

What Col. Allen B. West had to say about HDF.....



When a terrorist or criminal is about to attack, your first line of defense is a fellow citizen who has firearms training, and also has their firearm at hand. That armed citizen is much more likely to be nearby than a police officer or first responder.

Because I believe an armed citizenry is America's real first line of defense, I was pleased to learn about a new group called the Home Defense Foundation, based in New Orleans, whose board of advisors has Elbert Guillory, a dear friend, patriot, and all around great American on it.

Their website, HdfNola.org, shows you just how different and needed this group is, and why it should be replicated nationwide. The Home Defense Foundation is an all volunteer, citizens group that sponsors home and self defense classes for free. Their mission statement reads: "Neighbors teaching neighbors about home and self defense – and organizing, so that our voices are heard. Hmm, something tells me this isn't the type of "community organizing" Obama and the leftists accept — they prefer the insidious "Black Lives Matter" group. These New Orleans citizens are all volunteer, and they never ask for money. Imagine that? A group that asks for no money, just your time and interest in learning to be a responsible firearm owner.

Their free firearm classes are described this way: "Our classes are designed for people with little or no experience with firearms. We use models that are easy to fire, have little or no recoil and are not too loud. And guess what? That's all you need! Statistics prove that if you are about to be attacked and you present a firearm the criminal is likely to flee. You don't need a gigantic "Dirty Harry Callahan" hand cannon. What you do need is effective training and a firearm you know how to use."

I couldn't agree more. The most important thing about a defensive firearm is that you know how to use it and that you have it with you when a terrorist or criminal attacks. And just as important as the firearm philosophy of this group is their tremendous diversity. Their website prominently features senior citizens, women and minorities.

Case in point: a black gentleman named Antwine Williams evaluated the firearm class he was taught by Mike Weinberger, the group's founder. Mr. Williams said the model Mike chose for him was easy to handle, had no recoil, was not intimidating and was "perfect" for people who do not have a lot of experience with firearms.

Aside from offering free training, the mission statement of the Home Defense Foundation talks about "organizing," which they do very well.

But it's not just about the training and educating that the HDF has as a mission. When a black pastor was arrested for allegedly using a firearm improperly against two criminals who were trying to run him over with a pickup truck (the pastor caught them stealing air conditioner parts from his church) the Home Defense Foundation went to work. They purchased a full page ad in a local newspaper saying they sympathized with the pastor's position. This proved that the pastor had organized support. Local prosecutors then quietly worked out a deal and the pastor was set free.

It's time we 2nd Amendment advocates embraced this type of "community organizing" and showed our strength.

In another case a white homeowner with a pregnant wife and a baby to protect shot a black teen who was trying to break into his house at two in the morning. The teen was injured but lived. The homeowner was arrested under a broken law that presumed a home defense shot was valid if the criminal died, but not if he lived. The Home Defense Foundation held rallies and went on TV and radio and highlighted the unfairness of this law, which they lobbied to have changed. The result: Two grand juries refused to issue an indictment against the homeowner, and the broken law was changed and fixed. A picture on their website shows former Governor Jindal as he signed the changes to this antiquated and absurd law.

Groups like the Home Defense Foundation are necessary, *imperative* if we are to achieve an armed citizenry that can effectively protect itself, and if we hope to fix our broken criminal justice system. These citizen volunteers are effective, and I hope their model is copied nationwide.

We all know there are many places around the nation that need such a group. We are on a battlefield, not just against criminal elements, but the infiltration of dangerous illegal immigrant gangs, and Islamic jihadists.

I gotta give a special hat tip and hearty salute to the Home Defense Foundation of New Orleans. Y'all got this right, and you can count on my support, there in Nawlins, and when you expand this citizen endeavor for the protection of individual freedom and self-defense nationwide, I will be your biggest proponent.

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