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the association's members would be able to seek help and referrals.

How could a self-defense firearms association go wrong with such a winning team? The short answer is: it didn't.

The initial goal of the network was to have 1,000 members in the first year. To date, they have enrolled over 600 people as members. They have produced three DVDs covering the legal consequences of a self-defense shooting and what happens during your encounter with the legal system. These DVDs are part of the membership package when you join the Network.

In addition to this, many instructors are now affiliated with the Network and offer all members discounted rates of instruction. There are attorneys available to work with you personally or advise your attorney on how to handle your case. Plus, expert witnesses are available should your case need them.

Not too shabby for an organization that has had only two other articles published about it and has instead relied mainly upon word-of-mouth.

So how does this all work?

Membership costs \$85 a year. Twenty

percent of the membership dues goes directly to the Foundation. This money is to be used to fund grants to eligible members for their defense. When the membership reaches 10,000 and beyond, the Foundation will have some serious money to help its members defray legal costs.

Membership is restricted to people who are lawful persons to own and carry firearms. You must have a CCW (or whatever your State calls your concealed permit), an FOID or some other proof that you can pass an NICS check. That pretty much means you have to be 21 (18 in some states) and a non-felon. Without such proof, membership will be denied. Should you lose your CCW or your right to possess a firearm, your membership will be refunded on a pro-rated basis. Remember,

this is all about helping the lawful citizen, not those who choose to ignore our laws.

If at any time during your membership you become (God forbid) involved in a defensive shooting, you can contact the Network with the details of the shooting and the advisory board of the Foundation will review your request and make recommendations on how best to help your case. Of course, the more members, the larger the Foundation's legal fund will be, and the more help it will be able to grant.

Are there other perks? Members receive a monthly e-newsletter, a list of affiliated attorneys and access to a members-only forum where you can ask your questions and get good, honest answers. For a full list of the benefits of joining ACLDN, take a look at their website.

The Network is not insurance, but it is a professional source with a wealth of specialized information that the ordinary guy and his ordinary attorney will not have.

We have all talked about these things at one time or another. Marty Hayes has taken the lead and stepped up to the plate. Eighty-five dollars a year is not too much to ask to have this kind of information at your fingertips. ●

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