



ATF personnel at the scene of an apartment building gutted by a fire.



ATF personnel in training at Fort AP Hill, at the scene of a car explosion.



Forensic Chemist examining sifted debris from a bombing for intact explosives and component parts.



Firearms Specialist firing a weapon into a water tank to recover a bullet and identify its resulting markings.

Fingerprint Specialist using computer technology to add a fingerprint into a database.



Vision

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) must respond to the public outcry against crime, violence, and other threats to public safety. We must also continue to do our part to maintain the economic stability of the country. Our vision will help us chart the course to change the way we do business and achieve new levels of effectiveness and teamwork.

Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is the enforcement of Federal criminal laws relating to alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, explosives and arson, as well as the regulatory functions associated with the firearms and explosives industries. In connection with enforcement of Federal firearms and explosives laws, the primary objectives are to reduce firearms violence and regulate the firearms and explosives industries fairly and effectively, which will have the effect of preventing terrorist acts.

ATF Values

We value each other and those we serve. We will:

- Set and uphold the highest standards of excellence and integrity;*
- Provide quality service and promote strong external partnerships;*
- Develop a diverse, innovative, and well-trained work force in order to achieve our goals collectively; and*
- Embrace learning and change in order to meet the challenges of the future.*