Special Message to all BATS Users Regarding BATS 3.2 Enhancements

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the United Stated Bomb Data Center (USBDC) are proud to announce the newest version of the BATS database – BATS Version 3.2. Feedback was solicited from state and local law enforcement agencies from across the country as well as from the Bomb Squad Commander's Conference held in Anniston, AL in October 2007. The below changes and enhancements are a direct result of the BATS user's community suggestions.

1. The 10-minute timeout warning has been increased to **20-minutes**.
2. A **one page explosives incident form** has been developed for use by Bomb Technicians and is located under the RSP tab.
3. To improve the professional appearance BATS users now have the ability to paste **their own logos and headers** on reports (2 images).
4. In an effort to streamline the retrieval of statistical information a number of **canned queries** have been developed.
5. BATS users are now able to **save complex searches** and run them when they wish.
6. For recovered explosives with a date shift code or a lot number BATS will generate an **automatic e-mail to the Explosives Tracing Center** (ETC). ETC will review the entered information and check various USBDC databases for similar recoveries.
7. Users are now able to **attach multiple-images** to the incident report.
8. **Advisories are now divided into 5 categories** :
   - Bomb Technicians Only
   - Explosives Thefts
   - Explosives
   - Fire/Arson
   - General

ATF is authorized by the U.S. Congress through PL 104-208 and the Attorney General to collect arson and explosives incident information. The Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS) is the only system that ATF uses to house that information from its state and local partners. ATF relies on the information contained in BATS for Congressional and other reporting. It is important for your agency to be accurately represented and to participate in BATS reporting. If your BATS account is no longer active or you require additional information, please contact the USBDC's BATS System Coordinator Connie Markward at 800-461-8841 or email connie.markward@atf.gov.