fall 2018 issue.

OPINION **JURY NULLIFICATION – A VALUABLE** **TOOL FOR VIRGINIA'S GUN RIGHTS** **ACTIVISTS?**

By VCDL Member Mark Firestone

Jury nullification is an interesting legal concept often overlooked by gun rights activists in the United States. It has the potential to be a valuable tool, especially moving forward in Virginia since last November's disastrous election results. Simply put, jury nullification is the concept of finding an accused person not guilty of a crime of which they are **technically** guilty if the law is perceived as unjust and/or carries too draconian a penalty for persons of good conscience to see the accused suffer. While the first known case of nullification took place in England in 1649, it has factored into cases here in the U.S. from before the Revolutionary War to as recently as 2017, in a Ninth Circuit Court ruling.

My intent here is not to present the legal intricacies of jury nullification, but merely to present the concept to a wider audience. I am not an attorney, and this is not intended to be a legal treatise on the subject, nor should it be construed as legal advice. I believe it is a concept that may prove to be useful as a stopgap measure until any unconstitutional gun control measures that have recently been signed into law can be reversed.

While I am solidly in the "no infringements" gun rights camp, I realize there are many who feel certain licensing requirements, background checks, and so forth are benign and "reasonable" government oversight regarding firearms ownership and use. Unfortunately, some state governments have gone beyond simple regulations and have decided that assigning felony charges as penalties for victimless gun "crimes" is fair play. For example, in California, carrying a loaded weapon in your car for self-defense can net you a felony conviction absent any other motive or use. Possessing the "wrong" kind of rifle can have the same outcome ("wrong" meaning an "assault" rifle, banned by name in the Robert-Roos Act of 1989, that is perfectly legal to own in at least 40 other states).

I have long held that assigning such a draconian penalty to victimless crimes is nothing short of tyranny. There is no reason anyone should lose their voting and gun rights **nationally** for a victimless firearm offense. To add to the issue, legislators purposefully pass these laws knowing that law enforcement officers will be forced to choose between upholding the rights of strangers and feeding their families. That is an unenviable choice for **anyone** to make. In a state like California, the decades-long "frog-in-a-pot" method of passing gun control has created apathy among the state's firearms owners. Compliance is the rule of the day. By contrast, I believe that Virginia is poised to need jury nullification to take the tooth out of much of the fast-tracked gun legislation that worked its way through the House and Senate and which Governor Northam recently signed.

Unlike California and other states, Virginia saw an unprecedeted response to the gun legislation proposed immediately after last November's election. As we all know, 91 out of 95 counties and numerous cities and towns in Virginia have declared 2A sanctuary status. In addition, numerous sheriff's departments have vowed not to enforce unconstitutional gun laws. Sheriff Scott Jenkins of Culpeper County has famously offered to deputize citizens who desire further protection from such laws. Some citizens are actively organizing militias county by county that are independent of sanctioning by county Boards of Supervisors. A non-compliance rally is scheduled for July 4th of this year to take place in Capitol Square*. It is hoped that more than the estimated 22,000 - 26,000** Lobby Day protestors will attend. I began watching Virginia with interest last November and by early December had made plans to fly out to Richmond for the Lobby Day rally, which my wife and I attended. We hope to return for the 4th of July rally. It has become clear that most Virginians are not going to comply with any unconstitutional government overreach, and we are proud to stand with, and in support of, the citizens of Virginia.

Despite this combined response, residents of the Old Dominion need to be aware that some members of the Virginia law enforcement community will not be on board with non-compliance. Especially concerning is the potential for enforcement of red flag laws (RFL). An unprecedeted

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number of RFLs have been enforced in Florida post-Parkland. Any municipalities in Virginia that have **not** declared 2A sanctuary status may follow suit. And this is where jury nullification may well be useful in seeing that any otherwise law-abiding gun owners arrested and charged with victimless gun "crimes" do not suffer felony convictions that may well see them lose their gun and voting rights for life, as well as employment and much needed associated benefits such as family medical coverage.

* The referenced rally refers to an event called on Facebook GunStock/Rally 2.0 Richmond. VCDL takes no stance on the event.

** This article uses official numbers. VCDL estimates 50,000-70,000 people attended the January 2020 rally.

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VIRGINIA BEACH Feb 1-2

Rob Allen, Mark Ashley, Kyle Barrett, Teri Bauder, Paul Borgzinner, Gary Browder, Rick Brown, Cam Browning, Dustin Burris, Trap Canterbury, Tim Card, Rick Cerza, Frank Dennis, Mark Eggeman, Mike Ferris, Nick Griffin, Brent Hodgins, Stephen Ingalls, Adriion Majette, Jay McDaniel, John Miller, Vic Nicholls, Tim Rarick, Bill Rearick, Lisa Rearick, Dave Rogers, Gary Rollins, Adam Rossen, Rick Roy, John Sheldon, Don Scherig, Arlen Seibold, Jamison Silinsky, Christian Simonsen, Neal Smith, Frank Stanisz, Zach Sykes, Philip E Terrazas, Steve Toth, Mike Tyrrel, Jody Welsh, Ivy Westerhoff, Gary Whittle

ROANOKE Feb 1-2

Ken Modica, Ed Noell, Brien Dyer, Jeff Martin, Jacob Howell, Sam Hollingsworth, Dustin Perry, Kent Sharp, Paul Martin, Patrick McCune, Dave Smith, Philip Honaker, Maynard Keller, Danny Holdren, Richard McNamara, Dave Evans, Stephen Meikle, Maddie Meikle, Dave Smith

CHANTILLY Feb 14-16

Craig Anderson, Twyman Andes, R. Donald Armstrong Jr., Debra Casey, Jon Cayer, Hugh Conway, Dwin Craig, Pat Daley, Ben Dye, Robert Eufemia, Sean Ewart, Mickey Feeley, Glen Foster, Kelly Foster, John Glass, Andrew Hirsch, Donna Hurlock, Orest Jowyk, Mike Kirchner, Craig S. Lane, Doug Linden, Jack Marinaro, Casey Nuckolls, Nickolas Orange, Michael W. Oakes, Max Padon, Danny Paulson, Alexander Rogge, Carl Simchick, Laird Taylor, Christian Tomaselli, John Truxell-Svenson, Derek Watson, Robert Wilson, Ralph Wright

WOODSTOCK Feb 29-Mar 1

Twyman Andes, Dan Arico, Mike Cain, Michelle Cox, , Ed Kraemer, Matt Phelps, Darrell Robertson, Robert Seeland, Steve Smith, Glenn White

SAFESIDE TACTICAL Mar 2

Walter Drew, Connie French, Ed French, Philip Honaker, Shannon Honaker, Ken Modica, Sherrill Smith, Al Steed, Jr.

SAFESIDE TACTICAL Mar 6

Connie French, Ed French, Philip Honaker, Shannon Honaker, Ken Modica, Sherrill Smith, Al Steed, Jr.

HAMPTON Mar 7-8

Rob Allen, Mark Ashley, Jerry Blanchard, Lester Borden, Gary Browder, Richard Cerza, Mike Cunningham, Mike Ferris, Daniel Huber, Doug Kelsey, Bill Leonard, Ron Lilly, Sarah Mast, Dave McCain, Brendan Mooney, Michael Mumford, Monty Oakes, Jim Polanosky, Andrea Porter, Greg Reid, Frank Stanisz, Zach Sykes, Billy Taylor, Steve Toth, Scott Traner, **Tim Waters, Aaron Young**, Jamison Zalinski

LYNCHBURG Mar 7-8

Charlie Beard, Tony Cerqua, Pat Chembars, Rick Courtney, Brien Dyer, Allen Edmondson, Debbie Gagon, John Hinkle, Sam Hollingsworth, Shannon Honaker, Philip Honaker, William Jennings, Ken Kraft, Robert Martin, Richard McNamara, Neil Motter, Janet Seay, Lawrence Seay, Joe Seifert, Bess Tennant, Jim Tennant, Victor Vernon, Jeff Weiss

SALEM Mar 7-8

Gary Asquith, William Cheatwood, Jr., Walter Drew, Dave Evans, Sue Ferrick, Danny Holdren, Philip Honaker, Ken Modica, Stacy Patterson, Dave Smith, Al Steed, Jr., Chris West

DALE CITY Mar 7-8

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SAFESIDE TACTICAL Mar 12-13

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FREDERICKSBURG Mar 14-15

Twyman Andes, John Beck, Chris Burns, Dave Eckart, Kenneth "Wayne" Hart, Daryl Hosler, Theron P. Keller, Roger Lawrence, Rowley Molina, Jennifer and JC Myers, Wayne Robinson, Ken Ross



The effects of laws on criminals.
(Photo widely circulated on social media: origin unknown.)

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SHORT NOTES — UPDATES

Watch Teams for Local Government

As of this writing, all localities are covered by at least one person watching local governments to keep VCDL and its members updated on which localities are attempting to infringe on our rights based on this year's General Assembly overreach. See vcdl.org/WTLG.

The Defender Newsletter

This newsletter is published quarterly, and goes to all dues-paying members. It is posted one quarter late at vcdl.org/Defender. If you wish to opt out of the paper newsletter, send an email to membership@vcdl.org with your request.

Donation to VCDL

US Law Shield donated over \$8000 to VCDL in thanks for the work the organization and its members have done for preservation of gun-owners' rights. A video announcing the donation is at <https://vimeo.com/414882371/13ac2ed559>.

2021 Lobby Day 18 January 2021

It's not too soon to begin the thought process. If you want a bus from your area (we aren't ready quite yet, but need this information when we are), we need a site with parking for 40-50 cars per bus, and permission from the landowner/lessee to allow us use of the area from 0-dark-30 until late afternoon or longer. Questions? Email bus@vcdl.org.

Build your AR-15 from 80% Lower

Some of you are new, and may have missed the article on how to build the AR-15. See vcdl.org/Defender and click on Fall 2016. On page 4, EM Ken Van Wyk walks us through the steps. Good to know as these platforms are back in some anti-gun politicians' sights.

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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
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