

# EPS STATS – FY 2021

The Office of Enforcement Programs and Services (EPS) develops and delivers ATF policy guidance and technical support regarding firearms and explosives; and drafts regulations that implement federal laws concerning firearms, explosives; and alcohol and tobacco diversion.



ATF IS A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGENCY THAT PROTECTS THE NATION FROM VIOLENT CRIMINALS/CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS; ILLEGAL USE/TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS; ILLEGAL USE/STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES; ARSON AND BOMBINGS; TERRORISM; AND ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS. ATF PARTNERS WITH INDUSTRIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC THROUGH INFORMATION SHARING, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGY.

EPS STRATEGIC PRIORITY: REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME; PROTECT THE PUBLIC; PREVENT TERRORISM; REGULATE THE INDUSTRIES.

**FIREARMS & AMMUNITION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (FATD)** – Technical authority on the classification of firearms and ammunition under federal law; provides technical services to the law enforcement community and the firearms/ammunition industries. **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Test, evaluate, provide expert testimony on firearms and ammunition, including interstate nexus.

FATD Duty Officer - Available 24/7 - (304) 616-4310; JSOC (888) 367-5762

- Conducted 54 outreach activities in support of ATF field and regulated industries
- Responded to 1,755 inquiries from ATF field personnel
- Responded to 2,178 inquiries from regulated industries
- Responded to 5,264 inquiries from general public

- Examined 1,762 pieces of evidence in 659 criminal cases
- Processed 959 firearm marking variances
- Conducted 261 industry evaluations with 287 exhibits
- Processed 7,609 firearms by the armorers
- Responded to 52 federal/6 state subpoenas

**FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES INDUSTRY DIVISION (FEID)** – Develops policy, provides firearms/explosives technical support to ATF regulated industries; the public; and other federal, state, and local agencies. **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Provide guidance to ATF, industries, the public.

Published:  
 2 Rulemakings  
 2 Notices  
 16 Guidance Documents  
 Updated regulations.atf.gov with enhanced landing page and links to ATF forms  
 Utilized over 50 detailees to process over 500,000 public comments on 2 rulemakings

**OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS (ORA)** - Manages development/issuance of regulations regarding firearms, explosives, alcohol, and tobacco; and rulings/rulemaking process. ATF point of contact regarding creating/amending ATF regulations/rulings. **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Publish rules to support ATF mission.

Processed:

- 12,126 Permanent import permit applications - firearms, ammunition defense articles
- 3,348 Temporary import permit applications for non-immigrant aliens
- 9,532 Federal Explosives Licenses/Permits
- 134,819 Federal Firearms Licenses

**FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES SERVICES DIVISION (FESD)** – Oversees licensing of firearms/explosives industries; makes certain that only lawful defense articles are imported into U.S. for lawful purposes. **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Ensure that only qualified persons/entities gain access to firearms, explosives, destructive devices.

Processed:

- 546,227 NFA applications to manufacture, import, transfer, export firearms
- 18,055 Special occupational tax holder/FFL Tax Year 2021
- 588 U.S. District Court certifications
- 87.7M Tax revenue collected (U.S. Treasury)

**NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT (NFA) DIVISION** - Administers NFA and regulations; maintains/amends National Firearms Registration & Transfer Record (central registry of US NFA firearms). Processes applications to make, export, transfer, register NFA firearms; and notices of NFA firearms manufactured/imported. Provides court testimony. **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Improve safety by increasing industry and public compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Processed:

- 548,186 Trace requests
- 54.7M Out-of-business records (53.8M paper/887K electronic)
- 18,948 Theft/Loss Reports of missing firearms
- 1,650,889 Handguns reported as part of Multiple Sales Program

**NATIONAL TRACING CENTER DIVISION (NTC)** - Traces firearms recovered by law enforcement to produce investigative leads. (Firearms tracing is systematic tracking of crime gun from manufacturer/importer through chain of distribution of licensed dealers to identify unlicensed purchaser.) **STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Conduct firearms tracing/associated programs to provide investigative leads; detect firearms trafficking; and identify movement of crime guns.

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