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NRA a Victim of COVID-19?

Meetings canceled, layoffs, pay-cuts... Is it really the virus?

The lead story for this edition of the *Hard Corps Report* was supposed to be about plans for the NRA Annual Meeting of Members, what we hoped and expected to happen on April 18th, and what NRA members could do to help get the Association back on track.

Firearms Coalition Director, Jeff Knox wrote an article for *Ammoland Shooting Sports News* (www.Ammoland.com), urging people to attend, and speculating that the Association might cancel the exhibit hall and other social events, but would probably go forward with the Members' Meeting, because that meeting is obligatory under their charter and bylaws, and is very difficult to reschedule. As that article went to print, NRA announced that, due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus, they were canceling all events related to the Annual Meetings, including the Meeting of Members, leaving the matter in limbo for the time being. A few weeks later, an email from

A Right Delayed... Waiting weeks for NICS?

The FBI says that NICS processing is being overwhelmed with high volume and that is causing some delays. They have also re-defined the term "business day" to mean days that the specific government offices that answer their queries are open. This is very important since the law says that when a NICS check returns a "Delayed" result to a dealer, the dealer may make the transfer after three business days, if they don't hear back from NICS. By re-defining "business day," the FBI is requiring FFLs to hold off on transfers indefinitely, as many local and state agencies that would typically provide information to NICS examiners, are closed due to the COVID-19 virus scare.

Several states and local jurisdictions have also stopped processing concealed carry license applications and renewals, on the grounds that the process is "non-essential," or that taking fingerprints is too dangerous to their personnel. Even here in Arizona, our local police department has stopped offering fingerprinting services, meaning that even →

the Secretary to NRA Directors informed them that the Association would be laying off a number of employees, implementing a 20%, across the board reduction in pay rates, and instituting other cost-cutting measures. The email stated that some NRA executives had already volunteered to take pay cuts of more than 20%, but didn't go into any details.

A short time later, Wayne LaPierre announced another round of furloughs, this time including cuts in the Advancement Office, the department responsible for arranging high-dollar donations from well-heeled members.

This last bit was surprising, in light of the tight financial situation. Just a week before the announcement, a rumor was circulating that the entire Advancement staff had been instructed to assemble lists of their best prospects to have LaPierre make personal calls to them seeking donations.

Now there is speculation that this was a ploy to gain access to these high-dollar donors and cut out the Advancement staff. Definitely looks a little fishy, and sources say the →

The Gift of Gun Bills

Democrats in Congress have revealed their future objectives with the introduction of H.R.5717 and S.3254, a massive gun control bill that turns gun ownership into a privilege, rather than a right. It would place all gun owners on a list, requiring mandatory "safety" training and a government permission slip to own any gun. It bans "assault weapons" and "high-capacity" magazines, institutes a 5-day waiting period, mandates "red flag" laws, and a whole raft of other garbage designed to make gun ownership difficult and dangerous.

As we have pointed out recently, gun control is no longer a debatable issue within orthodox Democrat circles, and the current crop and leadership are determined to push their radical, anti-rights agenda at every opportunity. We've seen this proven true at the city and state level, with the most prominent recent example being Virginia, and now it is playing out in Congress.

The bill is sponsored in the House by →