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Snapshot for ATF Los Angeles Field Division Fiscal Year 2019

Los Angeles Field Division (LAFD) Personnel:

- Special Agents (1811): 104
- Industry Operations Investigators (1801 and 1854): 25
- Administrative/Professional/Technical: 22
- Total Full-time Employees: 151

LAFD Area of Responsibility:

From California's Central Coast, extending south to the Mexican border, ATF Los Angeles Field Division (LAFD) covers the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Diego and Imperial. The dedicated work force also covers Yuma and La Paz Counties in Arizona. The division comprises special agents, investigators, auditors, technicians and support staff. The men and women of ATF are committed to reducing violent crime in our communities. ATF accomplishes its mission by identifying and targeting specific criminal organizations and the persons responsible for perpetrating violence in our communities. LAFD is also proactive in investigating violations of federal law pertaining to arson and explosives. LAFD has the duty of regulating the firearms and explosives industries, the goal of which is to ensure all firearms and explosives are stored, handled and sold in a safe manner according to law.

Cases:

- Cases recommended for prosecution: 253
 - Firearms 91%
 - Arson 6%
 - Explosives 3%
- Criminal organization cases recommended for prosecution: 94
- Indicted cases: 209
 - Firearms 91%
 - Arson 6%
 - Explosives 3%
- Convicted cases: 161

Defendants:

Recommended for prosecution: 494

- Prior Arrests: 3,597, or an average of 7 prior arrests per defendant recommended for prosecution
- Prior Felony Convictions: 1,166, or an average of 2.3 prior felony convictions per defendant recommended for prosecution
- Firearm defendants: 466
- Arson defendants: 20
- Explosives defendants: 8
- Number convicted defendants: 261
- Defendants sentenced to prison: 226
- Received life sentence: 1

Criminal investigations initiated:

- Number of firearms cases: 606
- Number of arson cases: 45
- Number of explosives cases: 14

Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) in LAFD area of responsibility: 3,703

- Type 01-Dealer: 867
- Type 02-Pawnbroker: 63
- Type 03-Collector: 2,349
- Type 06-Manufacturer of Ammunition: 53
- Type 07-Manufacturer of Firearms: 303
- Type 08-Importer: 46
- Type 09-Dealer of Destructive Devices: 4
- Type 10-Manufacturer of Destructive Devices: 12
- Type 11-Importer of Destructive Devices: 6

FFL Inspections Completed by LAFD:

ATF industry operation investigators conducted 343 FFL inspections.

- FFL compliance: 249
- Manufacturer/Importer compliance: 59
- Re-inspections: 22
- Assisted law enforcement: 8
- FFL thefts: 5

Firearms compliance inspections resulted in the following:

- No violations: 168 (49%)
- Report of violations: 44 (13%)
- Warning letter: 38 (11%)
- Warning conference: 9 (3%)
- Revocations/Applications denied: 0
- Other (out of business): 84 (24%)

Most frequently cited FFL violations in LAFD:

- Failure to timely record entries in bound record (Acquisition and Disposition Book) - 27 CFR 478.125e
- Licensee failed to obtain and/or document purchaser's identification document - 27 CFR 478.124(c)(3) (i)
- Licensee failed to report multiple handgun sales - 27 CFR 478.126a
- Licensee failed to properly identify firearm on F 4473 - 27 CFR 124(c)(4)
- Failure to complete forms as indicated in instructions (this violation is often cited when the licensee failed to properly complete a form, but there is not a separate regulatory citation addressing the omitted or misdocumented item) - 27 CFR 478.21 (a)-(b)

ATF industry operation investigators conducted 190 federal firearm license application inspections. Of those, 149 (78%) businesses/individuals were approved to receive their license.

Federal Explosives Licensees (FELs) in LAFD area of responsibility:

ATF LAFD has 429 active explosives licensees and permittees.

TYPE	NUMBER
Manufacturers	202
Users	178
Dealers	36
Importers	13

FEL Inspections completed by LAFD:

- Explosives inspections conducted: 243
 - Federal explosives licensee compliance: 200
 - Other explosives industry inspections: 29
 - Re-inspections: 7
 - Magazine inspections: 6
 - Assisted law enforcement: 1
- Explosives application inspections conducted: 32

Explosive compliance inspections resulted in the following:

- No violations: 164 (67%)
- Report of violations: 6 (2.5%)
- Warning letter: 5 (2%)
- Warning conference: 1 (.5%)
- Revocations sought: 0
- Other (Out of Business, etc...): 67 (28%)

Most frequent cited explosives violations in LAFD:

- 27 CFR 555.127 - Failure to maintain an accurate Daily Summary of Magazine Transactions
- 27 CFR 555.29 - Failure to comply with Storage requirements.
- 27 CFR 555.215 - Failure to comply with House Keeping Guidelines
- 27 CFR 555.57(b) - Failure to timely notify the following changes: Responsible Persons, and Employee Possessors
- 27 CFR 555.125(b)(3) - Records Maintained by Permittees – Failure to enter required information (Date of Acquisition, Name/Brand of Manufacturer, ID marks, etc.)

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**In fiscal year 2019, case and defendant data presents a snapshot in time of matters proceeding through the various phases of the judicial process. The typical ATF case recommended for prosecution remains open for more than approximately four years. Cases and defendants indicted, convicted, and sentenced are not subsets of cases and defendants recommended for prosecution in 2019. The snapshot presents actual judicial activity in the fiscal year regardless of the year the matter was recommended for prosecution. The reader is cautioned not to calculate, for example, “percentage indicted” based upon the presented data as the case indicted may have been presented in a previous fiscal year.*