



## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

### FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2014 Enacted:	\$1,179.0 million (5,101 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$22.0 million
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$1,201.0 million (5,101 positions; 81 attorneys; 2,485 agents)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$22.0 million (+1.9%)

#### Mission:

ATF is a diverse law enforcement agency that protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research and use of technology.

#### Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for ATF totals \$1,201 million, which is a 1.9% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

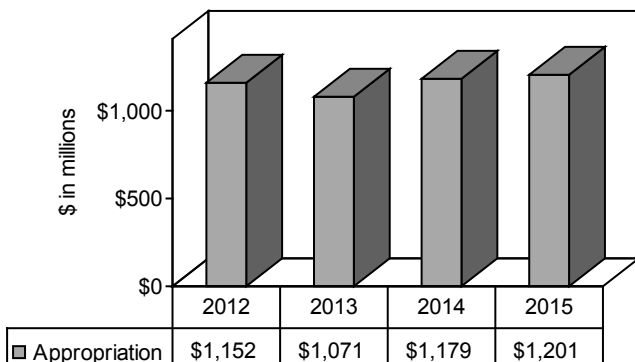
#### Organization:

The ATF Director is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. During FY 2015, ATF will continue to operate a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions, and will maintain a presence in 13 international offices in 8 countries.

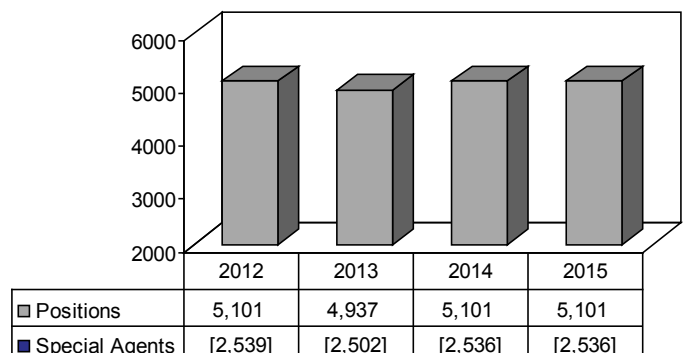
#### Personnel:

The ATF's direct positions for FY 2015 total 5,101 positions and is the same as FY 2014 Enacted. Between January 2011 and December 2013, the number of ATF's onboard staff declined by 472 staff (185 agents and over 290 industry operations investigators (IOIs).

**Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)**



**Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)**



\*Includes reimbursable Special Agents

## **FY 2015 Strategy:**

ATF is dedicated to protecting the United States and its citizens from the illegal use of firearms and explosives in violent crime and acts of terrorism. In addition to investigating and preventing the illegal use of firearms and explosives, ATF promotes public safety by combating firearms trafficking, the improper use and storage of explosives, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF is also the lead agency in investigations of arson and non-terrorism related bombings.

In line with the Attorney General's "Smart on Crime" Initiative, ATF has implemented the Frontline business model as part of a continuing effort to improve efficiency and implement standardization and accountability at every level ATF. The strategy includes comprehensive, intelligence-driven assessments in each of ATF's field divisions that define the significant violent crime problem(s) within each field division's area of responsibility, and proposes a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate these threats. The consolidated assessments define National priorities and guide resource decisions. The external component of Frontline is the Violent Crime Reduction Partnership (VCRP) – collaboration between ATF and its federal, state and local partners to effectively prioritize and maximize impact on violent crime.

ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson and explosives related crime, and tobacco and alcohol diversion activities. ATF's illegal firearms trafficking enforcement efforts focus on reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of firearms to violent criminals. ATF identifies, investigates and arrests individuals and organizations that illegally supply firearms to prohibited individuals. Also, ATF partners with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target and dismantle the "worst of the worst" violent criminal organizations.

In order to facilitate these efforts, the FY 2015 request includes an additional \$22 million in base resources to sustain critical investments made in FY 2014 in firearms enforcement, investigations and inspection activities as well as tools such as the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) in support of the "Now is the Time" initiative. These additional resources will allow ATF to continue to focus on implementing the President's agenda for stopping violent crime. In total, the FY 2015 President's Budget includes \$798.4 million in total funding to address gun safety initiatives.

The illegal trafficking of firearms, domestically and overseas, remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF continues to operate enforcement groups to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along every U.S. border, and the Caribbean. As part of the Department's overall anti-trafficking efforts, ATF works to stem the illegal trafficking of weapons across the borders and reduce the firearms-driven violence occurring domestically and internationally. eTrace, one of the tools used in these efforts is a critical component in assisting U.S. and Mexican authorities with vital intelligence on illegal trafficking of firearms to Mexico.

ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings and maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to, acts of arson and bombings. ATF's combination of Certified Fire Investigators (CFIs), accelerant detection canines, National Response Team (NRT), forensic auditors, and the Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) provides a comprehensive approach for investigating arson crimes. ATF also manages

the U.S. Bomb Data Center (USBDC), participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) and supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidated ATF's explosives expertise, training and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

## **FY 2015 Program Changes:**

This budget proposal includes funding to sustain critical investments made in FY 2014 in firearms enforcement, investigations, and inspection activities.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
<b>2013 Appropriation</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-57,964
2013 Rescissions (1.877 % & 0.2%)	0	0	-23,912
2013 Sequester - LEWC	0	0	-131
ATF VCRP Rescission	0	0	-1,028
2013 Supp. Appropriation - Hurricane Sandy Relief	0	0	230
<b>2013 Enacted with Rescissions, Sequester, and Supplemental</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>1,070,540</b>
<b>2014 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>1,179,000</b>
<b>2015 Request</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>1,201,004</b>
<b>Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,004</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	18,566
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	2,007
Other Adjustments	0	0	1,293
Foreign Expenses	0	0	138
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,004</b>
<b>2015 Current Services</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>1,201,004</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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**ATF Salaries & Expenses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Law Enforcement Operations	4,411	4,088	1,019,481	4,411	4,088	1,038,508
Investigative Support Services	690	640	159,519	690	640	162,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>1,179,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>1,201,004</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	52	0	0	52	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>1,179,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>1,201,004</b>

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