

2000 Highlights

Reduce Violent Crime

- ❖ Conducted approximately 1,000 comprehensive compliance inspections of Federal firearms licensees (FFL), based on recommendations to inspect dealers with indicators of illegal firearms trafficking in a February 2000 ATF report entitled "Commerce in Firearms in the United States." ATF inspected retail firearm dealers who did not cooperate with firearm traces and had more than 10 firearms traced to them in 1999. As a result of these inspections, 1,336 unresolved traces were completed.
- ❖ Completed an automated referral system to process and track referrals received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to implement the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Since the inception of NICS through September 30, 2000, ATF had received and processed over 140,000 referrals from the FBI, and after review, sent over 40,000 of those referrals to field offices for investigation.
- ❖ Trained the first group of field agents on Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) for the purpose of delivering firearms instruction block to State and locals. The Office of Training and Professional Development (TPD) developed a training CD-ROM to aid in the delivery of firearms identification and tracing procedures for State and local police officers, Federal law enforcement officers, and ATF personnel in support of YCGII.
- ❖ Completed the construction of a state-of-the-art training facility in Front Royal, Virginia, for accelerant and explosives detection canines for State, local, and international law enforcement.
- ❖ Completed the development of and disseminated the InterFIRE training CD-ROM, a computerized virtual reality training tool for fire investigators at every level. This training CD is complemented by the InterFIRE website, which provides a continuously updated resource for in depth information on fire investigation methodologies, training, and research.

Collect Revenue

- ❖ Collected \$14.1 billion in revenue generated from Federal excise taxes imposed on alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition.

- ❖ Investigated 125 diversion cases of alcohol and tobacco products, resulting in 70 defendants recommended and \$2 million in seized property credited to the Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund. A United States distillery made restitution of \$1 million to the Ukrainian Republic for smuggling distilled spirits. The distiller also had its operating permit suspended for seven days and submitted an offer-in-compromise for the recordkeeping violations.
- ❖ Conducted 1,347 inspections at revenue producing plants, resulting in 1,371 violations and \$4 million in additional excise taxes assessed.
- ❖ Implemented new field inspection targeting programs designed to identify those operations that pose the greatest risk to the revenue.
- ❖ Entered E-Government partnership with the Financial Management Service to develop methods for electronically filing ATF reports, tax payments, and returns.

Protect the Public

- ❖ Settled a total of nine (9) trade practice, advertising, and labeling investigations; resulting in \$1 million in offers in compromise and one five-day suspension.
- ❖ Reviewed 65 alcohol advertisements; resulting in two investigations, 10 corrections, and three withdrawals from the market.
- ❖ Implemented new field inspection targeting programs designed to identify those operations that pose a risk to protect the public with regard to alcohol product integrity.
- ❖ Enhanced the alcohol sampling program by selecting seven cities for targeted sampling. Sampling focused on imported and cultural products resulting in over 381 products found to be not in compliance out of 1,071 tested.
- ❖ Found and corrected a total of 1,119 public safety violations during explosives compliance inspections.
- ❖ Launched "FFL EZ Check" — an online Federal firearms license (FFL) authenticator website — to reach out to and develop new working relationships with the firearms industry and consumers, and to strengthen existing relationships. Online "FFL EZ Check" aids the firearms industry in

preventing the fraudulent use of their licenses by individuals who alter copies of licenses to illegally acquire and supply firearms to criminals and youth. The web site allows a Federal firearms licensee who has a copy of a Federal firearms license to verify or authenticate the license prior to shipping or disposing of a firearm(s) to the licensee. The web site verifies the information shown on the license.

- ❖ Implemented a highly trained cadre of ATF explosives enforcement officers who are the only Federal law enforcement divers in the United States qualified to dive for improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The officers are frequently called upon by State and local law enforcement agencies and ATF agents in support of criminal investigations.
- ❖ Developed an ATF-funded underwater explosives recovery school for State and local bomb technicians/divers. ATF co-developed this course with the Edmond, Oklahoma Police Department.

Bureau-wide Programs

- ❖ Implemented Advanced Explosives Destruction Techniques training (AEDT) for State and local certified bomb technicians and ATF certified explosives specialists. This training provides advanced instruction in the areas of destruction and disposal of bulk explosives, deteriorated explosives, fireworks, ammunition, and precursor chemicals. This much-needed course was implemented following a number of fatalities to bomb technicians during disposal operations over the last five years.
- ❖ Distributed 300 inert explosives kits to ATF special agents throughout the United States. These kits will be used to educate law enforcement and civilian groups in the recognition and danger of explosives.
- ❖ Successfully converted ATF's financial system from a mainframe to client-server environment and re-engineered 20 major business processes.

The new system was deployed to over 500 users nationwide, and nearly 7,500 staff hours of training were provided in the three months prior to conversion.

- ❖ Upgraded the Bureau property system to the client-server version of the software. This version significantly improves performance and will allow for access to the system throughout the Bureau. In FY 2001, ATF will evaluate several options and select one that will best permit the integration of the property application with the financial system.
- ❖ Developed and implemented the Department of the Treasury's Demonstration Project for Designated Critical Positions within the Bureau. Converted employees into the project beginning in January 2000. The pilot project, established by Congress in 1998, allows Treasury to test new personnel management practices designed to improve Treasury's capacity to recruit, develop, and retain a workforce of the highest caliber; and covers 950 positions within ATF, Secret Service, and U.S. Customs Service. The Demonstration Project includes a broad-banding and pay-for-performance compensation system and other flexible recruitment and retention options; such as expanded recruitment and relocation bonuses, retention allowances, certification and licensure bonuses, and education supplements. Approximately 90 percent of the eligible employees elected to participate in the Project. Authority for the Project ends on October 19, 2001.
- ❖ Assigned a Senior Executive to head the Recruitment Center (RC). This new Deputy Assistant Director will be responsible for expediting and streamlining the recruiting and hiring process. The new RC will be instrumental in the hiring of inspectors and special agents, who are the mainline occupants to help fight violent crimes, collect the revenue owed, and protect the public.

Vision

**“Working for a Sound and Safer America...
...Through Innovation and Partnerships”**

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) must respond to the public outcry against crime, violence, and other threats to public safety. We also must 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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is a law enforcement organization within the United States Department of the Treasury with a unique combination of responsibilities dedicated to reducing violent crime, collecting revenue, and protecting the public.

ATF Values

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms:

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; and
- Develop a diverse, innovative, and well-trained work force in order to achieve our goals collectively.

ATF's Activities, Programs, and Performance Measures

Activity	Programs	Performance Measures
<p>Reduce Violent Crime:</p> <p>Effectively contribute to a safer America by reducing the future number and cost of violent crimes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deny criminals access to firearms. ● Safeguard the public from arson and explosives incidents. ● Remove violent offenders from our communities. ● Prevent violence through community outreach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crime-related costs avoided. ● Future crimes avoided. ● Number of ATF and non-ATF persons trained/developed. ● Number of firearms traces. ● Average trace response time.
<p>Collect Revenue:</p> <p>Maintain a sound revenue management and regulatory system that continues reducing taxpayer burden, improves service, collects the revenue due, and prevents illegal diversion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fully implement the National Revenue Center. ● Collect all revenue that is rightfully due. ● Use electronic commerce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taxes/Fees collected from alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives industries. ● Ratio of taxes and fees collected vs. resources expended. ● Burden hours reduced.
<p>Protect the Public:</p> <p>Protect the public and prevent consumer deception in ATF's regulated commodities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assure the integrity of the products, people, and companies in the marketplace. ● Ensure compliance with laws and regulations through education, inspection, and investigation. ● Inform the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Response to unsafe conditions and product deficiencies discovered (explosives). ● The number of commodity seminars held. ● Number of inspections (explosives). ● Percent of population inspected (firearms).