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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is the Federal agency primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the criminal and regulatory provisions of the Federal laws pertaining to destructive devices (bombs), explosives, and arson. Over nearly 40 years, ATF has developed scientifically proven investigative capabilities, expertise, and resources they have positioned ATF as the Nation's primary source for explosives and fire investigative knowledge and assistance.

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About Arson & Explosives Enforcement

[Accelerant and Explosives Detection Canines](#)

Canines specially trained to detect explosives, explosives residue, and accelerants to assist law enforcement.

[Certified Explosives Specialists](#)

Special agents trained in explosives investigations, the disposal of explosives materials, and all facets of the commercial explosives industry.

[Criminal Investigative Analysis](#)

ATF's criminal profilers offer their assistance in geographic and behavioral profiling to law enforcement agencies around the world.

[Explosive Enforcement Officers](#)

ATF's primary resource when it comes to technical assistance and detecting explosives and explosives effects, including bomb disposal.

[Explosive Research and Development](#)

ATF studies emerging technologies for identifying and detecting explosives and explosives effects, behavior, and devices.

[International and National Response Teams](#)

Veteran special agents with post blast and origin-cause expertise who help Federal, State, and local investigators meet the challenges of significant arson and explosive incidents.

[U.S. Bomb Data Center & Bomb Arson Tracking System \(BATS\)](#)

The U.S. Bomb Data Center is a national collection center for information on arson and explosives related incidents throughout the United States. This information is available to law enforcement and public safety agencies through the Bomb Arson Tracking System.

Programs

- Ammonium Nitrate Society
- Certified Fire Investigators
- Fire Research Lab

