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## Arizona Republicans plotting gun confiscations



After the recent attacks in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, the enemies of freedom are once again calling for disarming law-abiding citizens. Their current trojan horse of choice is "red flag" laws that use civil proceedings to forcibly confiscate your firearms based on dubious claims from disgruntled family members or school officials, with virtually no recourse or appeal. In Maryland, police killed a man while confiscating his guns using a red flag law. In Vermont, the firearms of an uncle of a student plotting a school rampage were confiscated, not because he was involved, but because the student mentioned that he knew his uncle owned guns.

At the behest of *Republican* Governor Doug Ducey, a red flag firearms confiscation bill was introduced in the 2018 Arizona Legislative session. Thanks largely to AzCDL's intervention, the Governor's original proposal failed to pass out of the Legislature. In 2019, Democrats filed their version of the Governor's red flag proposal, but the legislation died early in the session.

Now, exploiting the El Paso and Dayton tragedies, Arizona Governor Ducey, [in a recent interview](#) with the Arizona Capitol Times, is once again pushing his scheme for "emergency" confiscation of *your* firearms in the coming legislative session.

It gets worse. Arizona's Speaker of the House, *Republican* Russell Bowers, in a June 23 interview with the Arizona Capitol Times recapping the 2019 legislative session said the following about confiscating your firearms: "From the idea of the unfettered use of firearms to confiscation, who has moved? Well, the confiscation people haven't moved. We're just moving more close to them." In a more recent interview Speaker Bowers again expressed a willingness to explore more restrictions on your right to keep and bear arms in the 2020 legislative session.

We have a *Republican* governor champing at the bit to get firearms confiscation legislation passed into law, and the *Republican* Speaker of the House eager to help. Twice, we've helped defeat the governor's confiscation scheme due to AzCDL supporters inundating the legislature with thousands of emails. Whether we're able to do it in again in 2020 depends almost entirely on YOUR participation. Staying quiet and letting the "other guy" do it is surrendering to those who want to disarm you. We make it easy for you to be a Right to Keep and Bear Arms *activist*. As legislation proceeds, we will prepare an email for you to send to your state legislators and the governor. All it takes are a few mouse clicks to make a difference.

### Can we count on you?

## “Red Flag” laws will not stop mass killings

In the wake of the recent rash of mass killing events, Governor Ducey is getting ready to reintroduce his “STOP Order” legislation in the coming legislative session. According to [media reports](#), the Governor still believes that these orders are “the best way to prevent mass shootings.” This, even though not a single such event has ever been stopped by such orders. On the federal level, President Trump and GOP leaders in Congress are looking for ways to pass a bill that will “encourage” states to pass these laws, with funding attached, of course. Your tax dollars at work.

Guess we have to give Ducey, and other politicians like him, credit for one thing. Once they come up with an idea, they stick with it, no matter how bad it is.

For any who may have been out of the loop these past couple of years, “STOP Orders”, also known as RFROs, ERPOs, etc., are civil court orders issued for the purpose of confiscating the firearms of anyone the court has decided could be a danger to themselves or others. Based, of course, on the say-so of such mental health and criminal justice pros as your family members, teachers, ex-lovers, etc.

Many apparently believe that these civil orders can be a solution to the problem of keeping dangerous people from having access to firearms. If someone close to one of these presumed potential killers files for such an order with a court, so the theory goes, that person can be evaluated by a mental health professional, and their firearms can be seized.

Please make careful note of the results. The guns, not the presumably dangerous people, are taken into custody.

While no one wants dangerous people running around with guns, perhaps we ought to be asking why these dangerous people are running around at all? What good is it doing anyone to take guns away from a “dangerous” person and then letting them walk away without further consequences? Has the supply of gasoline, matches, knives, impact weapons, bomb making materials, cars or trucks, etc., suddenly disappeared? If a person is so dangerous and unstable that they should not be allowed to have a gun, then they certainly should not be allowed to be out amongst the public.

Many people have focused on the obvious constitutional issues with these proposals, not the least of which is the presumption that an ex parte hearing (one at which the defendant is not present) is sufficient to deprive someone of their constitutionally protected right to self-defense. The notion that you can be deprived of those rights before having any chance to face your accuser is not just a simple due process violation, it’s downright un-American.

And this is just the top of a long list of constitutional problems.

But, and I know this will shock some folks, these issues are not the real problem.

Allow me to digress for a moment, and ask, what is the central tenet of all so-called “gun control” laws? Put simply, they all assume that the gun is the cause of violence, not the wielder of the gun. So how are STOP orders different? Short answer ... they aren’t.

In a recent article I read on the subject, the author maintained that these orders are gun control laws being used to attempt to solve a mental health problem. While that certainly seems reasonable, I must respectfully disagree.

These orders are gun control laws masquerading as an attempt to solve a mental health problem. When you take the mask away, all that’s left is a gun control law.

Sun Tzu once said that “The whole secret (of war) lies in confusing the enemy, so that he cannot fathom our real intent.”

Make no mistake, gun owners are the enemy here. These laws are the best attempt yet by those who would disarm us to cover up gun control with a veneer of legitimacy.

Let’s not fall for it. Contact the President, the Governor, your state and federal legislators, anyone you hear of that has the slightest inkling to support these proposals, and tell them “No”.

If we don’t stand up now, we will open a door that can never be closed.

Dave Kopp  
President  
AzCDL





# PROTECTING YOUR FREEDOM!

**Safe Schools & Healthy Students Seminar**

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**LT. COL. DAVE GROSSMAN,**  
U.S. Army (Ret.)

Director, Killology Research Group

Lt. Col. David Grossman has turned his research on the psychology of violence into a presentation whose core thesis everyone can agree on:

***We must protect the children who have been entrusted to our care.***

This means facing some uncomfortable facts, including violent children, terrorists, and lagging security systems. Taking into context the tragedies of school massacres from Jonesboro to Columbine and further, Col. Grossman outlines a series of foolproof strategies to help keep our kids safe, including immediate and long-term solutions. This is a fact filled presentation based on the most recent school safety research and offering vital response technologies for any audience of caring teachers, school officials, first responders, and parents.

**FEATURING**

**Lt. Col. David Grossman**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**Sheraton Crescent Hotel Ballroom**

**2620 West Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021**

**VIP RECEPTION 8 AM - 9 AM**

**GENERAL ADMISSION 9 AM - 5 PM**

**TICKETS & DETAILS:**

**<https://www.accelvents.com/e/Safety>**

*(Tickets must be purchased prior to September 6, 2019)*

***Achieve an understanding of new education tools that have been proven to reduce violence and bullying in schools and communities.***

# Join us at AzCDL's Annual Meeting in Tucson!

## Mark your calendars!

AzCDL members and their guests are invited to attend AzCDL's [Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Members](#) on

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

This year's annual meeting will be held at the University Park Marriott, 880 E. Second Street, Tucson.



*As with all our annual meetings, the tasteful open carrying of holstered firearms is appreciated*

All luncheon attendees will be eligible for our door prize drawings.

Our keynote speaker this year is AWR Hawkins who writes for Breitbart News and AmmoLand Shooting Sports News. His southern drawl is frequently heard discussing his take on current events on radio shows like America's Morning News, the G. Gordon Liddy Show, the Ken Pittman Show, and the NRA's Cam & Company, among others. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal (summer 2010), and he holds a PhD in military history from Texas Tech University.



**We are expecting a huge turnout!**

Entrée selections this year are Grilled Flank Steak, Herb Chicken or Manicotti Romano (vegetarian).

Early bird tickets are \$25 per person and are available at AzCDL's event website.

<https://www.acelevents.com/e/AZCDL2019>

If you are paying by check, or need further information, please email Fred at [treasurer@azcdl.org](mailto:treasurer@azcdl.org), or leave a *voice mail message* at (623) 242-9086.

## Silent Auction Donations Wanted!

We are conducting a silent auction in conjunction with our annual meeting of members. Proceeds benefit the AZCDL Foundation.

If you have an item you would like to contribute to this year's silent auction, please email [treasurer@azcdl.org](mailto:treasurer@azcdl.org), or leave a *voice mail message* at (623) 242-9086.

Our silent auctions are streamlined and automated. Bidding is via texting. From the comfort of your chair at the annual meeting you will be able to bid and to be notified if someone submits a higher bid. If you are the successful bidder, you may pay via your smart phone or through one of our volunteers.

If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please take a photo of it and either email it to [treasurer@azcdl.org](mailto:treasurer@azcdl.org) or attach to a text directed to (623) 242-9086. We would like to have photos and descriptions of all the silent auction items available online prior to the meeting for bidders to see.

**See you at the annual meeting!**

**Thirty Fourth Annual  
Gun Right Policy Conference  
September 20-22, 2019  
Phoenix**

**It's FREE!**

<https://www.saf.org/grpc>



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TODAY!**

**September 20-22, 2019**

**Sheraton Crescent  
Phoenix, Arizona**



## AzCDL 2019 Director Election Results



To promote continuity in leadership, the terms of office for AzCDL's directors are staggered. This year, the term for the director position held by Drake Mitchell expired. Drake informed that Board that he would not seek reelection.

Former AzCDL Board member Duke Schechter was timely nominated for the vacant position by AzCDL Life Member Michael Colmenero. No other nominations were received.

Per AzCDL's bylaws, a balloting process is not required when any individual runs unopposed. As a result, Duke has been elected to a 3 year term.

The expiration dates for all AzCDL directors' terms of office are as follows:

- 2020—Fred Dahnke & Tom Woodrow
- 2021—Dave Kopp & Ed Martinez
- 2022—Duke Schechter

Pursuant to AzCDL's bylaws, following the election of directors, the Board appointed the following officers to one year terms:

- Dave Kopp—Chairman of the Board
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- Michael Gibbs—Vice President
- Tom Woodrow—Secretary
- Fred Dahnke—Treasurer
- Charles Heller—Media Coordinator