



Delaware Gun Violence Forum – January 9th, 2020

Registration- Carvel Building, Mezzanine Level in front of Auditorium
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Opening Remarks – Sen. Stephanie Hansen
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delaware Gun Crimes and Statistics Panel
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Featuring: Spencer Price, Co-chair of the DE Criminal Justice Council’s Data and Evaluation Subcommittee
Sandra M. Gibney, M.D., Emergency Room Physician at Saint Francis Hospital
Eugene Maurer, Esq., Criminal Defense Attorney
Darryl Chambers, Chair of the DE Council on Correction
A.J. Roop, State Prosecutor with the DE Department of Justice
Dan Selekman, Retired Lieutenant with the Wilmington Police Department
Dr. Meghan Walls, Pediatric Psychologist with Nemours Children’s Health System

This panel will look closely at gun ownership and gun-related crime in Delaware, including the types of guns owned in Delaware, the circumstances and locations of shootings, mass shootings in the state, the origins of weapons used to commit crimes, and the outcomes of gun-crime cases.

Background Checks – People & Guns Panel
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Featuring: Earl McCloskey, Executive Director of the DE Criminal Justice Information System
C. Renee Rigby, DE State Police, CJIS Systems Officer
Chris Feghali, FFL Dealer in New Castle County, Federal Firearm
Ron Hagen, FFL Dealer in Sussex County, American Responder Services, LLC
Darryl Chambers, Chair of the DE Council on Correction
Jeff Hague, President of the DE State Sportsmen’s Association
Maureen Monagle, Exec. Dir. of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

This panel will delve into the process of background checks conducted on people seeking to purchase firearms and the vulnerabilities of that process, as well as discuss how and whether the State should explore improvements. The lack of information on firearms offered for resale also will also be discussed, along with Delaware's current landscape in the prevention of domestic violence-related gun crimes.

BREAK: 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Home Sales & Storage of Firearms Panel

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Featuring: Sec. Robert Coupe, DE Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Col. Vaughn Bond, New Castle County Chief of Police
Darryl Chambers, Chair of the DE Council on Correction
Chris Feghali, FFL Dealer in New Castle County, Federal Firearm
Ron Hagen, FFL Dealer in Sussex County, American Responder Services, LLC
Lane Carey, FFL Dealer in New Castle County, First State Firearms and Accessories, LLC
Lt. Gerald Windish, Commander of the DE State Police, Criminal Investigations Unit

This panel will discuss the prevalence of home-based businesses licensed to sell firearms, the geographic distribution of home-based and retail firearms dealers, how transactions in the home-based setting compare to commercial retail sales transactions, and the regulation of home-based dealers and firearm rentals. The related topic of firearm thefts from homes and vehicles also will be discussed.

LUNCH BREAK (on your own): 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Featured Speaker

Dr. James Knoll - Mass Violence

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

James L. Knoll, IV, M.D. is a Professor of Psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, and Clinical Director of Central New York Psychiatric Center in Marcy, New York. A nationally renowned expert in the field of forensic psychiatry, Dr. Knoll will present information on the psychiatry of mass murderers, myths, their motives, and which initiatives have shown promise in reducing gun violence.

Training and Licenses Panel

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Featuring: Ron Hagen, FFL Dealer in Sussex County, American Responder Services, LLC

Daniel Webster, Bloomberg Professor of American Health, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research
Rob Kracyla, Chief of the Middletown Police Department
Neil S. Kaye, M.D., Forensic Psychiatrist

This panel will discuss the conditions under which Delaware currently requires firearm training and licensing, the cost and availability of training, and the processes for obtaining a concealed carry permit and a hunting license. Dr. Daniel Webster from the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research will present information on training and licensing requirements in other states and the effects of those policies on gun violence.

BREAK: 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Assault-Style Weapons and Magazine Panel

3:15 p.m. – 4: 15 p.m.

Featuring: Sandra M. Gibney, M.D., Emergency Room Physician at Saint Francis Hospital
Chris Feghali, FFL Dealer in New Castle County, Federal Firearm
Daniel Webster, Bloomberg Professor of American Health, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research
Rob Kracyla, Chief of the Middletown Police Department
Neil S. Kaye, M.D., Forensic Psychiatrist
Brendan O'Neill, Esq., Chief Defender, DE Office of Defense Services
Jeff Hague, DE State Sportsmen's Association
Traci Murphy, Exec. Dir., Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence

This panel will discuss the difficulties in defining assault weapons, definitions in the former federal law and current Maryland law, the characteristics and rationale that cause weapons to be classified as prohibited, and magazine size limitations. The panel also will discuss crimes committed with assault-style weapons, the recovery of assault-style weapons, mass violence and home invasions in Delaware.

Closing Remarks – Sen. Stephanie Hansen

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

****PLEASE NOTE: Some panelists are subject to change****