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SAF hosts annual Alternative Mass Media Conference prior to start of 41st Annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC)

The annual Alternative Mass Media Conference (AMM-Con) planning committee has announced speakers and topics for the annual event slated to be held prior to the start of the 41st annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC).

Co-hosted by the Second Amendment Foundation and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, GRPC will run from Sept. 25 – 27 at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport hotel. The AMM-Con pre-conference event will take place starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 25.

AMM-Con is a gathering of some of the top Second Amendment media members and influencers who provide educational presentations about all things related to our right to keep and bear arms. For those who are established or aspiring journalists, bloggers, video media personalities, podcasters,



or have a general interest in new media, AMM-Con is a must-attend event. Previously, the event was exclusive to media members only, but the committee recognizes that each of us – through friends, family and social media – can help spread the message.

The National Rifle Association's **Mark Keefe** will give the keynote address during the event and discuss melding publications and media to streamline operations. Additional speakers include **Cam Edwards, Mark Smith, William Kirk, Robyn Sandoval, Rich Yumul, Chris Swainhart, Stephen Gutowski, Jason Oliver and Jake Wiskerchen.**

- Featured educational topics:**
- The ethical use of AI and AI tools
 - Rebranding and driving business via your blog
 - Effective use of video, video equipment and podcast growth
 - Reporting from the heart and navigating YouTube
 - Panel discussion featuring Second Amendment advocates/activists on how to utilize media to deliver a positive message

GRPC 2026 is sponsored by **USCCA, Silencer Shop, Vortech, Magpul, Credova, U.S. Law Shield, Volquartsen, Trijicon, Colt, GrabAGun, RAYVN**

Group, AZFirearms Auctions, NSSF and Taurus.

Mark your calendar for what's going to be a great weekend of learning and advocacy! Visit SAF.org/GRPC or AMM-Con.org to register and learn more about this exclusive event. The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

Magpul renews the SAF Platinum level partnership

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Aug. 24, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) announced that Magpul has renewed their corporate partner commitment at the Platinum level.

“Magpul is proud to continue and increase our support and sponsorship of the ongoing efforts of the Second Amendment Foundation in defending our Second Amendment rights,” said Magpul Executive Vice President Duane Liptak. “The Second Amendment Foundation is a leading organization in fighting unconstitutional firearms legislation, from initial case filing all the way to the Supreme Court, with a proven track record of savvy litigation and effective arguments. Supporting these efforts is critical to defeating the litany of unjust infringements on firearms freedoms nationwide.”

Magpul was founded in 1999 with the concept of developing an easy-to-use product to solve the handling and speed problems associated with handling rifle magazines under stress. The company name comes from this original product, the Magpul. This simple innovation – and the mindset of problem-solving through better design, materials, and user experience – led to others that redefined the experience customers had with their firearms. More than two decades later, Magpul has grown significantly, but still follows the same mission and processes, focusing on innovation, simplicity and efficiency. In addition to the renewed corporate partner commitment, Magpul is also a sponsor of the annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC), slated for Sept. 25 – 27 in Dallas at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport hotel.

“The team at Magpul and their customer base understand better than most what happens when lawmakers try to decide what constitutional rights citizens can, and cannot, exercise,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “For years, Magpul has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring people can exercise their constitutional rights by taking actions like their Boulder Airlift campaign in 2013. With more than 55 active cases – including two ‘assault weapons’ ban lawsuits awaiting oral arguments at the Supreme Court, along with multiple challenges to bans on standard capacity magazines, we will continue taking the fight to the highest court in the land to ensure the Second Amendment isn’t relegated to a second-class right. We’re grateful for the continued partnership with Magpul and look forward to what the next year holds.”

For more information about SAF’s corporate partner program, contact Senior Vice President Lauren Hill at Lhill@saf.org.

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Justice Dept. secures \$400 Million settlement with TikTok and ByteDance to resolve children’s privacy litigation

WASHINGTON, D.C. -On August 21, the Department of Justice announced a \$400 million settlement with TikTok, ByteDance, and affiliated entities (TikTok) resolving litigation concerning compliance with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act and its implementing regulations (COPPA). Under the settlement, TikTok will pay \$300 million immediately and an additional \$100 million upon entry of an order vacating a prior consent decree entered against TikTok’s predecessor, Musical.ly.

The settlement represents one of the largest recoveries ever obtained in a COPPA case. “This settlement is a major victory for American children and parents,” said Associate Attorney General Stanley E. Woodward Jr. “The Department’s priority is ensuring that children are protected online and that companies entrusted with their personal information meet their legal obligations. This resolution secures a substantial recovery while reinforcing the protections that families expect and de-

serve.” “Companies that collect children’s personal information must comply with the law,” said Assistant Attorney General Brett A. Shumate of the Justice Department’s Civil Division. “This resolution secures a significant monetary recovery and reflects the Department’s commitment to ensuring children receive the full protections that Congress mandated.”

Since the Justice Department filed its complaint in 2024, TikTok has undergone significant changes to its ownership, management, compliance functions, and privacy practices. The company has implemented extensive measures designed to strengthen safeguards for younger users, improve age-related controls, and enhance parental oversight. Those developments have materially advanced the public interests underlying the Department’s litigation and have strengthened protections for millions of American families. The resolution reflects the department’s commitment to achieving practical results that protect the public. By securing a significant recovery while recognizing the substantial compliance improvements already implemented, the settlement en-

sures that American families continue to benefit from stronger protections without the delay and uncertainty of protracted litigation. The Justice Department’s lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. The matter was handled by the Civil Division’s Enforcement and Affirmative Litigation Branch on referral from the Federal Trade Commission.

The claims resolved by the United States in the settlements are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

Brzoska vs. Meta: The fight over fake ads from sports-military 2

Brzoska added another important dimension to the dispute. On 27 March 2026, the Warsaw Court of Appeal issued an interim ruling that challenged one of Meta’s main lines of defense. The company had argued that it was essentially a hosting provider and therefore played only a limited role in the content published through its services. The court took a different view. It pointed out that Meta does much more than simply provide space for an advertisement. It accepts payment, reviews ads before publication, and provides targeting, distribution, and optimization tools designed to increase their reach. In the court’s view, Meta’s role in online advertising is therefore not purely passive. The ruling was made at the interim stage, so it is not yet a final judgment on the entire dispute. And yet, months later, fraudulent content using Brzoska’s image is still appearing. That is what makes the case more than another public clash between a prominent businessman and Big Tech. There is also an obvious imbalance of power. Brzoska has lawyers, money, public recognition and access to the media, yet he has spent two years fighting fake ads using his image. An ordinary Facebook or Instagram user has far fewer options to protect themselves.

The Brzoska case shows that the debate is no longer only about the people who create fraudulent ads. It is also about whether platforms should take responsibility for the systems they build, control and profit from. If a company accepts payment for an ad, decides how it is distributed and provides the

tools that allow it to reach specific users, it cannot simply distance itself from the consequences when that system is repeatedly used for fraud. Platforms such as Meta should take responsibility for how their own services operate and for the harm they help enable.

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WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-BROAD, 2835 BROAD AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN 38112

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Coffee served 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM

PURPOSE: Our community has made real progress in reducing gun violence. Yet, we have a long way to go to be as safe as we need to be, and polling shows gun violence remains the community’s Number One Crime Concern.

Where do we go from here to keep the momentum in curbing gun crime? We want to know what key stakeholders think and what the larger community thinks as we develop a new 5-year Safe Community Action Plan.

BREIF COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- U.S. Attorney Mike Dunavant
- Carl Davis, Managing Director of Operations, Memphis Allies

- Sheriff Elect Anthony Buckner
- Tamika Williams, City Director, Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement

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