



ATF

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NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK

◆ Revised ATF NIBIN Intelligence Operations ◆

From September 9 -10, 2009, ATF hosted a training conference for the NIBIN Branch Firearms Crime Analyst (FCA) contractors. Effective October 1, 2009, NIBIN FCAs began reporting NIBIN hit intelligence information in ATF's investigative database.

This reporting will greatly facilitate ATF's ability to identify and target violent street gangs for

investigation, link NIBIN hit incident "persons" and "locations" to persons and locations from ATF investigation, identify "cross-jurisdiction" hits, sort hits by type of crime, track hit investigation progress as well as any role that NIBIN played in the shooting crime, and allow ATF to regularly generate NIBIN "success stories" to justify NIBIN funding.

US-Mexico IBIS Sharing Agreement

On September 2, 2009, a delegation representing Mexico PGR visited ATF Headquarters and met with ATF's Executive Staff to briefly discuss ATF-PGR relations, including US-Mexico IBIS information sharing.

After the Executive Staff meeting, the Mexico delegation proceeded to the ATF Forensic Science Laboratory—Ammendale, MD for a tour of the Forensic Science Laboratory and Fire Research Facility, as well as further discussion of the IBIS sharing initiative.

ATF representation for this portion of the visit included Laboratory Services Division, Information Services Division, International Affairs Office, and Firearms Programs Division—NIBIN Branch.

PGR indicated that there were no legal barriers to prevent Mexico from sharing IBIS data with the U.S and both parties expressed a desire to proceed with preparation of a memorandum of understanding, similar to the US-Canada IBIS sharing agreement.

ATF NIBIN Funding Streams

Southwest Border-Related

ATF received FY09 DOJ Asset Forfeiture Funds and FY09/10 Supplemental Funds so that the U.S. may share ballistic information with Mexico to combat the escalating flow of violence along the Southwest Border.

◆ ATF expended Asset Forfeiture Funds for the following:

Refresh all 13 IBIS data correlation servers
Upgrade IBIS software to version 3.4.8.
Establish 1 IBIS international server

ATF will schedule acceptance testing with FT for all three products. Project is scheduled for completion in 2011.

◆ ATF Supplemental Fund expenditures are still pending.

Refresh NIBIN Partner "Heritage" IBIS Systems

◆ Request for funding over a 7-year period beginning FY2011 is still pending approval.

ATF recently completed a draft agreement for PGR review. Once the agreement is signed and finalized, ATF will ask the NIBIN Executive Board for sharing protocols, recommendations and guidance.

NIBIN Updates

NIBIN Milestone Hit Plaque Presentations

Philadelphia Police Department (1000 Hits— August 2009)

IBIS DART Reports for Hit Calculations

— NIBIN Users Congress recently reported that DART software “double counts” multiple incident hits. ATF and FT are working together to resolve this issue.

NIBIN Executive Board (NEB) New Members

Invitations will soon be mailed. Once appointments are finalized, ATF will schedule meeting with new members (State and local agency executives).

Revising IBIS Training: ATF and FT are collaborating to remove “bullet” portion of IBIS Data Acquisitions Course to create TWO IBIS Data Acquisitions Course (casings only) per month, as opposed to the previous schedule of just one course per month.

If implemented, the classes will be held in the same week, with each course lasting 2 1/2 days. All students will continue to be responsible for funding all travel expenses.

ATF hopes that this will reduce the current waiting period of new users requesting training, which is normally 5-6 months.

Funding permitting, ATF will attempt to schedule a class or two for “bullets-only” training.

ATF has no plans to fund IBIS data correlations review training at this time.

2009 NIBIN Users Congress Executive/Standards Committee Meeting

In July 2009, at ATF request, ATF hosted a meeting in Washington DC with Executive/Standards Committees to hear committee-specific recommendations.

2010 NIBIN Investigators Congress Winter Meeting

ATF postponed until NIBIN Executive Board is consulted for global NIBIN strategy.

This counterpart to NIBIN Users Congress will be comprised of criminal investigators that make recommendations to ATF regarding NIBIN submissions, hit notifications, hit sharing, investigations, and success stories.

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ATF Firearms Test-Fire Submissions for NIBIN Entry

ATF recently surveyed Partners for ballistic information scope of entries and surveyed ATF field divisions for recommendations regarding draft policy. Preparation of policy continues.

Special Agent Details

Effective October 25, ASAC Carl Vasilko, Louisville Field Division completed his NIBIN Branch detail and began new TEDAC assignment.

Effective August 14, 2009, SSA James Allison, Chicago Field Division, will extend his NIBIN Regional Coordinator Detail (North Region) through January 1, 2010

Effective November 8, 2009, SA David Coulson, Columbus Field Division, will begin a detail as a NIBIN Branch Project Officer thru December 11, 2009.

NIBIN Best Practices

Workshop: ATF recently delivered pilot presentation at IACP National Conference, Denver, CO. NIBIN Users Congress Training Committee provided recommendations. Workshop presentation continues to be modified. ATF plans to also prepare Best Practices publication and DVD.

ATF NIBIN Conference Representation

DOJ Project Safe Neighborhoods Conference (Port St. Lucie FL July 2009)

WI Police Chiefs Association (Fond du Lac WI August 2009)

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (Norfolk VA July 2009)

Northern CA NIBIN Users Congress Meeting (San Francisco September 2009)

Mexico Northern Border Firearms Trafficking Conference (Phoenix AZ September 2009)

International Association of Chiefs of Police National Conference (Denver CO October 2009)

Major Cities Chiefs Association National Conference (Denver CO October 2009)

GA International Association of Identification (Valdosta GA October 2009)



National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Norfolk, VA July 2009

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