

New leadership

By SCOPE President Tom Reynolds

At a meeting of the SCOPE Board of Directors on November 12th, Harold (Budd) Schroeder was unanimously recognized for his years of service by being named "Chairman Emeritus". The Board's Resolution which honored Budd said, in part:

"WHEREAS: Harold W. "Budd" Schroeder has been a member of SCOPE for over 51 years, and

WHEREAS: He has served more terms as President and Chairman of the Board than any other person, and

WHEREAS: No single individual has contributed more to the fight for the preservation of the Second Amendment in the State of New York, and

WHEREAS: His qualifications, knowledge, abilities, and experience are invaluable to the organization,

Therefore, in recognition of his five decades of contributions to the organization, the Board of Directors of SCOPE would like to extend an invitation to Harold W. "Budd" Schroeder to accept the position of Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of SCOPE."

Budd lives in Lancaster, NY.

At that same meeting, Don Hey was elected the new Chairman of SCOPE. New Chairman Emeritus Budd Schroeder gave a strong recommendation for Don as his successor before Don was unanimously voted into office.

Don has been active in SCOPE since 2011 and serves on several committees. He is widely recognized within the organization for his leadership skills and dedication to preserving the Second Amendment through SCOPE.

Don is an avid fisherman and lives in Alden NY.

The SCOPE Board has felt the need for a Parliamentarian for some time and it became obvious to the Board that Tom DeBrita, of Oxford NY, had been unofficially filling that role for several meetings. DeBrita is a life member of SCOPE who is the Secretary of the Southern Tier Chapter of Scope which encompasses Chenango, Madison and Broome Counties. Tom had been attending board meetings as a proxy but so impressed the board that he was the only and logical choice to be SCOPE's first Parliamentarian.

Tom lives in Oxford, New York.

While Budd was one of the original members of SCOPE, Don and Tom represent the newer generation. They saw in the passage of the Safe Act a threat to all of our rights under the United States Constitution. This blending of generations among the SCOPE leadership will make it stronger than ever.



Don Hey (L) and Budd Schroeder (R) passing the gavel.

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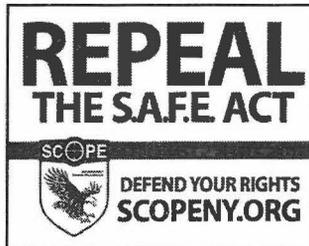
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Some SCOPE Goals for 2017

Here are a couple of goals sent in from our president and the Delaware Chapter.

I would like to develop a better way to evaluate and grade politicians on their actual rather than perceived performance.

One that can be constantly updated during the term of office rather than the end of the term. With the ability to report token efforts less favorably than true steadfast work to stop and reverse anti-gun legislation.

It would allow Scope to give timely feedback to the politician. Which would give us another measure of how true their commitment to the 2nd Amendment really is.

Tom Reynolds,
 SCOPE President

Delaware County SCOPE is working on building membership for 2017.

We are planning social and fundraising events as well as offering regional membership "open houses" at various locations in the county.

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Delaware County

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Anti-gun rhetoric ignores facts

By Tom Reynolds
SCOPE President



The USA Today Network article "Crime Guns Flow To NY" was based on a report of the New York attorney general. The article was an ode to greater gun control laws as it tried to convince the reader that "New York's gun woes are the result of other states' porous laws."

Andrew Cuomo was quoted, "... someone can hop into a car, buy a gun just over the border and bring it back to commit a crime." Barack Obama previously said, "... it is easier for a teenager to buy a Glock than to get his hands on a computer or even a book."

As usual, the anti-gun rhetoric has little factual basis.

Under 1968's Gun Control Act, gun-selling businesses must be Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and must obey federal and state restrictions. FFLs cannot sell firearms to prohibited persons (felons, etc.), cannot ship a firearm to a person in another state if doing so violates that state's law, cannot sell a gun to a person known to reside in another state, must obtain disclosures from the pur-

chaser on a federal form and must perform a background check on the purchaser.

Can it be the infamous "gun show loophole" that politicians are blaming? Since an FFL is subject to the same rules when making a sale at a gun show and many gun shows require private sales to follow FFL rules, there is no loophole there. Imposing "waiting period" laws on gun shows would be de-facto bans on gun shows; that, of course, is exactly what the anti-gun lobby wants to achieve as an end run around the Constitution.

In two studies of more than 200,000 prison inmates who used guns when committing their crimes, Caroline Wolf Harlow, of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, found less than 1 percent of the guns were obtained at gun shows, while almost 80 percent of their guns came from family, friends, illegal and street sources.

As to the effectiveness of the NY Safe Act, Harlow's study showed about 12 percent of the inmates used long guns, and only some of these guns are banned by the Safe Act.

That leaves only private sales to blame. The report and article blame Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida as the main culprits because of their weak gun laws. But Pennsylvania and North Carolina, like New York, also mandate that private handgun sales go through the same background check as FFLs.

Barack Obama wants universal background checks and said existing background checks "... have kept more than 2 million dangerous people from getting their hands on a gun." There he goes again! Over 96 percent of these rejected people did legally get their hands on a gun because the initial denial was wrong, a false positive, primarily because of a similar name.

Anti-gun politicians mindlessly pursue the eradication of the Second Amendment and constantly remind us that "figures don't lie, but liars can figure."

Passing of the Gavel

By Don Hey
Interim Chairman of the Board

It was my honor to accept Chairman Schroeder's endorsement to succeed him as Interim Chairman of the Board at the November 12th Directors meeting in Syracuse. This is a duty I will undertake with great care and respect. His leadership and guidance over the past years is something I will draw from as I proceed to fulfill the duties required of me.

Moving on, I would like to identify an area of growth that needs to be undertaken if we are to strengthen our approach in regaining Constitutional Freedom. In the past we have focused our efforts primarily on those politicians that we have the most in common with and share our views on many fronts. This is not something I suggest we abandon but need to ramp up our efforts has become very evident.

An area we have been very weak on is reaching out to those we view as opponents; the politicians that everyone believes are unreachable. An opponent that supports Abortion, Common Core or Gay Marriage. Although many of our members do not support these issues, as a 2nd Amendment group our focus has to be very narrow. The 2nd Amendment Period! In keeping with that, how many opportunities are missed? How many "Opponents" own firearms, support the 2nd Amendment but have been shunned by the very people

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they might support if approached respectfully. I have identified and met with two such individuals. Again, how many opportunities are being missed across the state? If we can reach out to these representatives, identify their views on The 2nd Amendment and cultivate a relationship of mutual respect we stand a much better chance of attaining our goal!

Next up finances.

As a member of the Finance Committee I will focus on moving Scope forward under full fiscal responsibility. Strong policies and procedures will be adhered to resulting in complete accountability. Records and reports will be available to all Chapter Chairmen who will be able to review them with members as needed. Officers and Directors will have full access as well. Liz Krenzer, Interim Treasurer (Genesee County) has been working with Chuck Wenzel (Finance Committee/Retired State Auditor) to sort out past irregularities, institute financial accountability and prepare for the audit.

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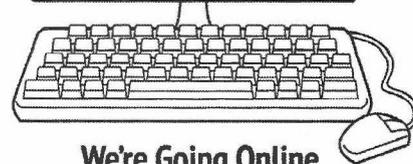
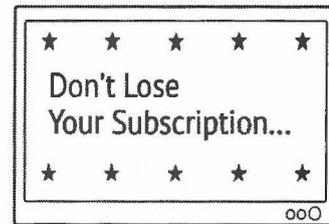
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New York State Rifle and Pistol Association and SCOPE

By Tom Reynolds, SCOPE President

Napoleon is credited with saying that he would rather fight allies than be an ally. During World War 2, General Eisenhower would probably have heartily agreed with that sentiment as he tried to balance Patton, Montgomery, Churchill and DeGaulle. During twenty nine years as a corporate executive, I saw numerous instances of this, so it should not have surprised me – but it did – to discover the conflict between SCOPE and the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, two organizations sharing the same goal of protecting the Second Amendment.

Immediately before being elected SCOPE's President in July, I was asked several times what I would do about the divisive relationship between SCOPE and NYSRPA. Privately, I was later told by one former officer that there was zero chance of reconciliation and, frankly, I believe there were those that did not want to see reconciliation. But it was evident that the majority of SCOPE's board did want to see NYSRPA and SCOPE work together and it was evident to me that we should not be fighting each other. As I often expressed during my career about internal struggles, the enemy is not others in the same organization. SCOPE and NYSRPA should have been criticizing the Cuomos, Clintons and Obamas of the world, not each other.

Soon after the July meeting, some SCOPE members and a NYSRPA member arranged a meeting between Tom King, the CEO of NYSRPA, and me. A few others from both organizations were also present. Contrary to what some believe, this was the very first time that Tom King

and I spoke to each other. Given the history between the two organizations, the meeting was kept very confidential. It is fair to say that everyone in the room approached the meeting with caution. Not cautious optimism, but just caution.

Over the course of several hours, we agreed that we could not change the past but it was in everyone's interest to move forward along parallel paths. (This was easy for me since I had no history in this but it took a lot of self-discipline and commitment for others who had endured the past few years.) We knew we may not be able to work together on everything but we could and should be moving along parallel paths in pursuit of our mutual goal, the defense of the Second Amendment. If the opportunity arose to work together, we would do it but we were and would continue to be two separate organizations that share a mutual goal. We would keep each other informed so that we stayed on those parallel paths and we also agreed that there might be times when we agree to disagree, but not to do it publicly.

When I looked around the room at the beginning of the meeting, some of the body language was not encouraging and there were soon a few tough words exchanged. But by the end of the meeting, people were telling jokes and swapping stories. We agreed that Tom King and I would continue our discussions and begin to take "baby steps" together. Very importantly, we recognized that someone from our organizations would probably unilaterally break the truce and if that happened that Tom King and I would talk to each other and work things out rather than immediately blasting the other. We also agreed to keep this confidential for the time being as we had no idea where it would lead. This confidentiality became very difficult for me, as I will explain.

Shortly after the meeting, I saw a draft of the *Firing Lines* which contained an article criticizing NYS-

RPA. My heart sank. Somehow, I had to quietly kill it without telling anyone about what had already occurred. Thankfully, Ralph Esposito, who handles *Firing Lines*, foresaw that the article would kill any possible future reconciliation and he pulled it.

Then a public test occurred when an email was broadly distributed that criticized Tom King. I quickly got hold of Tom and it was obvious he was not pleased - and he had every right not be pleased. But I explained this was one rogue letter writer and not reflective of SCOPE. He graciously held off on any return fire and I viewed this as the first real test of our relationship - and it had survived. Without knowing what was happening behind the scenes, several SCOPE members publicly condemned the email which further negated any need for Tom King to respond. A real negative had a positive result.

There were smaller issues that were quickly resolved and some quiet cooperative interactions. King and I stayed in contact, discussed issues and shared our thinking on state and national politics and ideas for the future. In late October, a group of us again met face to face and Tom King and I recently had a post-election meeting in Albany. We have been very open in our discussions and I am more than encouraged by the possibilities.

I was most surprised that we were able to keep this effort confidential until October when Tom King spoke at a SCOPE meeting in Canandaigua; I fully expected leaks before then. When news of the Canandaigua meeting was announced, I was free for the first time to discuss the details of what had happened at SCOPE's October board meeting. I was pleased that the board unanimously voted to encourage our actions and to condemn any attempts to sabotage our efforts. Just before the election, SCOPE and NYSRPA issued a mutual press release about the election which probably raised some

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eyebrows to see it signed by Tom and me.

SCOPE and NYSRPA continue to explore ways that the defense of the Second Amendment can be strengthened through our mutual efforts. There are some who still remember the bad old days but they are a shrinking minority. As I wrote earlier, we are two separate organizations who want to take advantage of the strengths that a united front brings to defense of the Second Amendment. The gun grabbers who were exulting in the divisions between our organizations have reason to fear what we can accomplish together. The energy formerly wasted can now be directed where it belongs.

WHAT LAWS DO YOU WANT CHANGED?

By Budd Schroeder

The presidential election turned out well. We have a pro-gun president elect which means that the Supreme Court of the United States will have at least one and possibly three new justices in the next four years. Most are optimistic that they will be constitutionalists as was the late Antonin Scalia. We hope so.

Since the Congress and the Senate are Republican controlled we will probably not have any bad gun bills passed, but with Charles Schumer going to be the new Minority Leader in the Senate, it is not going to be easy to get pro-gun legislation passed. We in New York may be able to help encourage him to not oppose the good gun bills. Of course, on this subject, Schumer has shown that his definition of "good" is very subjective.

As citizens of New York we should be prepared to bombard his several district offices and the one in

DC with letters, phone calls and emails when gun bills and the confirmation of the Supreme Court justices are being voted on. In politics the squeaking wheel gets the most attention and often times, the wheel gets the grease. It will take unity in our ranks and the will to do the work.

New York is another matter. As long as Andrew Cuomo is governor the chances of getting the SAFE act repealed are pretty slim. He can veto any bill and with the makeup of the assembly, they won't overturn a veto. There are chances that amendments to the SAFE Act can pass if done right, but the assembly is the key to success. The big problem in that body is, that there are enough Democrats Southeast of the Tappan Zee Bridge to pass any bill, defeat any bill and to override (or not) any veto. The New York City Democrats pretty much run the show.

With the three men in a room corrupt method of controlling legislation, we have to have a battle plan that has a chance of success. This is a big job and SCOPE has the best chance of being the Second Amendment group that can make the difference. We are the best grass roots organization and the fact that we have representation in the vast majority of the counties can give us enough leverage to be successful. However, we have to work and earn it.

Politics is all about power and money. If we can show the assemblymen and senators that we can make a difference when it comes to elections, we can be successful with getting legislation passed. Every county with a chapter should have at least one person who is on a first name basis with the assemblyman and senator. Most are already doing that and it does make a huge difference.

We can support the SCOPE PAC and attend their fundraising events and offer manpower at election time to run phone banks or work

with literature drops. We can be active in writing letters to the editor in local newspapers and if there is talk radio, be a contributor in their programs.

Politicians love praise and hate criticism. Using both is the carrot and whip technique. When they vote right on gun issues, give them the complements they deserve. When they vote against us, we should do our best to make life miserable for them. They deserve that, too. Build teams in every district and make plans to be sure everyone is on the same track in the efforts.

Another helpful way to make the message powerful is for every chapter to get a speaker's bureau to offer programs for service organizations and even schools to discuss the Second Amendment issues. It doesn't have to be political. It only has to be factual and interesting. SCOPE has experience in this effort and will help with seminars if enough people show interest.

As for action in the legislature, we can be more successful if we unite and get multiple legislators to sponsor bills. Remember that in Albany, you need the lead sponsor to be a Democrat in the Assembly and a Republican in the Senate. This goes back to the concept of making friends with the right people.

We have to be reasonable with our programs and give the legislators as much help as possible. From this columnist's perspective and experience, we should give the legislators something that should be easy to convince their colleagues to support. From a personal point of view these ideas should have principles and logic in their presentations. They should also be difficult to argue against. For example:

We should attack the dumb provisions in Section 400 of the Penal Law. One provision says that instructors who teach safety courses for pistol can give hands on training to those students between the ages of

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political elected representatives. **We will not take it any more. We need to be in their face all the time.** If you have not been active, get active.

Contact (write, call, visit, E-MAIL) your senators and state assemblymen. Let them know you are behind President Trump. Let them know, you believe and support our Constitution/Bill of Rights. It is time to **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN.** Let them know, We The American People are watching and will not take it any more. Political business as usual will no longer be tolerated. **"Individual liberty depends on keeping government under control."**

Unfortunately, for law-abiding citizens - Patriots who live in New York State, we NOW must turn our attention and efforts to 'clean-house' in Albany. As Mr. Trump said - we must clean the swamp. And we can all agree, NYS is one hell of a swamp.

We have 2 years to get our machine in place to make sure our Governor is NOT re-elected. Cuomo must be **REMOVED FROM OFFICE**, to **REGAIN** our Rights and Freedoms in NYS.

Yes, this is no simple task.

Everyone except us Patriots, was saying Trump would NEVER be our next President. It can become a reality, IF we all work together.

Divided we fall - UNITED we triumph. There are various organizations - NRA, NYSRPA, Gun Owners of America, Second Amendment Foundation, Citizens committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and SCOPE, of course, to mention several - that are fighting for our Second Amendment Rights, we need to unite and become one massive voice. Separate but, speaking with a unified front.

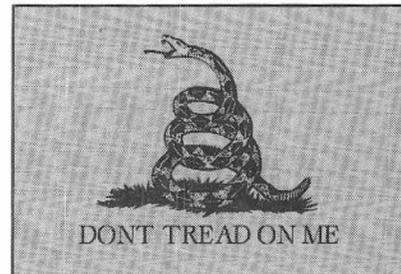
It will take hard work and constant diligence. As the saying goes... **"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING."** Don't 'bitch' to your friends, and family members, contact your elected officials and let them know you are watching and will not stand for this or that. The more 'fan mail' they get the more they will realize, 'We The People' are watching. 10 or 20 letters will NOT mean much; however, 100s will.

Remember, it is much, much more than our 2nd Amendment Rights at stake - all of our rights are being infringed upon. The 2nd today, the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 14th etc. are all

being chipped at little by little. It is everyone's fight not just sportsmen.

We have a 'few good men and women' who are trying their best to represent 'We The People' and our Rights and Freedoms. They believe our Constitution is the law of the land. Let them know we support their actions. They deserve to know, 'We the People' are behind them. Support them - give praise when praise is deserved. An appropriate saying - ***It's 95% of the politicians that give the rest a bad name!!!***

In closing, I would like to say a new dawn is rising come January 20th for America. God Bless the United States of America. **Get involved!!!**



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So when will the audit be done? As I write this a proposal has been sent out to the appropriate Officers and Directors for signature. With the holidays I would suspect it would begin right after the first of the year.

Grievance and Policy Compliance Committee.

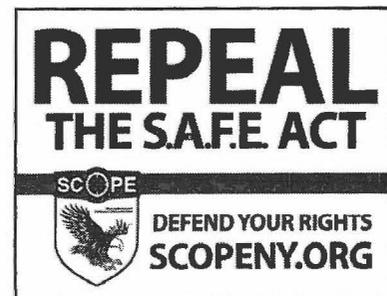
This new committee that I chair is a committee that has been approved by the Board at our July Directors meeting. I am joined on this committee by Bill Fox, Genesee County Chairman and Don Smith, Director at Large. This committee will serve the members and officers

as a way to air concerns in an orderly manner thus reaching conclusions that are fair and accommodating. I have a draft operational outline that I have shared with Chairman Schroeder and the committee members that I will finalize and distribute.

We have a lot of work ahead of us and I ask that everyone ask themselves **"How can I get involved to help the cause?"** Everything starts with that first step. Remember getting that new job? Remember the jitters on that first day and how after a few weeks it was like an old hat. Same applies here only it's easier. Ask your Chairman or another member that is involved how to get started. They

will be happy to help. There are a lot of easy tasks that are very important to the organization. Something to consider?

Thanks for everyone's continuing support and Stay Safe!



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The following are clubs that are members of SCOPE. If you plan to join a club, please try to join one that is a SCOPE member. If your club would like to become a SCOPE club member please give SCOPE a call or drop us an E-mail.

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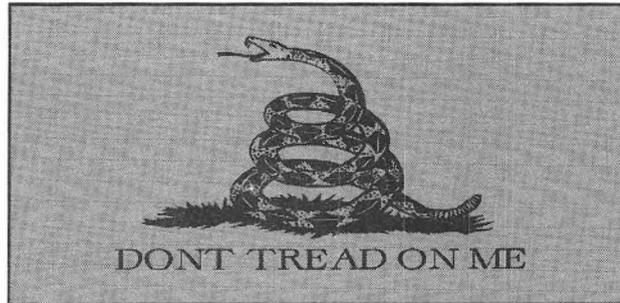
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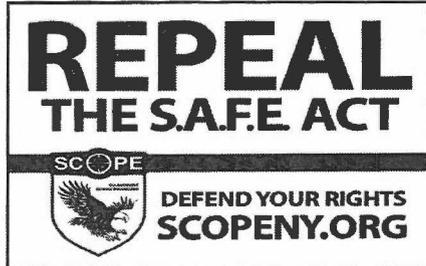
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Candidate bios - Do you want to run for the SCOPE Board?

Our annual members meeting will be upon us before you know it. Our next issue will include our annual ballot for open seats on the board of directors.

SCOPE needs you to run. It's easy to say oh let the old crew run things. Well the old crew would like some help from our members — that means you.

If you are willing we need your bios and names. Please keep them brief about 2 paragraphs would be fine.

Send them via e-mail to: admin@scopeny.org, please put Election bio in the subject. You may also send them by mail to: SCOPE, PO Box 165, East Aurora, NY 14052.



Three cheers for Trump But don't let your guard down

By Ralph Esposito, Editor

Well, it seems the American electorate has had enough of the democrats as we gun owners have had, and voted no. Even now wails can still be heard from the true believers.

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14 and 21. Under the present law, those over that age are in violation of the law if they handle a firearm (pistol) unless the gun is registered to them.

A juvenile can be trusted to load and fire a handgun on a range with a certified instructor, but an adult can't do so legally. How does that prepare them to get a license to possess a firearm but they have no experience in the handling or use of one? How does that prevent the criminal misuse of firearms? Even the legislators who have been asked can't figure out a response that makes sense. It is a good topic for conversation.

Another issue isn't in the Penal Law, but is based on case law. In certain counties the issuing officer, usually a judge, will restrict the pistol permit to "target shooting and hunting" or "business protection." These are restricted by "judicial discretion" or more properly referred to by gun owners as "judicial whim." This is done county by county. Some do, some don't.

The requirement in New York for getting a pistol permit is a difficult process. The applicant is investigated by the local police, the State Police and the FBI plus the Office of Mental Health. Then, it goes to the local issuing agent which is a

Their version of freedom and America are like dust in the wind.

I have no idea why they should feel that way. Life will go on, civilization will not fall apart and in four more years they can try it again.

Gun owners as well as those who believe in the Second Amendment dodged more gun control a la Hillary. We must hope the election fight has taken the wind out of the anti-gunners' sails for now.

Trump has pledged to support us and we will see in the next four years how well he stands up to his promise. At present he is a man of his word.

judge or police official. It should be an easy and reasonably quick procedure. In some counties it takes a year or more to get the job done.

There is a provision in the section that says it must be acted upon within six months, but there is no penalty for taking as long as the issuing office or the pistol permit department feels like doing it. Some counties have an overload with more applications coming in that they have people to process them. That has to be corrected as well.

The basic law of nature is self-defense, yet many judges will not give permission to a person who wants the most viable and efficient tool to protect himself against a violent criminal. Yet, if that same person lived in an adjacent county he or she could get an unrestricted permit. Why should geography be involved whether or not a natural and constitutional right is enjoyed?

The law should be changed to allow the citizens to enjoy the right of protection beyond his house. He should be able to have a viable means to stay alive if threatened by a violent criminal.

A third change would involve the SAFE act. As it stands, and there are court cases being heard on this subject, the problem is with the lack of due process. People can lose their guns if they are reported to the

On the other hand the democrats are still undecided to work with or against him. The republicans, well we hope they will support their presidents initiatives.

Our biggest worry is from Governor Cuomo. He is pressing the SAFE Act forward. SCOPE has several lawsuits that should slow the implantation and may stop it entirely.

So cross your fingers, donate to our lawsuits and we will continue to protect our rights.

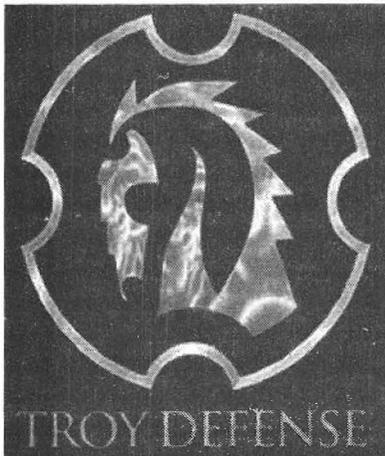


Office Of Mental Health because some person in a medical facility has an opinion that the person could be a danger to himself or others. There is no hearing to confirm this opinion and no real test at the facility, just the opinion by someone. That person does not have to be a psychiatrist or psychologist to deprive the patient of four constitutional and civil rights.

Even a report of certain medications like antidepressants can trigger a report that can have the guns confiscated. The law should mandate a hearing before any confiscation takes place and the person who makes the judgment must be a mental health professional. Anything less than that is unfair and unjust.

These are some of the issues we will be facing and will be working on. We need a strong SCOPE presence and active members to regain our constitutional and civil rights. It can be done if we have enough members who have the will to take advantage of this window of opportunity to regain the rights that the liberal leftists stole from us with a "message of necessity." We won't get them back if we don't work and fight to win. This is your choice. What will it be?





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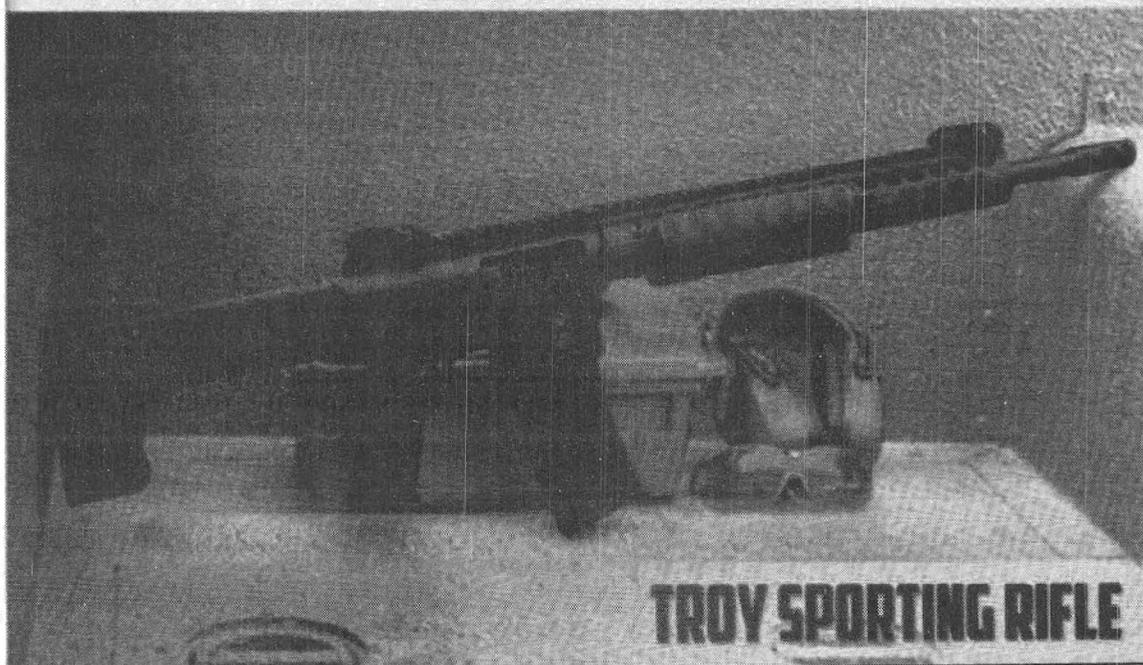
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