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**By John Badowski**  
Office of Enforcement Programs  
and Services

“Necessity is the mother of invention,” and this has been true about efforts to continue ATF’s outreach and training to federal firearms licensees (FFL). After considerable discussion and cost analysis, we were ready to embrace a new chapter in our outreach initiatives and efforts to educate FFLs. We had to find a way to expand our outreach while reducing travel expenses.

Webinars, webcasts, video teleconferencing and other electronic methods are certainly not new technology. However, coupled with the support of headquarters directorates and several folks in our ATF family, this technology has given us yet another tool to help us educate and assist the firearms and explosives industry members.

We reached out to ATF’s training professionals in Human Resources and Professional Development (HRPD) and others in ATF for advice and direction. With the collaboration and support of our ATF family, we found a method that appears to have the trademarks of being a “home run” for all.

Drawing from the expertise of others, we developed a series of webinars for FFLs. They include the following:

- The importance of a properly completed Form 4473;
- Regulatory requirements,
- People prohibited from possessing fire-

arms,

- How to recognize and deter straw purchases,
- Don’t Lie for the Other Guy program,
- Firearms tracing,
- Security of inventory, and
- National Instant Check System (NICS) updates.

To date we have completed four webinars, with several more in development. The presentations and information provided in the live webinars will be posted to ATF’s public website, which will give 24/7 access for FFLs to get the benefit of the material from the comfort of their computer. Additionally, there are online educational seminars available on the public website. A few of the topics offered include:

- Detecting and avoiding illegal straw purchases;
- The requirements to sell firearms to legal aliens;
- Sale of firearms to military personnel; and
- The importance of an inventory reconciliation.

The response to this new initiative has been overwhelming. Our current webinar software allows us to accommodate up to 100 licensees per session. We will soon be able to accommodate an unlimited

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# What Kids Think

*What do your kids think you do at work?*

*We want to hear from your kids! Have your child (or grandchild, niece or nephew) write down what they think you do at work and then send it in to the editor. Please do not correct their spelling or edit the answer in any way. Children too young to write can tell their parents their answers; parents can transcribe for them. Please keep answers brief. They may also draw (on plain white paper, in ink, felt-tip pen or pencil) how they picture you.*

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# Law Enforcement Officials Complete ATF–BJA Fellowship Program

**By Doris Gorham**

Human Resources and Professional Development

Three state and local law enforcement officers completed the Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP) in May 2011. ATF Assistant Director Mark Chait, Field Operations, and Acting Assistant Director Audrey Stucko, Human Resources and Professional Development, presented certificates of accomplishment to Captains Derrick Thornton, Marty Dodd and Bradley Sangray. The three fellows served 6 months at the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and ATF.

The PEFP is designed to partner and mutually benefit ATF and BJA while assisting state and local law enforcement. It provides a professional opportunity for state and local law enforcement officials to serve on rotational assignments at ATF headquarters and BJA. Upon acceptance into the program, fellows are assigned to areas that assist with law enforcement policy, operations, and training, and subsequently benefit state and/or local agencies. During the program, fellows offer state and local perspectives while gaining an understanding of federal law enforcement operations.

Captain Derrick Thornton of the Columbia Police Department, Columbia, South Carolina; Captain Marty Dodd of the Florence Police Department, Florence, Alabama; and Captain Bradley Sangray of the Montana Highway Patrol, Helena, Montana, participated in this year's program. The officers were nominated by ATF Special Agents in Charge from their home town area. Captain Thornton was assigned to the ATF Joint Law Enforcement Operations Program for 3 months, under the supervision of Lisa Kincaid, Chief, Case Management Branch, and to BJA for 3 months, under the supervision of Deborah Meader, BJA Policy Advisor. Captain Dodd was assigned to the Bomb Data Center for 6 months, under the supervision of Don Robinson, former director, U.S. Bomb Data Center. Captain Sangray was assigned to BJA's Grant Programs Office under the leadership of Deborah Meader, Policy Advisor.

“My participation in the Police Executive Fellowship Program has been the most rewarding and informative experience of my law enforcement career. Being able to see the global complexity of law enforcement first hand at the federal level has given me a new perspective on the challenges my department faces at the local level,” said Captain Thornton.



**Captain Bradley Sangray (Left), Captain Marty Dodd (Center), and Captain Derrick Thornton (Right). Photo by ATF Visual Information Services**

The fellows also attended a portion of Special Agent Basic Training at ATF's National Academy in Glynco, Georgia. Other trips to ATF facilities included the ATF National Canine Training and Operations Center, the Fire Research Lab and National Forensics Lab, and the National Tracing Center.

Mark Kraft, Branch Chief, Firearms Trafficking and Interdiction Branch, said, “In my experience the Police Executive Fellowship Program is a unique opportunity for a State and local officer to infuse a federal program with a true ‘boots on the ground’ police perspective while, at same time, getting a honest look at the resources and limitations of federal law enforcement. Even though we are both in law enforcement there are still too many ‘them and us’ moments. When a mid-level manager is provided an extended opportunity to honestly share their insights into how our execution of a program will impact police in their community, those of us in the federal system realize that we may not be as in touch with our state and local partners as we like to believe. Conversely, the PEFP participant is also able to see the factors that influence the federal perspective. My experience was enhanced understanding in both directions – less ‘us and them’ and more ‘we’ by the end of the program. When he returns from the program this officer is going to understand how to make his federal partners better partners for his department. I also truly felt that the exposure left me with a more developed understanding of what being a true partner meant to our police colleagues.”

The information that was shared during the program will ultimately benefit federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Through future programs, ATF will continue to foster and enhance relationships with state and local law enforcement agencies.

# Mental Overload

By Sunithi Kuruppu, MSW

ATF Employee Assistance Program Manager

In today's work environment, mental overload is just a fact of life. By applying some basic techniques borrowed from the IT and computer world you can avoid some of the costly consequences of a too full brain!

## Signs of an Overload

A too-full computer can:

- Give you error messages
- Run slower
- Take longer to process information
- Crash

A too-full brain can cause you to:

- Make mistakes
- Forget to do something
- Become sluggish
- Lose creativity
- Become unproductive
- Procrastinate
- Become indecisive
- Get stressed out
- Experience a total mental break down

### 3 Tips for Managing the Overload at Work

1. Set aside at least an hour each work day where you DO NOT read or answer e-mails. The best time is first thing in the morning so you can plan and strategize.
2. Create your to-do list as the last task of the day. When you come in the next morning refreshed you are ready to tackle the list.
3. Prioritize! Try and put the most time and energy into those tasks.



## Get Tech Support

A hard drive that is too full lends itself to a variety of solutions. These solutions can be applied to the problem of an overfilled mind. Here are some techniques humans can borrow from the computer:

**Reboot:** When your computer is slow, simply restarting or “rebooting” can help. This same technique works for people too! Sometimes the best thing you can do when you feel overloaded is to take a break. If you’re experiencing major “brain strain” it may be time for a vacation.

**Delete Unnecessary Files:** With a computer you can free up space by sending files to the trash can. How about all those “junk files” on your mental hard drive? Do you keep reminding yourself to do things that you don’t really need or want to do? By doing so, all this extraneous “stuff” is taking up valuable mental real estate.

**Call the Help Desk:** When you experience a major computer glitch you can always call the IT support desk. The same is true with mental overload. Consider delegating more tasks at work and at home.

**Download:** Many “must keep” files that don’t need to reside on your hard drive can be downloaded onto a disk. You may not be able to download your mental to-do list onto a disk, but you can get it out of your head and onto paper. In other words: *If you think it, ink it.*

**Recovering From a Crash:** At some point in the process you might hit the “overwhelm wall.” Seeing how much you have to do can make you want to throw down your pencil in despair. But if you push through this wall and continue writing, ultimately you’ll experience the benefits of a well-functioning computer. But here’s where humans have a definite edge on computers; downloading our brain allows us to enjoy additional benefits like less procrastination, greater creativity and the peace of mind knowing that **Mental Overload**, continued on bottom of next page

# ATF Recognized by International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators

By Ron Humphries

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information

The International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator's Association (IOMGIA) is a professional training organization of federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecution personnel. Formed in 1974 as the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator's Conference in San Diego, California, it served as an educational organization to improve the investigative skills and information exchange among its charter members. IOMGIA now provides a conduit for information exchange, updated training and international network building among approximately 600 members.

The IOMGIA conference this year, which was held in St. Louis, Missouri, was attended by over 300 people, and consisted of representation from every state and eight countries. Twenty ATF personnel were recognized, from eight different divisions and ATF Headquarters. The names of the recognized ATF employees are listed below.

ATF was recognized during the awards banquet for three separate investigations, Operation Black Diamonds, Operation Black Rain and Operation Twilight. These three

cases involved members of the Outlaws, Mongols, and Pagans. Senior leadership of the identified Organized Motorcycle Groups (OMG) were convicted including National Presidents. Additionally, seized assets include thousands of dollars of U.S. currency, real property to include OMG clubhouses, large arsenals of weapons and ammunition, large number of motorcycles, and the patent ownership for logo and design of one of the OMGs. The combined number of arrested/indicted and convicted individuals is 240 defendants. Violations cited in these cases range from conspiracy to commit murder, robbery, extortion, arson, narcotics distribution, maintaining a drug establishment, illegal gambling, hate crimes, acts of violence in aid of racketeering along with firearms violations. Operation Black Rain, the largest operation in ATF history, executed 160 federal search warrants in six states. Of those, 122 search warrants were executed within the greater Los Angeles area alone.

The work and expertise of the ATF employees and the other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies that participated in these cases are a testament to the hard work and dedication in prosecuting the worst of the worst violators all over the country. Truly a job well done!

## Los Angeles Field Division

Supervisory SA Eric Harden  
SA John Ciccone  
SA Darrin Kozlowski,  
SA Paul D'Angelo  
SA John Carr  
SA Greg Gaioni  
SA Jenna Maguire  
SA Erin Zapata

## Denver Field Division

SA Jeffrey Russell

## Phoenix Field Division

SA Monique Villegas

## Dallas Field Division

SA April Howell  
SA Holly Longacre

## Louisville Field Division

SA Rob Cunningham  
SA (retired) Don Sager  
IRS Tom Kough

## Washington Field Division

SA Josh Valot  
SA Jeff Grabman

## Columbus Field Division

SA Dan Ozbolt

## Nashville Field Division

SA Thomas "Andy" Anderson

## ATF Headquarters

IRS Jeremy Scheetz

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nothing will slip through the cracks.

**Defragment:** The defragmenting function on a computer rearranges files so your programs run faster. Right now the "files" on your download list are a jumbled list of to-dos. You'll want to "defragment" your list by first organizing them into their proper category.

**Running a System Check:** The next step is to put things into perspective by prioritizing your list. The simple process of sorting through your list and putting each item

into its proper priority "file" can be tremendously freeing. Finally, just as the defragmenting process on a computer checks the drive for errors, taking the time to organize your activities helps ensure that nothing will slip through the cracks!

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# ATF Says Goodbye to Explosives Detection Canine Yoga

By Special Agent Canine Handler/  
PIO Chris Bombardiere  
Newark Field Division

The ATF canine community is mourning the loss of Explosives Detection Canine (EDC) Yoga who passed away on September 9, 2011, surrounded by family.

Yoga was born on June 30, 2000, and was bred into a life of service by the Guiding Eyes Foundation. ATF acquired Yoga from the Guiding Eyes, and in September 2002, she and Special Agent Canine Handler (SACH) Kathleen Plasha-Gallagher began the 10-week EDC training program in Front Royal, Virginia. In November 2002, the team was certified and ready for deployment both in the Philadelphia Field Division and nationwide if needed.

Yoga was a valuable asset at the Philadelphia Eagles' home games. She was seen by the 70,000 fans in attendance and millions watching on television as she worked the event and was situated on the sidelines at game time. She was deployed to many high-profile events such as the Super Bowl, G8 Summit, NASCAR events, governor's conferences as well as the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. All of these events were at the request of state and local agencies in need of assistance. Yoga assisted ATF on countless enforcement operations and public relations campaigns throughout her almost 7-year career.



Yoga in no small part brought much needed recognition and productivity to ATF. Yoga was a very large part of the most successful canine training program in the United States and dedicated her life to the service and protection of the American people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Gallagher family as well as a heartfelt thank you to Yoga for her life of service.

# 13-Part Cable TV Series Highlights ATF

**By Special Agent/PIO Chris Bombardiere**  
Newark Field Division

The “Iron Pipeline” is a documentary series that focuses on the issue of gun and contraband trafficking on the East Coast. The production company is pitching 13 half-hour episodes—where different violent crimes are committed as a result of the illegal transportation of a weapon—to the A&E and Discovery cable networks. Dysphoria Pictures plans on speaking to state, local and federal law enforcement agencies that worked these cases as well as friends, families of the victims and, where possible, the offenders. The pilot episode focuses on a case in New Jersey where Tracey Crews was violently murdered. His killers were not immediately found, but the murder weapon was recovered and ultimately traced to an individual named Trayle Beasley.

The Trayle Beasley investigation was conducted by the Newark Field Division’s Trenton Group 1 immediately after the results of the Tracey Crews urgent trace were received. ATF special agents, working side by side with

task force officers from the New Jersey State Police and the Trenton Police Department, were able to build a historical trafficking investigation against Beasley and four of his co-conspirators through the use of trace data and interviews. Beasley was later found to have conducted a vast gun trafficking ring and later admitted that he had trafficked at least 50 firearms into the state. Beasley was recently sentenced to 12 years in a New Jersey state prison.

On October 13, 2011, Dysphoria Pictures interviewed Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Matthew Horace on camera to highlight the case, explain some of the strategies used as well as give further insight into the highly successful criminal investigation. SAC Horace cited the cooperative efforts of the numerous agencies involved coupled with the vast ATF assets used during the investigation for the successful prosecution and conviction of Beasley and his co-conspirators. The pilot will conclude shooting later this month with a tour of the ATF Tracing Center and similar interviews with other employees. Stay tuned for airing dates and times.

## October ATF Special Agent Line of Duty Deaths

Special Agent	Date of Death	Special Agent	Date of Death
John Nicola	October 4, 1928	Julian S. Majors	October 17, 1957
John V. Waters	October 5, 1922	Murdock E. Murray	October 20, 1925
Charles Covington	October 9, 1966	J.H. Rose	October 25, 1920
Howard B. Oursler	October 12, 1932	Joe B. Cooper	October 25, 1963
Frank A. Mather	October 15, 1932	Ralph A. Holt	October 25, 1963
Ernest B. Vlasich	October 15, 1932	Stanton E. Weiss	October 28, 1920
Carl L. Rehm	October 16, 1929		

## Case Closed: Recent Convictions, Sentencings on ATF Investigations

- **St. Matthews, North Carolina:** On October 14, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 228 months in prison plus 5 years supervised release, after his conviction in the robbery of a business. Three additional defendants were previously sentenced to 384 months in prison.
- **Greenville, North Carolina:** On October 12, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 295 months for possession of cocaine and the possession of firearms in furtherance of and in relation to a drug trafficking crime in Greenville.
- **Clinton, North Carolina:** On October 6, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant convicted of committing a series of armed robberies in 2009 was sentenced in federal court to 32 years. The defendant pled guilty to three counts of interference with commerce by robbery, three counts of use and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and possession of a firearm in furtherance of the same, and one count of possession of firearm by a convicted felon.
- **Orlando, Florida:** On October 5, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 20 years federal incarceration by a U.S District Court judge in Orlando. The defendant was one of over 50 persons charged in federal and state as a result of ATF's "Operation 819", a 20-month undercover operation that proactively targeted violent drug organizations operating in the area.
- **Portland, Maine:** On October 4, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison for use of a destructive device during a drug trafficking crime, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and trafficking marijuana in Portland. The case was investigated by ATF, the Maine State Fire Marshal's Office, the Maine State Police Bomb Squad, the Maine Drug Enforcement Administration, and the FBI.
- **Houston, Texas:** On October 4, 2011, ATF reported that 10 individuals convicted of crimes related to home invasions in Houston received sentences from 5 to 19 years after pleading guilty to federal charges brought as a result of an ATF investigation.
- **Houston, Texas:** On October 3, 2011, ATF reported that an armed drug dealer was sentenced to 40 years in prison, convicted by a federal jury. This investigation was conducted jointly by ATF and the Houston Police Department.
- **Florence, South Carolina:** On September 28, 2011, ATF reported that three defendants were each sentenced to 32 years in prison, 5 years supervised release, a \$200 special assessment fee, and \$4,711 in restitution after their conviction for robberies of gas stations they committed during the last week of June 2010. These defendants were also involved in at least six other business robberies during the same time period.
- **Columbia, South Carolina:** On September 26, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 30 years, with 5 years supervised release after his conviction on multiple federal charges related to his role in an armed drug trafficking organization. The defendant ordered fellow members to commit armed robberies, was directly involved in multiple shootings, attempted the murder of a rival drug trafficker, and was the primary suspect in the attempted murders of two night club owners.
- **Tampa, Florida:** On September 26, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for the armed robbery of a steakhouse in Tampa. Two of the defendant's accomplices were previously sentenced to 11 and 16 years. This case was investigated by ATF and the Tampa Police Department.
- **Eastern District of New York and Baltimore District:** On September 23, 2011, one of two defendants was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 10 months of home detention plus 5 years probation. This defendant was also sentenced to pay \$425,000. A senior ATF forensic auditor uncovered the scheme of the inflated invoices and fake licenses, and also disclosed the illegal proceeds for the forfeiture amounts sentenced to both defendants. This defendant conspired with the other defendant to engage in the business of dealing in explosives materials and engaging in the business of importing, manufacturing and dealing in explosives materials without an ATF explosives license. On August 1, 2011, the second defendant was sentenced in the United States District Court in Baltimore, Maryland, to 12 months of incarceration followed by 3 years of supervised probation. The defendant was also sentenced to pay \$437,000 plus a \$65,000 fine. He operated a fireworks production plant and conspired to deal in explosives materials, selling explosives to unlicensed persons, and creating false documents. He sold display fireworks to the other defendant who was

not licensed to purchase them, and who then illegally resold the fireworks. He created inflated invoices and fake licenses and falsified other documents to make it appear that significantly larger fireworks shows occurred than were actually performed.

- **Laurel, Maryland:** On September 22, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 270 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release after his conviction on federal racketeering, armed robbery, and firearms charges. The defendant was involved in the armed robbery of a prostitute, the attempted murder of a suspected MS-13 member, and first degree murder. The defendant will be deported upon the conclusion of his sentence.
- **Bowling Green, Kentucky:** On September 21, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to total of 20 years without parole in Bowling Green after his conviction on federal charges of armed drug trafficking. The defendant was arrested by ATF and the Bowling Green–Warren County Drug Task Force during an investigation of a drug trafficking organization in the area.
- **Anson County, North Carolina:** On September 20, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant convicted of armed narcotics trafficking in Anson County was sentenced to 264 months in prison. The defendant was indicted with 12 other subjects regarding an ongoing firearm/drug conspiracy dating back to at least 1995. The conspiracy involved the sale of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy pills during which firearms were present.
- **Columbia, South Carolina:** On September 16, 2011, ATF reported that two defendants were each sentenced to 188 months for conspiracy to distribute over 5 kilograms of cocaine and a third defendant was sentenced to 120 months for conspiring to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery in Columbia. Three defendants were arrested by ATF and the Columbia Police Department for conspiring to commit a home-invasion style robbery of a drug stash house. The arrests followed meetings between two ATF undercover agents,

an ATF confidential informant and the defendants. The ATF investigation revealed that the defendants were committing armed robberies and home-invasion style robberies in and around Columbia.

- **Orlando, Florida:** On September 14, 2011, ATF reported that a defendant was sentenced to 780 months in federal prison by United States District Court, one of over 50 individuals facing federal and state charges from a proactive ATF undercover operation targeting gang members and associates in Orlando. The defendant was indicted on multiple firearms and narcotics charges including multiple counts each of possession of a firearm, possessing a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense, and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.
- **Eastern District of Pennsylvania:** On September 9, 2011, a defendant was sentenced to 17 years in federal prison. A senior ATF forensic auditor was an expert witness at the trial, testifying that the business was in poor financial condition at the time of the fire. The defendant was convicted of arson, insurance fraud and lying to investigators after a weeklong trial where the prosecution team picked apart his effort to plead his innocence and his role in the arson. The defendant operated a chiropractic clinic, which he destroyed by setting the blaze that destroyed his clinic along with four other businesses in a Bucks County, Pennsylvania, strip mall.
- **California Bay Area:** On August 31, 2011, the owner of several hotels was sentenced by a federal judge to 27 months in prison, 3 years probation, \$60,000 fine, and \$100 special assessment. He must register as an arson offender. The defendant pled guilty on May 16, 2011, to solicitation to commit arson, for soliciting to burn one of his hotels by handing over a check for \$1,500 to an ATF confidential informant and the remainder of \$63,000 to be paid around 48 hours after the hotel burned. A senior ATF forensic auditor performed a financial investigation and provided the case agent with information about the business's organizational structure and ownership.

# Atlanta Undercover Retail Store Operation Nets Indictments, Illegal Firearms

**By Special Agent/PIO Richard Coes**  
Atlanta Field Division

Federal and state grand juries have indicted 49 people on firearms, drug trafficking, and theft charges related to an undercover retail store operation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Atlanta Police Department. The storefront sting targeted convicted felons and other dangerous criminals who traffic guns in high-crime areas of Atlanta.

“We thought that Atlanta would benefit from a proactive investigation that specifically targeted the violent robbers, street gangs and home invaders that are plaguing this great city,” said co-case agent Alicia Jones.

The storefront operation, called “ATL Blaze,” was located on Campbellton Road in southwest Atlanta. Undercover agents, posing as store managers and employees, ultimately communicated that they were interested in buying firearms and drugs from the criminal element.

“Our Group Supervisor R. Ahmad encouraged us to move forward with the storefront. Everyone agreed that it would be a great way to proactively combat violent crimes in the worst zone in the city of Atlanta,” said Jones.

ATF Special Agent in Charge Gregory Gant said, “Operation ATL Blaze was a bold joint operation designed to protect our communities by removing violent criminals involved in armed drug trafficking and the unlawful use

and possession of firearms in the city of Atlanta. The types of crimes these defendants were involved with directly threaten the stability of our communities and dreams of our youth. The city of Atlanta cannot afford to be without the hopes of any of its citizens; therefore we must do all we can to keep every one of them safe and protected.”

The weapons seized during the operation include 257 handguns, 60 rifles, 46 shotguns, and 10 sawed-off shotguns. The 49 defendants were indicted on charges ranging from conspiring to commit a home invasion robbery, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of an unregistered sawed-off rifle, possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful dealing in firearms without a license, possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute and aggravated identity theft.

“During the course of the ATL Blaze investigation, we observed how the criminals we encountered worked together and shared information on what they thought was ‘easy money.’ All of our partners during this investigation showed that same type of cohesiveness and reciprocity with information during the investigation and subsequent round-up. The sharing of information and the willingness to cooperate in any way possible made the investigation a success. With that, I will also like to thank all members of the Atlanta Group III (VCIT) for all of their hard work and time each member devoted in support of Marcos and Alicia’s case,” said Supervisory Special Agent Dwight Brown.

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audience as a result of new software that is being implemented. FFLs are on waiting lists to participate in the webinars. Several corporate retailers and many trade associations have shown an interest in scheduling webinars for their employees. Feedback from each webinar has helped us improve and deliver an even better product.

ATF has conducted industry outreach initiatives— face-to-face educational seminars for FFLs—for a number of years. Some were sponsored in conjunction with industry trade associations, and many were conducted directly by our industry operations investigators (IOI). FFL seminars

helped ATF form a partnership with licensees to help them focus on reducing the criminal misuse of firearms while providing guidance and education on the laws and regulations governing the sale and transfer of firearms. These onsite events helped to educate thousands of licensees.

With webinars, we now can benefit both FFLs and ATF by reaching out to licensees and providing the tools and know-how to help them enhance their compliance with the laws and regulations that govern the commerce of firearms at a minimal cost. We welcome ideas on how we can improve our performance and the training content.



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## September Retirements

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Govt. Service</i>
Gregory L. Barnett	Criminal Investigator	Sacramento I Field Office, San Francisco FD, FO	34 years
David K. Strotheide	Sup IOI	New Orleans FD, FO	23 years

*Submitted by Human Resources Division, Employee Benefits Branch*

## Moves

<i>Employee</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Sean Atkins	Group Sup, Louisville III Field Office, Louisville FD, FO	Prog Mgr, ESF-13, Spec Ops Div, FO
Carlos Canino	Dep Country Attaché, Mexico City, Mexico, International Affairs Office, FO	ASAC, Phoenix FD, FO
Jordi Clop	Spec Response Team Member, Washington SRT, Critical Incident Mgt Br, Spec Ops Div, FO	SAC, Critical Incident Mgt Br, Spec Ops Div, FO
Geneva Dunaway	Prog Mgr, Policy Dev & Eval Br, Field Mgt Staff, FO	Sr Ops Officer, Atlanta FD, FO
Bradley Earman	Dep Chief, Spec Ops Div, FO	Chief, Explosives Enforcement Training Div, NCETR, FO
Earl L. Griffith, II	Firearms Enforcement Officer, Firearms Tech Br, Firearms & Explosives Industry Div, OEPS	Asst Chief, Firearms Tech Br, Firearms & Explosives Industry Div, OEPS
William Joa	Training Mgr, Explosives Training Br, Arson & Explosives Prog Div, FO	Prog Mgr, Certified Explosives Spec Training & Prog Br, Explosives Enforcement & Training Div, NCETR, FO
Marianna Mitchem	IOI, Denver III Field Office, Denver FD, FO	Area Sup, Denver VI Field Office, Denver FD, FO
Charlie Patterson	Project Officer, Washington SRT, Critical Incident Mgt Br, Spec Ops Div, FO	SAC, Undercover Br, Spec Ops Div, FO
Brent Quinn	RAC, Las Cruces I Field Office, Phoenix FD, FO	RAC, Kansas City I, Kansas City FD, FO
Kurt Thielhorn	RAC, Fresno Field Office, San Francisco FD, FO	Prog Mgr, ESF-13, Spec Ops Div, FO

*Positions listed are management/supervisory/program manager positions only.*

## Welcome Aboard!

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