



HOW WILL YOU DEFEND YOURSELF

AND YOUR FAMILY UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE?

WHAT IS CONCEALED CARRY?

- **Only** qualified, responsible adults licensed to carry a firearm to protect their families and themselves from violent harm.

Will more guns equal more crime?

- **No**, states that have passed concealed carry laws now experience lower rates of violent crime – especially violent attacks on women.

Won't the police protect me?

- As much as our respected and trusted law enforcement officers would like to protect everyone – it is not humanly possible for them to be everywhere at every moment!
- When seconds count the police are minutes and maybe more away!
- **The courts have consistently ruled that the police do not have an obligation to protect individuals.**

VOTE YES

on the County Referendum urging the Illinois General Assembly to pass a Concealed Carry Law

WON'T THERE BE SHOOTING OVER PARKING SPACES?

- **The answer is no, it has not happened in any state that has concealed carry!**
- Woodhaven Police Chief Michael Martin, with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, admits that fears about concealed carry were misplaced. After six years of expanded concealed carry in Michigan: No shootouts at traffic stops, a decline in firearms deaths and suicides, and violent crime is down. Concealed carry works, and the hysteria pandered by anti-gun extremists who opposed the law has been proven false.* *(continued on back)*



LEGALIZE SELF-DEFENSE CARRY IN ILLINOIS!

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SAY WE SHOULD CARRY CAR KEYS, NAIL FILES & HAIR COMBS TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES!*

- In 48 states law-abiding citizens legally carry firearms to protect themselves and their families.
- Are the citizens of Illinois somehow less capable, less intelligent, less trustworthy, less responsible than citizens in Indiana, Missouri, and Kentucky?
- If car keys, nail files, and hair combs are effective defensive tools why don't we see those items in the holsters of our state police?
- If you are not in Illinois or Wisconsin, you are dining with law-abiding folks legally carrying a concealed handgun.
- If you are in one of the 48 "carrying states" you may be going to the movies and sporting events with responsible law-abiding folks who are legally carrying a firearm for their own protection.
- One of the great benefits of concealed carry - no one knows who is carrying a firearm - not even the bad guys who will be even more leery of accosting a potential victim who just may be armed.

*<http://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/saconfronted.cfm>

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- In Jefferson County, MO, Sheriff Oliver "Glenn" Boyer said permits were issued to a wide array of people — young and old, men and women, doctors and real estate agents. He said women are heavily represented among renewals. Boyer suggested that his initial qualms about ordinary people with guns had settled.**
- Minnesota Rep. Lynda Boudreau, R-Faribault, chief House author of the bill, says critics' predictions of violent crime by permit holders haven't come to pass . . . It is conclusive that the positive value of firearms and their use far outweighs the negative misuse. The right to self defense is non-refutable, and should not be denied to honest upright citizens.***

*<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080106/NEWS06/801060602/1008>

** Patrick M. O'Connell, St.Louis Post Dispatch 5-27-07

***<http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2004/04/28>

48 STATES ARE NOT WRONG!

- 48 states recognize the right of lawful citizen's to carry firearms for personal and family protection.
- Two states do not - Illinois and Wisconsin.
- Self defense that is legal and commonplace for our neighbors in Indiana and Missouri is a felony in Illinois!
- States that have enacted right to carry laws consistently enjoy lower violent crime rates.
- In these increasingly dangerous times, Illinois law keeps you and your family defenseless against violent attackers.

If you are disturbed by these facts

- **VOTE YES** on the County Referendum urging the Illinois General Assembly to pass a Concealed Carry Law

THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT CONCEALED CARRY WOULD MEAN A RETURN TO THE WILD WEST!

- Florida passed a concealed carry law in 1987. Its murder rate fell 39 percent in the 10 years following the passage of its law. State Representative Ron Silver, who was the leading opponent of the law before it passed, graciously admitted several years later that he had been wrong.*
- National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) reveals Texans with concealed carry permits are far less likely to commit a serious crime than the average citizen. "Many predicted that minor incidents would escalate into bloody shootouts if Texas passed a concealed-carry law," said H. Sterling Burnett, author of the report. "That prediction was dead wrong." www.ncpa.org
- Glenn White, president of the Dallas Police Association, shared this view. "I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn't happened," White told the Dallas Morning News. "All the horror stories I

thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it's worked out well, and that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I'm a convert."**

* Clayton E. Cramer and David B. Kopel, "Shall Issue: The New Wave of Concealed Handgun Permit Laws" (1994), p.14

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BECAUSE A WHOLE COP WOULD BE TOO HEAVY

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