



Special Alert to All Federal Firearms Licensees from the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) core mission is to protect the public from violent crime involving the illegal use of firearms and explosives. In furtherance of the mission, ATF is responsible for investigating instances where firearms are lost or stolen from a Federal firearms licensee (FFL). Stolen firearms are often used by violent offenders in the commission of crimes and pose a substantial threat to the public and law enforcement. To supplement ATF's law enforcement and regulatory obligations, we regularly partner with the firearms industry to share critical public safety information and safeguard the lawful commerce in firearms.

You may have heard about or read recent news accounts of the increasing number of burglaries and other thefts from FFLs. During calendar year 2016, there have been over 500 burglaries at gun stores nationwide, with more than 7,000 firearms reported as stolen from FFLs. Because the security of your business operations, particularly your firearms inventory, is critical to ensuring the safety of licensees and the public, ATF will be implementing fflAlert. Beginning this year, ATF will notify FFLs via telephone when a licensee in their area has experienced a theft or burglary that resulted in the loss of firearms.

This short automated message will be sent out to Type 01 and Type 02 FFLs' business telephone number, on record, alerting them to a robbery or burglary that has occurred within their county. These calls will be made between 9am-5pm (all time zones), 7 days per week. It is important to note that no information will be collected from FFLs during these calls, the victimized FFL will not be identified, and there is no requirement to call back or follow-up. Please visit www.atf.gov for more information on fflAlert.

For useful information on steps that can be taken to reduce your vulnerability to theft or burglary, please refer to ATF P 5380.1, Loss Prevention for Firearms Retailers, <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/guide/loss-prevention-firearms-retailers/download>.

FFLs who discover the theft or loss of firearms are required by law to report the incident within 48 hours of the discovery to their local law enforcement agency. A separate report must be made to ATF by calling 1-888-930-9275 (a toll free number) and by completing and submitting by fax or mail ATF Form 3310.11, Federal Firearms Licensee Theft/Loss Report, <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/federal-firearms-licensee-theftloss-report-atf-form-331011/download>.

Any time you spot suspicious activity related to your FFL business, please contact your local and/or State law enforcement agency. FFLs are additionally encouraged to contact your local ATF field office <http://www.atf.gov/contact/atf-field-divisions> by calling 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-

888-283-8477), or email: ATFTips@atf.gov. You can also submit an anonymous tip on "reportit®" at <http://www.reportit.com/> or send a text to ATF at 63975.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your local ATF field office. Thank you for your continued cooperation and vigilance.

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