



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

### FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2015 Enacted:	\$1,201.0 million (5,101 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$52.0 million
Program Changes:	+\$8.1 million
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$1,261.2 million (5,111 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$60.2 million (+5.0%) (+10 positions)

#### 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 11 international offices in 7 countries.

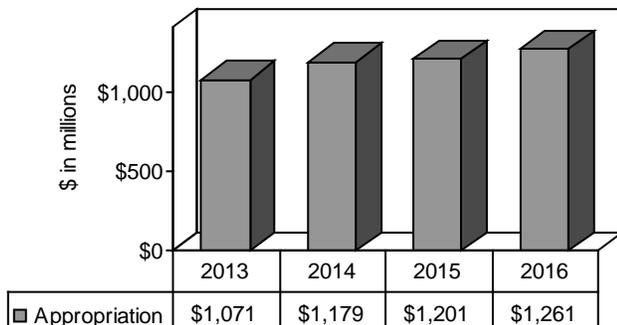
#### Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for ATF totals \$1,261 million, which is a 5.0% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted.

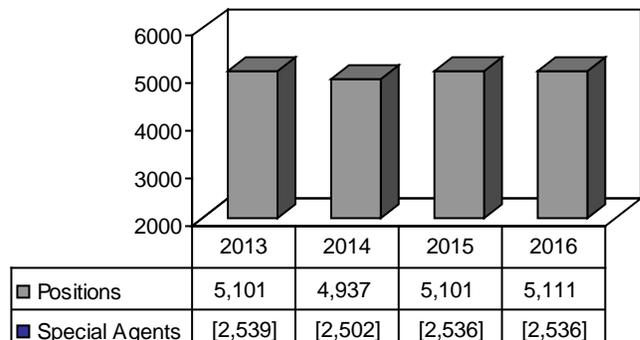
#### Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2016 total 5,111 positions. ATF's FY 2016 request includes an increase of 10 positions over the FY 2015 Enacted of 5,101 direct positions.

**Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)**



**Personnel (FY 2013 - 2016)**



\*Includes reimbursable Special Agents

## **FY 2016 Strategy:**

In line with the Attorney General's *Smart on Crime* Initiative, ATF ensures that Bureau resources are devoted to the most serious offenses and the most dangerous criminals. ATF's Frontline business model 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, a 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. Domestic and international illegal trafficking of firearms remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF will continue to operate enforcement groups along U.S. borders and the Caribbean to address firearms trafficking and violent crime.

ATF will continue its long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings through the continued use of experience and expertise required to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to, acts of arson and bombings. ATF's arson programs include a combination of Certified Fire Investigators, accelerant detection canines, National Response Team, forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory provides a comprehensive set of resources and methodologies for investigating arson crimes.

ATF's criminal enforcement mission, combined with ATF's regulatory responsibility, gives ATF a unique and comprehensive perspective on activity involving explosives in this country. An ongoing segment of the ATF Explosives and Bomb strategy includes the ATF management of the U.S. Bomb Data Center; participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Forces; and, support of the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center. Additionally, ATF maintains the National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR), a consolidated facility for ATF's explosives expertise, training and research located 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 2016 request provides \$30.2 million for ATF to continue supporting the hiring of special agents, industry operations investigators, and other personnel back to its authorized ceiling. This staffing restoration is critical for ATF to address retirement attrition and recover from the DOJ hiring freeze.

## **FY 2016 Program Changes:**

### **Address Deficiencies in Martinsburg/National Firearms Center: \$8.1 million and 10 positions**

This initiative will increase capacity, efficiency and production of firearms tracing, National Firearms Act (NFA) application processing and services, and firearms and explosives licensing services through enhancements to the ATF facility in Martinsburg, WV. The requested resources will reduce processing times for trace requests and improve performance for various licensing functions, including imports and NFA applications. The current services for this initiative are 796 positions (410 agents) and \$188.7 million.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2014 Appropriation</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,658</b>	<b>1,179,000</b>
<b>2015 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>1,201,000</b>
2015 Balance Rescission	0	0	-3,200
<b>2015 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>1,197,800</b>
<b>2016 Request</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>1,261,158</b>
<b>Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>63,358</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
Restoration of Rescission - ATF	0	0	3,200
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	221	47,067
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	4,076
Other Adjustments	0	0	692
Foreign Expenses	0	0	188
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>52,023</b>
<b>2016 Current Services</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>1,253,023</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Address Deficiencies in Martinsburg/National Firearms Center	10	5	8,135
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,135</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,135</b>
<b>2016 Request</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>1,261,158</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,305	4,118	1,013,524	4,305	4,305	1,064,291
Investigative Support Services	796	762	187,476	796	796	188,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>1,201,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>1,253,023</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	52	0	0	52	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	-3,200	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>1,197,800</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>1,253,023</b>

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	0	0	0	4,305	4,305	1,064,291
Investigative Support Services	10	5	8,135	806	801	196,867
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>1,261,158</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	52	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>1,261,158</b>