



## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

### FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2016 Enacted:	\$1,240.0 million (5,101 positions; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$11.8 million
Program Changes:	+\$54.3 million
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$1,306.1 million (5,331 positions; 2,565 agents)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$66.1 million (+5.3%) (+230 positions; +80 agents)

#### Mission:

ATF protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research and use of technology.

#### Organization:

The ATF Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ATF operates a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions and maintains a presence in 13 international offices in 8 countries.

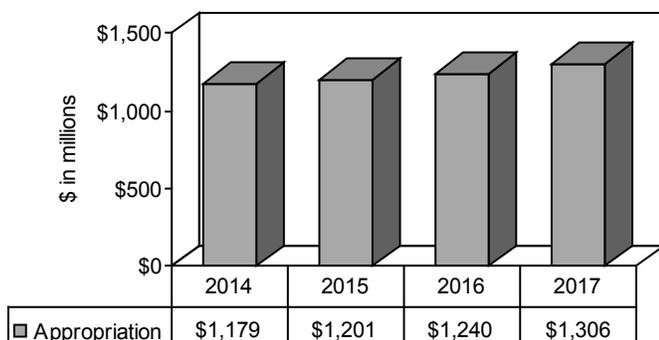
#### Resources:

The FY 2017 budget request for ATF totals \$1,306 million, which is a 5.3% increase over the FY 2016 Enacted.

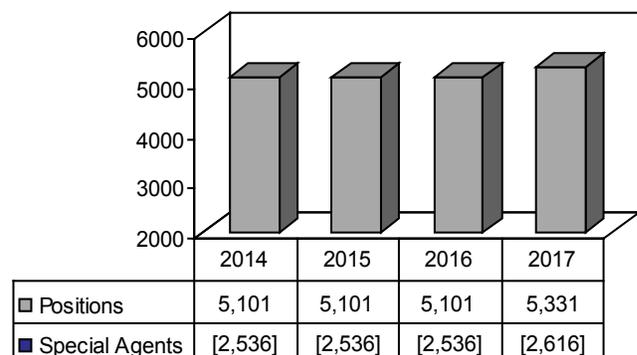
#### Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2017 total 5,331 positions. ATF's FY 2017 request includes an increase of 230 positions over the FY 2016 Enacted of 5,101 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)



Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)



\*Includes reimbursable Special Agents

## **FY 2017 Strategy:**

In line with the Attorney General's *Smart on Crime* Initiative, the ATF Frontline Strategy ensures that Bureau resources are devoted to the most serious offenses and the most dangerous criminals. ATF's strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each of ATF's field divisions that define the significant violent crime problem(s) within each field division's area of responsibility, and proposes a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define national priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership (VCRP) – collaboration between ATF and its federal, state and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson and explosives related crime, and tobacco and alcohol diversion activities. ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. ATF identifies, investigates and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. Also, ATF partners with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target and dismantle the "worst of the worst" violent criminal organizations.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border and in the Caribbean. eTrace, one of the tools used in these efforts, is a critical component in assisting U.S. and Mexican authorities with vital intelligence on illegal trafficking of firearms to Mexico.

ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to, acts of arson and bombings. ATF's combination of Certified Fire Investigators (CFIs), accelerant detection canines, National Response Team (NRT), forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) provides a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. ATF also manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center (USBDC), participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidated ATF's explosives expertise, training and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

The FY 2017 request increases gun safety by funding additional new special agent and investigator positions, and increases in the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network and further implementation of ATF's Next Generation Case Management System. The request also addresses the growing workload at the National Tracing Center in Martinsburg, WV.

## **FY 2017 Program Changes:**

**Enforcement, Inspection and Regulatory Support:** \$35.6 million and 200 positions (80 agents)  
Funding for an additional 80 ATF special agents and 120 industry operations investigators. The ATF Special Agents will work to enforce existing federal firearms laws, take violent criminals off the street, prevent firearms from getting into the wrong hands, and enhance ATF's ability to perform its regulatory duties. Industry Operations Investigators (IOIs) will carry out investigations and regulatory enforcement on federal firearms licensees. Current services for this initiative are 4,250 positions and \$1.0 billion.

**National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN):** \$4.0 million and 8 positions  
Funding to enhance functions associated with the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). Funding supports additional personnel and upgrades a portion of ATF's ballistic imaging hardware and software. Current services for this initiative are 27 positions and \$32.2 million.

**Industry Support:** \$5.7 million and 22 positions  
Funding to increase support for processing Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) and Federal Explosives Licensee (FEL) applications, processing of National Firearms Act (NFA) applications, and support for the continued expansion of the use of gun trace data by ATF and other federal, state, and local law enforcement. Current services for this program are 184 positions and \$65.4 million.

**Next Generation Case Management System:** \$9.0 million and 0 positions  
Funding for the implementation of the Next Generation Case Management system. The new system will allow ATF to fully access, share, and exploit information and intelligence currently contained in ATF's disparate case management systems. There are no current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount
<b>2015 Appropriation</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>1,201,000</b>
2015 Balance Rescission	0	0	-3,200
<b>2015 Enacted with Rescissions</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>1,197,800</b>
<b>2016 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>1,240,000</b>
<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>1,306,063</b>
<b>Change 2017 from 2016 Enacted</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>66,063</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	73	17,838
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-5,914
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-167
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>11,757</b>
<b>2017 Current Services</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>1,251,757</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Enforcement, Inspection and Regulatory Support	200	100	35,585
Technical Support to Law Enforcement - National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN)	8	4	4,000
Industry Support	22	11	5,673
Technical Support - Next Generation Case Management System	0	0	9,048
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>54,306</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>54,306</b>
<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>1,306,063</b>

**ATF Salaries & Expenses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Enacted			2017 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,250	4,189	1,033,168	4,250	4,250	1,042,964
Investigative Support Services	851	839	206,832	851	851	208,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>1,240,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>1,251,757</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	52	0	0	52	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>1,240,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>1,251,757</b>

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Total Program Changes			2017 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	200	100	44,633	4,450	4,350	1,087,597
Investigative Support Services	30	15	9,673	881	866	218,466
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>54,306</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>1,306,063</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	52	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>54,306</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>1,306,063</b>