

NIBIN EXECUTIVE BOARD CHARTER

Since 1999, ATF has administered the NIBIN Program for Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. The program allows law enforcement agencies to acquire digital images of ballistic evidence then search for matches in an automated environment. Every major population center in the U.S. has access to NIBIN.

A. Purpose

This Charter designates an Executive Board for the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), referred to herein as the "Board," in order to ensure that ATF receives appropriate input from the Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies that participate in NIBIN.

B. Scope

The Board will recommend and provide guidance to ATF regarding NIBIN operations; rules, regulations, and procedures; ballistic imaging technology, standards, applications, and networking; contract matters, procurements, and expenditures; software and hardware upgrades, deployments, moves, and removals; investigations and tracking of investigative leads; and external relationships to include expansion of the Program to increase participation from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

C. Reporting

The Board shall report to the Director of ATF or the Director's designee. Final authority over all Board recommendations will be subject to Director of ATF approval.

D. Membership

Members may be appointed from federal, state or local law enforcement organizations by the Director of ATF. The Director will consider nominations from federal, state or local law enforcement agencies, and may (but is not required to) consider a nominee's efforts as an ambassador for the law enforcement community in making appointments. The Director may in this consideration take in account active membership in private law enforcement associations, such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Major City Chiefs' Association (MCCA), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), or the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Inc. (ASCLD).

Members will serve a one-year term commencing the first meeting of each new calendar year. Members will be eligible for reappointment. Members may end their membership by providing at least 90 days written notice to the Board.

Board members will recommend a Chair, subject to appointment by the Director of ATF.

