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 criminal/criminal organizations; illegal use/trafficking of firearms, explosives, 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) 616-4370; JSOC (888) 367-5762

- Conducted 54 outreach activities in support of ATF field and regulated industries
- Responded to 1756 inquiries from ATF field personnel
- Responded to 2178 inquiries from regulated industries
- Responded to 5264 inquiries from general public

OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS (ORA) - Manages development/issuance of regulations regarding firearms, explosives, alcohol, and tobacco; and 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 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 on ATF.gov with enhanced landing page and links to ATF forms
- Utilized over 500 documents to process over 500,000 public comments on 2 rulemakings

FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES SERVICES DIVISION (FESD) – Overseas 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 taxholder/FFL Tax Year 2021
- 589 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 U.S. 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:
- 549,156 Trace requests
- 54,771 Out-of-business records (53,981 paper/8871 electronic)
- 18,948 Theft/Loss/Report of missing firearms
- 1,658,099 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 criminal 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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