

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Crosscutting Activities

ATF shares in the Justice community overarching mission of preventing terrorism, reducing violent crime and protecting the public. Through statutory mandates, ATF continues to play a role in the prevention and investigation of violent crimes including those involving explosives and fire. ATF participates in multi-agency efforts such as the Joint Terrorism Task Forces and the National Security Coordinating Council. ATF also provides direct investigative expertise to State and local public safety agencies. The ATF National Tracing Center and Arson and Explosives Incident System provide valuable investigative information and intelligence to share with ATF's Federal, State, local, and international law enforcement partners.

ATF's Integrated Violence Reduction Strategy provides training and investigative support in collaborative efforts with Federal, State and local entities to prevent violent firearms crime and investigate arson and explosives crime. Examples of these efforts, within the Department of Justice, are Project Safe Neighborhoods and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A key element of ATF's role in firearms violence prevention is providing Federal, State and local agencies access to investigative equipment and services in their communities, e.g., the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network and firearms tracing. ATF continually works to improve its tracing response time, and to provide investigative leads from crime gun trace data for police departments across the country.