

Thursday Bulletin – January 25, 2024

Executive Director's Message

Richard Pearson

\$10 MILLION IN GUN CONTROL SPENDING SCHEME

Newly appointed Senator Natalie Toro who just received a \$500,000 donation from Senate President Harmon has filed a new bill (SB2619) to give the Illinois State Police an incremental \$10 Million "**for grants to law enforcement agency task forces** for participating in programs to help reduce crime"

Now how does that relate to gun control?

From the ISP Ban On Commonly Firearms Frequently Asked Questions (Page: 31) "How will this law be enforced?"

"A) Law enforcement agencies, including the ISP, are charged with enforcing the Protect Illinois Communities Act throughout Illinois. ISP will continue to enforce the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act and Article 24 of the Criminal Code of **2012 by partnering with local law enforcement through our Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force**. The task force is a collaborative effort to reduce and prevent illegal possession and use of firearms, firearm related homicides, and other violent crimes. All law enforcement officers will have access to the resources the ISP has made available to the public to ensure they are able to identify items regulated by the Protect Illinois Communities Act."

That's right! Gun control advocates want to put \$10 Million of taxpayer money towards enforcement of the soon to be found unconstitutional ban on commonly owned firearms.

Who will the ISP find to serve on these task forces?

How will they pursue Illinois Gun Owners? Only time will tell. All we know is that they are coming, and it's time for Illinois Gun Owners to unite against this kind of government overreach.

They won't stop writing useless gun laws that don't make anyone safer until we stop them! They are pushing towards confiscation. [Join the ISRA](#), chip in for our [lobbying and litigation funds](#), [come to IGOLD](#).

UPDATE ON \$10 MILLION CONFISCATION FUNDING



18,000 views, Jan 24, 2024

Click to watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImpRR3KwU-0&t=13s>

ISRA Board Member Mandi Ehler gives the latest on the \$10,000,000 in potential funding for the Illinois Ban on Commonly Owned Firearms. Liberal Democrats in Illinois want to increase funding by \$10 million to take away our guns.

Join the fight and learn more at isra.org.

FOID CARD AND ILLINOIS CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE (ICCL) RENEWALS

We've been getting calls about what happens when people renew their FOID card and ICCL at the same time. It is critical that you always renew your FOID card first. **If you do not renew your FOID card first, the system will not work.**

I would recommend that you renew your FOID card **at least** one month before you renew your ICCL online, or a minimum of 4 weeks before my ICCL.

It is also important to be sure your **drivers license is up to date**, before you try to renew your FOID or your ICCL. This also takes some time to get through the Secretary of State's system.

This does NOT mean that you cannot take your ICCL renewal class first. You should take the class and get your ICCL renewal certificate and keep it ready when your FOID card is renewed.

Be very careul when you are entering your information and answering all the questions on the FOID and the ICCL renewal applications. *If you are not careful with these steps,, it can turn your renewal into a train wreck!*

FIREARM OWNERSHIP & SPORTS SHOOTING PARTICIPATION SURVEY REVEALS AMERICAN FIREARM USE.

The Firearm Industry Trade Association, released their Firearm Ownership & Sport Shooting Participation 2022 report. The adult participation in sport shooting in America has grown from 34 million to over 63.5 million from 2009 to 2022. The most popular types of recreational sports shooting were handgun target shooting at 16.9 percent, rifle target shooting at 15.6 percent and outdoor range target shooting at 13.3 percent. Safe and responsible firearm ownership goes hand-in-hand with regular participation in the shooting sports.

ALASKA BOROUGH URGES RESIDENTS TO GET AMMO AND ARM THEMSELVES.

An Alaskan regional government is urging its residents to be armed and ready, linking the need to rely on the Second Amendment to an increase in crime and a lack of state troopers. Last year there were 11 vacancies in the patrol detachment covering the region. The sprawling borough is located northeast of Anchorage.

Officials urge their residents and other communities in America to be armed, noting the importance of safety courses and firearms training. **The first defense is always going to be yourself.**

Volunteers Are Needed for the ISRA

Volunteering for the ISRA is the best way to make a difference. I know our cause is one you believe in, and one of the best ways to help that cause is to volunteer. Our greatest strength is in our numbers. Little gets done by one or two people acting alone. Coordinated volunteering amplifies the efforts of those banding together and makes volunteering more effective. A side benefit of volunteering gets you involved with like-minded people and builds strong relationships and new friends.

Volunteering for the ISRA provides a resource that money alone cannot buy: The people needed to get the job done to accomplish the goals we set out to achieve. Volunteering provides valuable services so the limited funds that we have available can be spent in the areas where needed.

Below is our volunteer form. There are a variety of essential areas that we need volunteers to fill. They are listed on the form. **If you are able to volunteer, please fill out this form and return it to the ISRA office as soon as possible.** You may email it to member@isra.org, fax to 815. 635.3723, or you can send it snail-mail to: P.O. Box 637, Chatsworth, IL 60921.

We will be accumulating these forms over the next few months, although we will be utilizing them as soon as we can. When activities are planned in your area that you are interested in, we will notify you prior to the event in plenty of time to prepare. This may not happen perfectly, but we will make every effort to make it happen.

Richard A. Pearson
Executive Director

Mike Huber
Assistant Executive Director

<click here to download & print this form>



ISRA VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please fill out the following information about yourself and **print clearly.**

Today's Date: _____

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Alt. Ph: _____

Email: _____ Best way to contact you: ____ Ph ____ Text ____ Email

Are you an ISRA Member? ____ Yes ____ No If so, Member #: _____ Date: _____

Do you have a FOID card? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you have a valid Driver's License? ____ Yes ____ No

How far are you willing to travel? ____ 0-25 miles ____ 26-50 miles ____ 51-100 miles ____ over 100 miles

Do you have firearm instructor certification? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please check all that apply: ____ Rifle ____ Pistol ____ Shotgun

____ Hunter Education ____ Concealed Carry

List other experience or training: _____

What is your area of interest?

____ Teaching Firearm Skills

____ Youth Programs

____ Women's Programs

____ Gun Shows

____ Competitions (circle all that apply)

Rifle Pistol Shotgun Archery

____ Special Events (circle all that apply)

Illinois Gun Owner Lobby Day Outdoor Shows
State Fair Booth Sparta, IL

____ Visiting Your Legislators

____ Assisting with meetings in your area

Other _____

Mail your completed application to:

ISRA, PO Box 637, Chatsworth IL 60921

Or fax your completed application to:

815.635.3723

Questions?

Call the membership office at: 815.635.3198

Thank you very much for your interest in volunteering for the Illinois State Rifle Association.

We will keep your information on file and if we have an event in your area, we will contact you.

Illinois State Rifle Association

Ph: 815.635.3198

member@isra.org

Fax: 815.635.3723

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Membership dues, donations and purchases paid to the ISRA are not tax deductible.

HOW TO ORDER: By phone: 815-635-3198 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm CST Monday-Friday)
By mail: Illinois State Rifle Association, P.O. Box 637, Chatsworth, IL 60921
CLICK ON FORM TO DOWNLOAD.

WE ACCEPT:



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Please download & print this form. Fill it out, enclose your payment information and mail to us.

**I want to support our 2nd Amendment
Please send my T-shirt(s).**

Please check the size, color & quantity of t-shirts you wish to purchase. (T-shirts will be mailed within 7-10 days, standard shipping rates apply).

SIZE	CHECK COLOR	QTY	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL	MILITARY GREEN	<input type="text"/> @ \$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL	GRAPHITE	<input type="text"/> @ \$25	\$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Sub-Total \$ _____

Shipping \$ 10.95

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please give us a call if you want expedited shipping, for the additional cost.

Payment Type (check one)					
Cash _____	Check/MO _____	MC _____	Visa _____	Amex _____	Disc _____
Card #: _____		CVV _____		Exp. Date: _____	
Name on Card: (please print) _____					
Signature: _____					



Return completed form to:
Illinois State Rifle Assoc.
PO Box 637
Chatsworth IL 60921

Illinois State Rifle Association

Ph: 815.635.3198

Website: isra.org

Fax: 815.635.3723

Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day – Private Bus Scheduling –

Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day (IGOLD) will be on Thursday, April 18th this year. If your gun club, gun shop, hunting group and/or organization is thinking about bringing a bus to IGOLD with your members, NOW is the time to plan it.

If you are bringing a bus, please let us know by April 1st. The bus parking and shuttle bus will have to be paid for in advance.

Please notify the ISRA Office and speak with Shirley at 815.635.3198 Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4pm. You can also email Shirley at shirley@isra.org. If you email Shirley, please put BUS NOTIFICATION in the subject line. We will update you on IGOLD as we get closer to the date.

SAVE THE DATE

Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day

IGOLD

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024!

Bank Of Springfield Center, Springfield, IL

Tidbits

January 25, 1905 – The world’s largest diamond was found in Pretoria, South Africa. The diamond was 3106 carats or 1.33 pounds. Eventually cut into 9 large diamonds and 100 small ones, with a combined value equaling millions of dollars. The largest one is called the “Star of Africa I” or “Cullinan I”. The “Cullinan I” is mounted in the British Sovereign’s Royal

Scepter and weighs 530 carats, while the “Star of Africa II” or “Cullinan II” at 317 carats, is mounted in the Imperial State Crown.

When shipping the “Star of Africa I” to England, it was put aboard a ship with several guards around it. But it was a fake. There was nothing in the box except a rock. The real diamond was shipped in an unmarked box, thus avoiding the theft of the diamond. Before cutting the diamond the first time, the diamond cutter recalculated his measurements several times, after studying it for months. When it was finally successfully cut, he collapsed from exhaustion.

January 26, 1926 – John Logie Baird demonstrates the television for the first time. The Scottish inventor had been working off research done as early as 1884, so the TV is not as new as we thought it was.

In 1928, Baird made his first overseas broadcast from London to New York over phone lines, and the same year demonstrated color television. The first home television receiver was demonstrated in Schenectady, New York on January 20, 1928, and by May a station began occasional broadcasts to a handful of homes that were given the General Electric-built televisions. In 1932, RCA demonstrated an all-electronic version of the television using a cathode-ray tube. By 1936, public broadcasts were being transmitted in England.

January 27, 1888 – The National Geographic Society is founded.

January 28, 1915 – The first American merchant ship is sunk. The *William P. Frye*, loaded with wheat was headed for England when the German Navy sank it. This infuriated the Americans, which began turning the tide against Germany, in World War I.

January 28, 1986 – The space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after liftoff. Schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe would have been the first civilian to go into space. She had won a contest that earned her a spot on the *Challenger*. The concerted pressure from the American press to get the space shuttle launched, contributed to its fatal explosion.

January 29, 1820 – King George III of Great Britain dies. King George had been the American nemesis during the Revolutionary War.

January 30, 1835 – President Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, approached Jackson after a funeral and attempted to shoot him. But the gun misfired. The 67-year-old president confronted his attacker and clubbed him several times with his walking stick. Lawrence pulled out a second pistol and tried to shoot the president again, but it also misfired. *As the saying goes, when it's your day, it's your day and when it's not, it's not!*

January 31, 1950 – President Harry Truman announces the development of the hydrogen bomb. The hydrogen bomb was successfully tested on November 1, 1952. German-born Klaus Fuchs, a top-ranking U.S nuclear scientist, was spying for the Soviet Union and informed the Soviets about the bomb, and the United States plans for the bomb. Three years later, on November 1955, the Soviet Union detonated its first hydrogen bomb.

The Illinois State Rifle Association is the home of marksmanship in Illinois.

At the Range

Click [here](#) to view the entire calendar. All classes and events are open to the public & all range members, unless otherwise noted.

M1 Maintenance Class

We are glad to announce that we will have an M1 Maintenance Class scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the ISRA Range in Bonfield, IL. We have found a highly qualified instructor, Larry Collinson, who has been with Springfield Armory for a long time. Mr. Collinson is an expert on the M1 Rifle. You will learn to take apart, clean, reassemble, and maintain your M1 Garand Rifle during this class. The class size is limited to 32 people. The cost is \$65 (ISRA member) and \$110 (non-member). Lunch will be provided. If you have special dietary needs, you will need to provide your own lunch. There will be no walk-ins allowed. **To register, contact the Office at 815.635.3198 and talk to Mel or Shirley.** You can also e-mail them at mel.hitchens.isra@gmail.com or shirley@isra.org.

Range Schedule this Week

1-27 – [Armed Women of America – Clubhouse-9:00-10:00, Range-11 10:00-12:00](#)

1-30 – [Air Gun League & Practice – Range 12 \(Indoor Range\) – 5:00-8:00](#)

1-31 – [F-Class Indoor League – Clubhouse/Range 12 – 10:00-2:00](#)

1-31 – [Air Rifle League & Practice – Range 12; Clubhouse – 11:00-3:00](#)

The ISRA Range is located at 1589 N 7000w Rd, Bonfield, IL 60913.

The ISRA Range offers great classes and leagues,
for shooting enthusiasts!

Interested in joining a league?

Just show up 15 - 30 minutes early.

[Range memberships are available.](#)

A day at the ISRA Range is *always a great day!*

Thank you for being a member!



If you are not an ISRA member, [join today](#)

Donate: <https://isra.org/support-us/>

Visit: www.isra.org

Upcoming Meetings: <https://isra.org/events/#events-calendar>

Upcoming Range Events: <https://isra.org/the-range/#range-calendar>

Upcoming Gun Shows & Events

While the gun show information shown in this email is believed to be accurate, sometimes changes occur. This is provided for informational purposes only.

Jan 27 – 28 Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton

Feb 3 – 4 Bloomington Gun & Knife Show, Interstate Center, Bloomington

Feb 10 – 11 The Quad Cities Gun Show, QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island

Feb 11 Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles

Feb 16 – 18 Tinley Park Fishing, Travel & Outdoor Show, Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park

Feb 17 – 18 Central Illinois Gun Collectors, Sangamon Co Fairgrounds, New Berlin, www.cigca.net

Feb 24 – 25 Decatur Gun & Knife Show, Decatur Conference Center, Decatur

Mar 2 – 3 Belleville Gun & Knife Show, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville

Mar 2 – 3 Kankakee Gun & Sportsman's Show, Kankakee Co. Fairgrounds, Kankakee

Mar 10 Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles

Mar 16 – 17 Peoria Gun & Knife Show, Exposition Gardens, Peoria