

## Fact Sheet for Judiciary Hearing on Explosives Legislation

### Employees

- 567 field inspectors
- current on-board # of 1854 – 953
- current on-board # of 1811 – 2,300

### Explosives Investigations FY01

- 881 cases opened for investigation
- 220 cases referred for prosecution
- 303 defendants recommended for prosecution
- 58 investigations opened on explosives thefts in FY01
- 110 explosive thefts reported in calendar 01
- ATF has 15 Arson/Explosives groups dedicated to these investigations

### National Response Team

- activated 26 times in FY01
- one was explosion
- 21 activations so far this year including Special Olympics in Anchorage, Presidential Inauguration, and Olympics in Salt Lake City
- approximately 523 NRT activations since 1979, 25 have been criminal bombings

### International Response Team

- activated 3 times in FY01; to Guatemala regarding explosive device examinations, to Peru following the collapse of the National Bank building, and to a building fire in Micronesia

### Explosives Study Group

- researching feasibility of tagging explosives
- “Be Aware for America” with The Fertilizer Institute
- examining possible new technologies for use in explosives detection and rendering inert common chemicals used to manufacture explosive materials

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- multiyear study from 1997 to 1999 on vehicle bombs utilizing 50 to 1,000 pounds of explosives
- FY 2000 and FY2001 tests were from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds.

### Canine Program

- 8 ATF explosives teams in U.S.---11 ATF teams by July, 2002, and 35 by February, 2003
- The 8 teams searched approximately 10,000 vehicles, buildings, or items during searches, search warrants, and/or sweeps in FY2001
- 310 explosives dogs trained for foreign countries since 1992
- 47 explosives dogs trained for other fed, state and locals, since 1992
- new ATF explosives canine teams trained with FY02 supplemental
- deployed to such events as National Abortion Federation conference, Special Olympics, WTO conference, Superbowl, National Governors conference, Miss Universe Pageant, McVeigh execution, Presidential inauguration, World Cup Soccer, World Series, Pentagon

### Arson and Explosives National Repository

- Only investigative and intelligence database on explosives and explosives incidents/arson/improvised devices in the United States.

### Inspections information

- 8,792 explosives licensees and permittees
- 5,364 compliance inspections in FY01 (approx. 9,400 licensees/permittees at the time)

- Post 9/11, ATF completed 7,459 security inspections at these licensees and found : 200 possible criminal violations, 1,763 violations, and one revocation.

#### Special Agent Certified Explosives Specialist (SACES)

- 264 SACES
- assist in assessing suspicious packages and improvised explosive devices

#### Explosives Enforcement Officers (EEO)

- 24 EEO's
- Participate in IRT and NRT callouts
- Participated in 237 Render Safe Procedures of suspicious packages, explosives destruction operations, and search warrants.
- Wrote 389 technical statements regarding Destructive Device determinations and explosives classifications.
- Operate the "ARTS-V", the only fully functional remote vehicle-bomb disruption system designed to disrupt car and truck bombs.

#### State/Local/International training

- 39,000 state, local and international LE personnel trained in FY01
- examples of classes
  1. International post blast - 13 classes (500)
  2. Advanced explosives investigation techniques - 3 classes (115)
  3. State and local post-blast investigation - 10 classes (300)
  4. Advanced explosives destruction techniques - 8 classes (200)
  5. Seminar on Terrorism and Explosives – 3 classes (500)

#### ATF Laboratories

- Over 130 chemists, forensic examiners, and support personnel
- Only Federally-accredited explosives labs in the United States, accredited by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors
- Only complete library of smokeless powder samples in existence
- Comprehensive library of welded pipes manufactured in United States