

GrassRoots GunRights of South Carolina

The Firearms Rights Organization for *All* South Carolinians!

GrassRoots Makes Your CWP More Useful!



Gov. Hodges signs GrassRoots CWP Law Reforms!

The GrassRoots Concealed Weapon Permit (CWP) Law Reforms make *your* CWP more useful by letting you legally carry in many more places than you could before. It took us three years, but GrassRoots members stuck to their guns and got our reforms passed. Gov. Hodges signed the GrassRoots CWP reforms into law May 28, 2002. In the above picture with the Governor, from left to right, are GrassRoots President, Ed Kelleher, GrassRoots Communications Director, Larry Coble and son, Senator Andre Bauer, Senator Jake Knotts, and GrassRoots Legislative Director and VP, Rob Butler.

GrassRoots has printed a complete description of the changes in the law and has mailed them to current GrassRoots members. If you received a white flyer with

“**CWP LAW UPDATE**” on it, our thanks to you! You are a GrassRoots member in good standing and should be proud of the part you played in getting our reforms passed! Please pass this flyer on to a friend who isn’t a GrassRoots member.

If you *haven’t* gotten an update, join GrassRoots (or renew your membership) today! The **CWP LAW UPDATE** will tell you *all* about the many new places you can legally carry your concealed weapon. We’ll send the **UPDATE** right out to you, along with your membership package. We got many good, useful changes made to the CWP laws but we want to do even more. Join GrassRoots today and learn what we have already gotten changed, what we want to do in the future, and how you can help.

JOIN GRASSROOTS TODAY!

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO EVEN MORE!

GrassRoots Gets Results for South Carolina CWP Holders!

Besides getting our CWP law reforms passed, GrassRoots was the first to sound the alarm about a 100% increase in CWP fees --- from \$50 to \$100 every 4 years. SLED wanted more money for "Homeland Defense" and the legislature thought they could charge CWP holders for it. Wrong! GrassRoots quickly got the word out. The very evening the tax was added to the budget, GrassRoots members started deluging the legislature with phone calls and faxes protesting the **TAX ON SELF DEFENSE**. GrassRoots quickly sent out 36,000 pre-printed, addressed post cards to our members for them to send to their legislators saying, "**DO NOT TAX SELF-DEFENSE**". When those postcards hit the State House like a huge, orange, tidal wave, the **TAX ON SELF DEFENSE** was quickly killed. It cost us quite a bit to send out those post cards. But it was worth it because ALL CWP holders, including you, will reap the benefit in the years ahead.

GrassRoots started out as a small group of people dedicated to improving the CWP laws in South Carolina. GrassRoots has grown into a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation that is registered as a lobbyist with the SC Ethics Commission. GrassRoots lobbies the legislature to improve the CWP and gun laws in South Carolina. We've gone from a few concerned citizens to

over 5000 dues paying members. GrassRoots is the **LARGEST** South Carolina **PRO-GUN** organization. But to do more, we need to be even larger, so please, join us!

GrassRoots is not affiliated with the NRA, GOA or any national group. We don't promote or take direction from any national group. GrassRoots' focus is strictly on South Carolina issues for people living, working and visiting here in South Carolina. All contributions are used here in South Carolina to provide services to our members and gun owners in general.

The officers and directors of GrassRoots, all unpaid volunteers, are people like you who legally carry firearms on a regular basis. Every day they deal with the hassles of legally carrying a concealed firearm. They've listened to the thousands of South Carolina CWP holders, know what CWP holders want, and are doing their best to see that positive change occurs. We're getting results but we can do even more with your help. Many hands make light work. Please join GrassRoots today!



We believe good citizens carrying firearms makes good sense!



GrassRoots recognizes that South Carolina CWP holders are the good guys. We want others to see that too. CWP holders are not a crime or safety problem. There are over 35,000 of you and only 2 have had their CWP revoked for misuse of a firearm. The problem is the bad guys - criminals. Our laws should limit the bad guys, not the good guys.

Laws that restrict where self-defense weapons can be carried only endanger the **good** people of South Carolina. The bad guys still carry their weapons because they don't care what the law says - that's why they are criminals. Only the law abiding are disarmed by such laws. Any law which disarms the good guys just provides easy victims for the bad guys and is an unreasonable law and must be changed. *Help us do that!*

When you look at where virtually all of the mass murders have occurred around this country, you will find they have one thing in common - it was illegal to have a gun there. The criminals were assured of finding disarmed victims courtesy of the government's laws! Must we wait until a slaughter takes

place here in South Carolina before we get rid of these unreasonable laws that only disarm the law abiding good guys? GrassRoots is working to prevent such a slaughter. **We know you oppose restrictions on where good citizens like you can carry. The only question is what can YOU DO to make things better? The answer is simple:**

JOIN GRASSROOTS TODAY!

GrassRoots Keeps You Informed!

- High quality website, with advanced Bulletin Board for member communication
- Email Alerts
- Email Discussion Groups
- Large high quality newspaper published quarterly to help you stay current on CWP issues— *are you missing out?*

Recent newsletters included the following articles:

- ✓ How to Carry Legally in Georgia and NC.
- ✓ Businesses that give 5% discounts to GrassRoots members
- ✓ Gun Control Bills in the South Carolina Legislature
- ✓ State to State Guide to CWP Recognition, Reciprocity and Obtaining CWPs in Other States.
- ✓ How Gun Control Was Defeated in Horry County
- ✓ Tips for Ladies Who Travel at Night
- ✓ It's Not What's on Your Hip, It's What's in Your Head (use your brain!)
- ✓ How to Protect Your Shooting Range Under the New South Carolina Shooting Range Protection Law
- ✓ What South Carolina businesses post against using your CWP?
- ✓ How to renew your CWP. Avoid the common pitfalls and delays.
- ✓ \$1 off coupon to local gun show for GrassRoots members

Where do your membership dues and contributions go?

- ✓ Mailings and alternative signs for merchants encouraging them not to post against CWP holders (our high success rate benefits all CWP holders).
- ✓ Quarterly newspaper with current CWP information to Members, Instructors, and Legislators to keep them informed.
- ✓ Direct mailings to members when immediate action is critically needed, like defeating the doubling of CWP fees.
- ✓ Preparation and distribution of information packages to activists and at gun shows across the state.
- ✓ Maintenance of electronic communication with members by email and at: <http://www.scfirearms.org>
- ✓ Automated Fax and E-mail to deliver your personal message to South Carolina legislators.
- ✓ Membership boosting mailings like this one to *all* CWP holders to make them aware of our efforts.

Join GrassRoots! Help Us Do More!

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Complete and mail with check to: GrassRoots, P.O. Box 2446 Lexington, SC 29071

- ☐ 1-year new membership or renewal: \$25.00. Includes newspapers and mailings, e-mail alerts & updates. Additional contributions are welcome (see below) and are used to further the goals of GrassRoots right here in South Carolina.
- ☐ 1-year GrassRoots Firearms Instructor membership: \$25.00 (many extra benefits, see next page)
- ☐ Renewal, please check here if you are renewing individual or Instructor membership so we can avoid duplicates
- ☐ Please send me _____ GrassRoots Bumper Stickers @ \$1 when included with dues, example on next page.
- ☐ Thanks for making my CWP more useful. Here's an extra contribution to help in the work. Please continue to do all you can to protect and promote my rights as a South Carolina gun owner and CWP holder.

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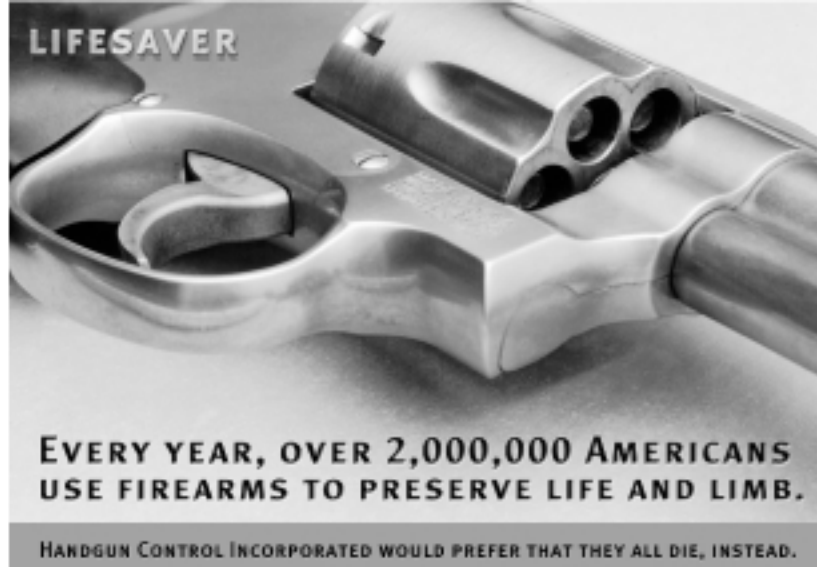
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GrassRoots works on problems that face ALL South Carolina CWP holders and gun owners:

- ✓ Reduce places identified by law which prohibit concealed weapons.
- ✓ Improve laws, regulations, and bureaucracies that restrict concealed carry.
- ✓ Expand reciprocity between states with CWP laws.
- ✓ Help law-abiding citizens find places to practice defensive shooting skills.
- ✓ Help all law-abiding citizens find local, qualified Instructors.
- ✓ Information on firearms, ammo, and accessories suitable for concealed carry.
- ✓ Help travelers. Where is your CWP honored? What restrictions are there?



**You can't buy this lapel pin.
You have to *earn* it!**

Note to GrassRoots members: We sent this flyer to you too so you could use it to introduce a friend to the benefits of membership in GrassRoots GunRights. Sign up 5 new members and *earn* a GrassRoots Lapel Pin to wear to the Great GrassRoots Gathering, Saturday October 19, 2002! Make plans now to attend!

Instructor Member extra benefits include: Free copies of GrassRoots newspapers to hand out to your students, Advertising on our web page, Publication of your special class offerings and articles in the GrassRoots newspaper, Referral of inquiries to GrassRoots for CWP classes. GrassRoots *wants* Instructors to succeed and we'll help!

Join Us in Our Grass Roots Efforts!

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2.5 Million Defensive Uses Each Year

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