

# WELCOME



## MSI GUN SHOW PRIMER

Thank you for volunteering. Inside is your guide to your first day at the booth.



First off, thanks for volunteering! Here are few things you might like to know.

### **Entry to show**

Setup usually starts at 8 AM and the show opens at 9 although this can vary by location. Generally you tell the admissions staff that you are with MSI and they will let you in. Sometimes there will be a list of names (provided by the MSI setup staff) and they will often give you a vendor badge, usually a stick-on name tag. If you need to go out for lunch, etc. just show your badge to get back in. If you are coming back later, another shift next day, etc. hang on to the badge to get back in then.

### **Supplies**

Supplies are usually found in the big blue box under the table. Pretty much all of the "paper goods:" brochures, email list forms, handouts, coloring books, etc. are in a large, black zippered bag in the blue box. What you are looking for might not be visible, depending on what's on top, but should be inside the black bag if you go looking for it. Pens, pencils, wristbands, and key lanyards are in more blue and/or (smaller) black zippered bags inside the blue box. All of this stuff we usually give out for the asking.

Membership forms are the exception, they are in a separate zip lock bag. They are multi-copy carbonless, give the back (pink) copy to the customer. (That will give the person who has to enter the info for MSI a bit more of a chance, reading the top (original) instead of a carbon.)

There are two sizes of chamber flags (rifle and pistol) in ziplock bags. A roll of orange "Guns Save Lives" stickers, black & white oval MSI stickers, and bumper stickers will also be in the box.

### **HQL can**

There is a donation can for the HQL lawsuit located prominently on the table. If someone wants a chamber flag or two, I usually ask them to drop a dollar in the can.

## Engaging passersby

Everyone will have a different approach to talking to people, here are a few hints.

- Hand out free stuff
  - o Brochures
  - o Pens and Pencils
  - o Stickers
  - o Wristbands
- Ask questions
  - o Are you a Maryland resident? (Usually only at the Chantilly show.)
  - o Are you familiar with MSI?
  - o Are you happy with Maryland's gun laws?

Basic MSI info:

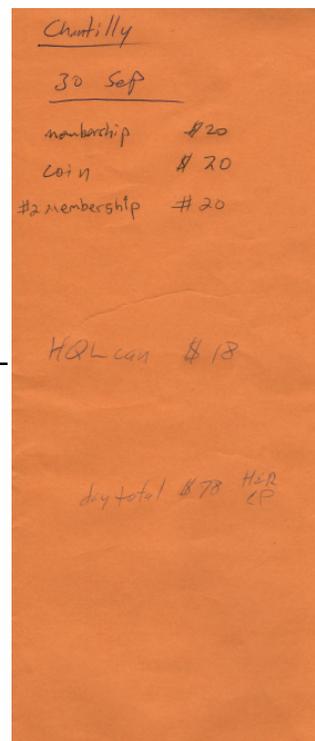
- All volunteer, grassroots, non-partisan organization working to preserve and promote 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights in Maryland
- Goals are to educate the community about the right of self-protection, the safe handling of firearms, and the responsibility that goes with carrying a firearm in public. We often get questions about getting a Wear and Carry permit, here are some recent examples of successful applicants:
  - o Business owners now (usually) only need some proof of business (e.g. business license) and bank letter stating that "XYZ Co. has an active business account;" proof of large (or cash) deposits is NOT required
  - o Military, civilian DOD employees & contractors with high security clearance whose information was compromised in the OPM hack (this has been successful but is not guaranteed to work)
  - o Doctors who carry narcotics, or prescription pads for same (again, this has lately been hit or miss)
- Ongoing court cases
  - o HQL lawsuit, filed 30 Sep 2016, hearing most likely sometime in June
  - o Kolbe Lawsuit, which has gone through (loss) federal appeals court and is being appealed to US Supreme Court
- Lobbying for 2A rights
  - o Active during the General Assembly session, promoting good bills and fighting bad bills
  - o Gun bill days, we emphasize getting as many people as possible to testify in the Senate & House committee hearings, usually mid-late March during the General Assembly session.
- Try to be up on as much of FSA2013 as you can. A couple of pertinent items:
  - o Heavy Barrel (HBAR) AR15s are still legal, as are many "scary looking" rifles which are not on "The List" or determined by MSP to be a copy of one on the list;
  - o It is still legal to own, possess and use standard capacity magazines, you just can't buy, sell, or transfer them in the state: buy out of state and bring them back, perfectly legal.

## Cash envelope

Cash received for memberships and challenge coins should be logged on the outside of the envelope (see picture,) then put into the envelope (with the membership forms) and stored under the table. I usually put it on top of the blue box, so it is easy to get to from behind the table.

## Saturday night

Whoever closes the show on Saturday night should total the day's memberships & coins, count up what's in the HQL can, add that to the envelope/total (but don't seal the envelope,) and put everything in the cash box. If there is a second person there, have them double check the cash count, then both of you initial the total. The challenge coins are sufficiently small and portable that they should also be put in the box overnight. There will be a cable wrapped around the table leg to lock inside the box, to discourage a possible grab and go overnight. If there is another blue plastic table cloth (should be in the poster bag) just throw it over the stuff on the table for the night.



## Sunday morning

Sunday will mostly be a repeat of Saturday. I will usually put Sunday's date on the back side of the cash envelope, use that to log Sunday's activities as above.

This pretty well covers a typical two day show. Chantilly is slightly different, as it is a three day event starting on Friday afternoon but everything else will work pretty much the same. That's about it, and thanks again for helping out!