

ATF's 23rd Annual Awards Ceremony

By Tara Chipman, Chief, Executive Secretariat, PGA



The stage is set for the ATF Awards Ceremony (top).



Just a few of the more than 190 prestigious awards earned by ATF employees (left).
 (photos courtesy Carolyn Wallace)

On one of the best and most festive days on the calendar, ATF came together to celebrate many of the achievements and recognize numerous acts of bravery performed by our employees and partners.

In the Elizebeth Smith Friedman Auditorium, packed with recipients and family members, Deputy Director (DD) Lombardo opened the ceremony with words about the great work done by ATF and our partners. She thanked the recipients for their dedication to ATF and went on to say, "Your success and these successes of ATF happen because of the love and support of families...thank you."

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DD Lombardo introduced Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Jeffrey Rosen, who made his first visit to ATF after his appointment in May 2019. DAG Rosen brought with him the well-wishes and thanks of Attorney General Barr. He acknowledged the great sacrifices made by ATF employees in protecting our communities and enforcing the rule of law.

Before mentioning several individual and group recipients in his remarks, DAG Rosen recognized Assistant Director of the Office of Management Vivian Michalic, who was retiring at the end of August. "AD Michalic was one of the people who came to work every day to make a difference," he said, and he went on to laud her 35 years of Government service and wish her and her family well.



DAG Rosen thanks DD Lombardo for her introduction. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)

DD Lombardo congratulates AD Vivian Michalic on her retirement. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)



Joint Armed Forces Color Guard (left). DD Lombardo delivers opening remarks (below). (photos courtesy Carolyn Wallace)



DAG Rosen and DD Lombardo congratulate COS Joe Allen. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)



The final awards presented that morning were the most moving. Lifesaving Awards were given to two members of the Chicago Field Division who saved the life of their colleague, Special Agent (SA) Kevin Crump, who was shot in the face when the team was ambushed as they were going to switch out a car tracking device. Two other Chicago agents received Hostile Action Awards for their quick response during the attack. For being seriously wounded as a direct result of his work with ATF, SA Crump was presented the Gold Star Medal, and received a standing ovation for his dedication to service.

Congratulations to the recipients!

Congratulations to the ATF 2019 Awardees!

Memorial Awards

James E. Little "Concern for People" Award

Carolyn R. Johnson

Kelly W. Minyard Memorial Award

Brian C. Luetke - Lance C. Garver

Michael C. Powell - Richard A. Turner

Larry L. Nickell Memorial Award

Eric M. Epstein

Employee of the Year Awards

Outstanding Supervisory Employee

Marianna S. Mitchem

Outstanding Non-Supervisory Employee

Ayesha R. Winston

Outstanding Intel Research/Intel Operations Specialist

Thomas J. Petito

Outstanding Professional Employee

Brandi L. Murrow

Outstanding Administrative Employee

Karen M. Porciello

Outstanding Administrative Support Employee

Betty A. Bippus-Smith

Honorary Awards

Diversity Champion Award

Black Employees Resource Group

Lifesaving Award

John C. Morrison II - Kyle D. Solon

Foreign Service Medal

Brennan S. Phillips

Meritorious Awards

Hostile Action Award

Gregory J. Gaioni - Adrian A. Halley

Patrick F. Higgins - Russell G. Johnson

Nasir S. Sessoms - Greg J. Sheridan

Mark A. Reno - Perry J. Williams

John S. Biemeret - Eric T. Immesberger

Charles H. Backer - Owen J. Farris

Tyree J. Koerner - Steven L. Lester

James J. Manley - Thomas R. Waggoner

Ryan P. McKone - Ernest B. Sandoval II

Brian R. Embley - Mario A. Aguilera

William D. Newell

Gold Star Medal

Daniel P. Heenan

Distinguished Service Medal

"Baltimore Enhanced Enforcement Initiative"

Troy A. Dannenfels - John F. Oakey

John R. Carpenter - David M. Cheplak

Gregory J. Gaioni - Adrian A. Halley

Patrick F. Higgins - Jon B. Hunt

Russell G. Johnson - Timothy K. Moore

Brendan J. Plasha - Nasir S. Sessoms

Greg J. Sheridan - Carlos R. Valles

Richard S. Zayas

"Major Boston Inspection"

Nicholas E. O'Leary - Wayne Bettencourt

S. Roy Chabra - Michael R. Curtis

Michael J. Biener - Christine M. Kent

Rebecca L. Kurowski - Mark A. Pawielski

J. Scott Robertson - Thierry G. Soucy

Cody J. Toy

"Long-Term Home Invasion"

Michael J. Allers

"Rolex Robberies"

Brian C. Ingargiola - Ryan K. Averill

Agostino Brancato - Christian Carranza

Ryan J. Stearman

"Operation Shattered Glass"

Gregory R. Perry - Steve G. Worthy, Jr.

"Clavier Homicide"

William B. Kcraget

"Fatal DC Arson"

Emily C. Head - Michael S. Pavero

Tomi N. Rucker - Brian E. Vaughn

"Austin Bombing"

Greg P. Czarnopys - William T. Henderson

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“Austin Bombing” cont.

Augustine J. Lugo - Paul A. Claflin
Stephen O. Patrick - Melvin D. Robin
Ralph A. Sheldrick - Matt G. Abowd
Michael G. Abraham - Reynaldo Alatorre, Jr.
Brian S. Alwes - Stephen J. Brenneman
Stephen D. Bridgmon - Robert P. Carlson
Gregory R. Carleton - Quo V. Carothers
April D. Carrasco - Cynthia D. Carter
Leigh M. Cochran - Curtis L. Collins
Brittany M. Crane-Calhoun - Randall G. Dockens
William C. Duke - Kelly D. Etnier
Eric E. Evers - Kenneth J. Fos
Nathan Garber - Kenneth B. Grace
Johnnie Green, Jr. - Alex Guerrero IV
Gregory J. Heiert - Derek J. Hill
Justin S. Holbert - Donald M. Jordan
Daniel B. Kaase and K-9 Titan
Meghan Kane - Bryan M. Kempa
Stephanie J. Kennitz - Jeffrey D. Kennedy
Jeffrey D. Laverman - Robert E. Looper
Brian A. Lovin - Kevin A. Mack
Joseph A. Mangoni - Ryan W. McCormick
Shannon L. McKittrick-Cruse - Orlando Muse
Daniel E. Mueller - Devin S. O'Brien
David P. Oliver - Hector L. Prieto
Ella Richmond - Jason A. Schmidt
Walter W. Shaw - Nathan A. Sheldon
Daniel W. Shirley - Manuel A. Silva
Alberto J. Velez - Patrick B. Ward
Kevin S. Whitaker - Kenneth L. Whiteley
Ryan T. Zornes
Medal of Valor
Jon B. Hunt
Group Awards
“Nail Salon Arson Case”
Distinguished Service Medal
Ryan T. Zornes - Nicole M. Poirier

“Multinational Arms and Narcotics Case”

Distinguished Service Medal
Robert P. Carlson - Patrick J. Waymire
“Target Bombing”
Distinguished Service Medal
Todd W. Okray - Andrew Hawkins
Vincent P. Curry - Raymond O. Hernandez
Dewane L. Krueger (2 awards) - James B. Lane
Kristina M. Littlejohn - Johnny McDonald
Kevin M. Miner - James R. Osburg
Jeremy W. Richardson - Thomas W. Roper
Scott A. Hufford
“Smith Robberies”
Distinguished Service Medal
Charles F. Doerrer - Timothy Foley
Charlene M. Hennessy - David O. Krueger
Christopher Marano - Alison K. Price-McGinnis
Mark R. Sonnendecker
“Operation Grand Slam”
Distinguished Service Medal
James T. Houk - Keith W. Pearson
“Acereto Case”
Lifesaving Award
Jonathan M. Maniff - Ryan J. Stearman
Hostile Action Award
Sean D. Becker - Jonathan M. Maniff
Ryan J. Stearman
“Chicago Shooting”
Gold Star Medal
Kevin M. Crump
Lifesaving Award
Ryan H. Hultgren - David A. Lopez
Hostile Action Award
Thomas E. Spratte - David J. Winter

Partnerships, Teamwork, and Training: Chicago's Heroes

By Kimberly Nerheim, Public Information Officer, Chicago Field Division

The Chicago Field Division is honored to recognize a team of Special Agents (SA) and Task Force Officers (TFO) who saved the life of our team member and friend, Special Agent Kevin Crump, when they took actions during, and in response to, the shooting of SA Crump. Recognized at the ATF Director's Awards ceremony in August 2019, for their heroism and commitment, these brave men were humbled to be selected for the Gold Star Medal, the Hostile Action Award, and the Lifesaving Award.

Partnerships, teamwork, and training are what saved the life of SA Kevin Crump in the early morning hours of May 4, 2018. In the fall of 2017, the Chicago Group VII Crime Gun Enforcement Team was tasked with reducing violent crime by stemming the flow of illegal firearms to criminal organizations operating in the City of Chicago.

Based on this mission, Group VII initiated an investigation into the Latin Saints criminal street gang. The investigation focused on a neighborhood known as "The Back of the Yards," located in the southwest area of Chicago and known to be a violent community with a large gang presence.

Each member of this experienced law enforcement team played a significant role in the Latin Saints case, a complex investigation where the suspects engaged in ongoing conflicts with rival street gangs by committing murders and aggravated batteries to protect their territory and narcotics operations.

That fateful morning in May, the team was conducting an operation in the "Back of the Yards" neighborhood to locate a vehicle and replace a GPS tracking device. After conducting pre-operational surveillance of the area, SAs Kevin Crump and Daniel Winter, along with Chicago Police Officer/TFO Thomas Spratte, exited their covert vehicle and walked towards the target vehicle.

As they approached, SAs Crump and Winter and TFO Spratte were ambushed by an armed assailant and a hail of gunfire, including a round which struck SA Crump in the face. The team immediately swung into action. TFO Spratte quickly fired his weapon at the offender, suppressing the suspect's gunfire and allowing team members to reach the wounded agent.

After identifying that SA Crump was shot, the responding team members immediately loaded him into an ATF vehicle for transport. SA Ryan Hultgren rushed SA Crump to Stroger Hospital, one of the best Level One Trauma Centers in the United States, in under 6 minutes, by arranging a Chicago Police escort via an ATF radio, programmed right before the incident, which allowed him to communicate directly with Chicago Police Emergency Dispatch. If not for SA Hultgren's foresight and preparation, this mission could have ended in tragedy.

During transport, SA David Lopez administered first aid to SA Crump and more importantly, talked with Kevin, keeping him alert and giving him the support he needed to know that he would survive. These individuals, along with SA Crump's determination and will to live, saved his life.

An around-the-clock manhunt ensued, with the defendant being taken into custody days later. In June 2019, he was convicted by a Federal jury in the Northern District of Illinois, and currently awaits sentencing.

The heroic actions of the Chicago VII Crime Gun Strike Force were recognized with the following commendations:

**Special Agent Kevin Crump
Gold Star Medal**

**Special Agent Daniel Winter
Hostile Action Award**

**TFO/Chicago Police Officer Thomas Spratte
Hostile Action Award**

**Special Agent David Lopez
Lifesaving Award**

**Special Agent Ryan Hultgren
Lifesaving Award**

A Mission to Colombia Helps Bring Down El Chapo

By Darek Pleasants, Special Agent in Charge, Seattle Field Division

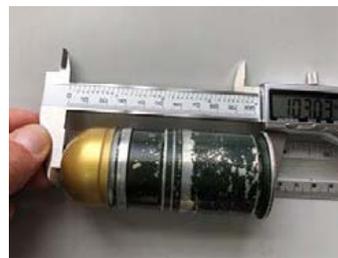
In 2016, Sinaloa Cartel drug boss Joaquin Guzmán, also known as El Chapo, was captured in Mexico following a shoot-out with Mexican law enforcement and extradited to the United States in 2017.

In the summer of 2018, ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research was asked by the Federal prosecution team, composed of members of the United States Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of New York and the Department of Justice's Narcotics Unit, to provide a subject matter expert to conduct Destructive Device and Explosive Determinations to support their case against Guzmán.

Explosives Enforcement Officer (EEO) Brennan Phillips, of the Seattle Field Division, was selected for this hazardous mission, which required him to travel to Colombia, a country which has had a Level 2 Department of State Travel Warning in place since June 2018 due to increased violent crime and the potential for terrorist acts.

In addition to completing a determination for several objects, which he identified as three Soviet-made PG-7G rocket propelled grenades and 49 40mm high-explosive/armor piercing grenades made by Indumil in Colombia, EEO Phillips traveled to Colombia to gather information, review available evidence, and interview the Colombia National Police Bomb Technicians who handled the actual munitions.

His courageous performance of duty in a potentially dangerous location, which assisted building a successful case that led to El Chapo's 2019 life sentence, earned EEO Phillips an ATF Foreign Service Medal and the appreciation of the prosecution team.



Criminal Investigation Section in Pasto, Nariño Province (top); Seized 40mm grenade (left); EEO Phillips, EEO Johnnie Green (who served as interpreter/guide), and a Columbia National Police Bomb Squad Leader (bottom). (photos courtesy EEO Phillips)



A “Team First” Leader Sets a Great Example

By Drew Sheldrick, Chief, Fire & Arson Investigation Branch, NCETR (retired) and Karen Bishop, Writer-Editor, Executive Secretariat

On a cold day in February 2016, ATF's National Response Team (NRT) was called out to a huge warehouse fire in New Jersey. The warehouse, owned by the United States Veteran's Administration, suffered \$50 million in damages and the expertise of the NRT was needed to assist with the investigation of the hazardous site.

Senior Special Agent/Certified Fire Investigator (SSA/CFI) Daniel Heenan (now retired), led a team of 21 members to the damaged building to begin the investigation. This was a complex operation, requiring heavy equipment to remove portions of the severely damaged building, and it was made even more difficult by heavy gusts of wind tearing at the weakened structure.

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With an admirable focus on team safety, SSA/CFI Heenan kept an eye on the condition of the work areas and, after identifying a particularly dangerous situation where a crane was removing a support beam, moved his team out of the area until it could be cleared.

While observing the removal, a strong wind ripped through the area and struck the damaged north wall, which began collapsing in the direction of the loading dock where SSA/CFI Heenan stood. The crane operator quickly blasted an emergency horn to alert the team. While running to safety, SSA/CFI Heenan was struck by debris from the falling wall and propelled off the landing dock and onto the parking lot below, suffering several serious injuries.

After receiving emergency care from his team, SSA/CFI Heenan was transported to a nearby hospital for evaluation and treatment. Incredibly, immediately following his release and despite the serious nature of his injuries, SSA/CFI Heenan reported back to the scene in order to ensure a smooth transition of leadership before heading off to recuperate.

SSA/CFI Heenan's leadership was critical in ensuring the safety of his team, both before and after the incident, and his dedication to the mission and team exemplified the traits of a great leader. For sustaining a serious injury as a direct result of this critical and dangerous mission, SSA/CFI Heenan was awarded a 2019 Gold Star Medal.

SSA Ayesha Winston, 2019 Outstanding Non-Supervisory Law Enforcement Employee

By Andrew Boss, Group Supervisor, New York Group V, New York Field Division

ATF New York's Senior Special Agent (SSA) Ayesha Winston, who began her career in 2004 in the New Orleans Field Division, is known for being a dedicated, selfless, and hard-working investigator.

Over the past 15 years, she's worked a variety of cases, including firearms trafficking, home invasion police impersonation robberies, and Hobbs Act robberies. An expert investigator and undercover agent, SSA Winston has focused her career on taking down criminals who use violence for profit, and has helped make the streets of New York safer for residents.

Her experience and persistence were key in her 2015 selection to join SPARTA, an elite task force which targets violent criminals who commit Hobbs Act robberies and home invasions by using a combination of resources and skills to identify active robbery patterns and pinpoint suspects.

While working a heavy case load as a SPARTA team member, SSA Winston also stepped up to serve as a training agent for new Special Agents. She has a knack for teaching and supporting her trainees, who respect her skills and consider her a trusted teacher and partner. This past year, SSA Winston also took on the training of a new Task Force Officer from the New York Police Department, bringing new meaning to the word "multi-tasker."

An enthusiastic team player dedicated to ATF's mission, SSA Winston also serves as Field Division Intern Coordinator and Division Recruiter, while continuing to grow her reputation for conducting outstanding "gumshoe" investigative work.



SSA Ayesha Winston. (photo courtesy SSA Winston)

She's an excellent role model for both senior and junior agents, and her great work has been recognized by law enforcement colleagues throughout New York City.

The New York Field Division is very proud of SSA Ayesha Winston, ATF's 2019 Outstanding Non-Supervisory Employee of the Year.

Upholding the Legacy of Larry L. Nickell

By Eileen Husselbaugh, Assistant Chief Counsel, Firearms and Explosives Law Division,
Office of Chief Counsel

At ATF's 23rd Annual Awards Ceremony, Senior Policy Counsel Eric Epstein accepted the Larry L. Nickell Memorial Award honoring Mr. Epstein's professional achievements as an ATF employee. The award, named in memory of former Associate Chief Counsel Larry Nickell, who unexpectedly passed away in 2011, is of special significance to Mr. Epstein, who worked with Mr. Nickell for many years and shared many personal and professional memories. Like his colleague, over the course of his Federal service, Mr. Epstein has demonstrated a commitment to achieving the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct while advocating for ATF.

Throughout his career, including in his capacity as Division Counsel, Phoenix, and as Associate Chief Counsel, Firearms, Explosives, and Arson Division, Mr. Epstein has addressed some of the most legally challenging and politically sensitive issues facing ATF. His expert analysis, sound judgment, and wise guidance have benefitted ATF in the consideration of many issues, including the legal status of unfinished AR-15 type receivers, background checks for private party firearms transfers, bump stock devices, and medical marijuana users.

Equally dedicated to ATF's law enforcement mission and to his colleagues, Mr. Epstein made a lasting mark on the Office of Chief Counsel through his creation of the office's first electronic file system, the Chief Counsel Management System, and the first electronic legal rulings database, the Chief Counsel Documents System. These valuable tools offered ATF attorneys shareable, searchable, electronic records containing rulings, opinions, and resources, thereby enabling attorneys in the Office of Chief Counsel to give consistent, timely, and efficient legal advice.

During his career Mr. Epstein's willingness to assist, train, and mentor his colleagues, which stems from his genuine desire to "make a difference" in protecting the public and reducing violent crime, has served as a model for all Office of Chief Counsel employees. His commendable enthusiasm, optimism, and perseverance, along with his many accomplishments over the years, not only earned him this award, but more importantly, upheld Mr. Nickell's great legacy of public service.

Pursuing the Truth - Challenging the Ruling

By Shawn Morrow, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Division

It takes moral courage and a dedication to justice to question the investigative efforts of colleagues, but fortunately, Special Agent (SA) Berkeley Kcraget and his fellow members of the Chesterfield County Police Department's Unsolved Major Investigations Group (UMIG) possess both of these qualities.

On October 24, 2015, Nickolas Clavier, brother of ATF Special Agent Joe Norman, was driving with his four young children on a road in Chesterfield, Virginia. Around 1 p.m., the car ran off the road and into a ravine, with Nick slumped over the steering wheel.

The terrified kids, all under the age of 10, ran to a nearby church for help. When emergency vehicles responded to the 911 call, they found Nick had died from a bullet wound to the head. During a search of the car, investigators found a loaded handgun belonging to Nick.

Based on this evidence, the case was ruled a suicide and closed. Following a closer review of the case, UMIG and SA Kcraget requested a forensic examination of Nick's handgun and the additional evidence recovered from the scene, which revealed that his handgun hadn't fired the bullet which killed him.

An examination of the car also uncovered marks which indicated the bullet had struck the driver's side weather stripping before entering the car and striking Nick. This new evidence led to a reopening of the case, and to ATF offering a \$5,000 award for information leading to the conclusion of the investigation.

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The BERG - ATF's 2019 Diversity Champion

By Sonya Dyer, Chief of Staff, Enforcement Programs and Services



BERG members (left to right): AD Marvin Richardson, Linda Hubbard, Kariem Dickens, Jacqueline Logan, Shaunneyc Coleman, Tabitha Brockenberry, Marcella Sampson, and Joyce Pruitt. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)

The Black Employees Resource Group (BERG) is a forum where employees of African descent can share ideas and experiences, and come together to address common concerns. The BERG focuses on cultural awareness, mentoring, networking, and professional development. Since its inception in March 2015, the BERG has made tremendous strides in advocating for diversity and inclusion in the workplace, ensuring that ATF employees are respected, supported, and valued for their contribution to our mission.

In 2018, BERG members co-sponsored and participated in numerous projects including: the Black History Month program, “African Americans in Times of War;” Women’s History Month program, “Nevertheless She Persisted;” and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month discussion, “Committed to Achievement of Equality and Fairness for All.” Other major accomplishments were hosting the successful “Our Differences” discussion on race, which allowed participants to share personal and work-life experiences related to workforce diversity, and supporting the 2018 Diversity Day program, “Sharing Our Similarities by Celebrating Our Diversity.”

This is just a small sample of what this amazing group of employees achieved in the past year. The BERG’s focus on workforce diversity, respect, mentoring, and partnering has made a tremendous impact throughout ATF and will continue to do so in the future.

For more information about the BERG, visit the [portal page](#).

Congratulations to the BERG for earning the 2019 ATF Diversity Champion Award!

Hard Work, Long Hours, and DNA Lead to Four Consecutive Life Sentences

By Kirk Dennis, Resident Agent in Charge, Falls Church I (A&E), Washington FD

On May 14, 2015, the ATF/DC Arson & Explosive (A&E) Task Force joined what would be an intense, multi-agency investigation of one of the worst crime scenes in the DC area, a quadruple homicide and arson that took the lives of three adults and a child.

The day before, someone entered the Savopoulos home, kidnapped three family members and their housekeeper, tied them up and tortured them in order to extort a large sum of money. On May 14, after the money was delivered, the intruder choked, stabbed, and beat to death all four victims using a sword, knife, and baseball bat. The intruder then doused their bodies with gasoline and set the house on fire to destroy evidence and hide the crimes.

After responding to the fire, the DC Fire Department discovered the bodies, and members of the A&E Task Force were quickly brought on board to investigate. ATF Task Force Officer/Certified Fire Investigator (TFO/CFI) and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Homicide Detective Michael Pavero, ATF Special Agent/Certified Fire Investigator (SA/CFI) Brian Vaughn, and ATF TFO/DC Fire Investigator Tomi Rucker diligently worked long hours conducting the origin and cause investigation, demonstrating both physical and emotional fortitude as they sifted through a gruesome crime scene to recover evidence and remains.

These investigators worked alongside the MPD for weeks at the crime scene while a search warrant was executed. They also helped process hundreds of items of evidence gathered not only from the home, but also from several other related fire scenes, including a stolen vehicle the suspect had torched in another State and a site where he had burned additional incriminating evidence.

Much of this evidence was processed at the ATF Forensic Science Lab, including a pizza crust found at the crime scene which contained the suspect's DNA, which was processed by Forensic Biologist Emily Head of ATF's Laboratory Services Division.

These investigators worked with the United States Attorney's Office and MPD Homicide Detectives for years on this case. The exceptional work of TFO/CFI Pavero, SA/CFI Vaughn, TFO Rucker, and Ms. Head led to compelling evidence and testimony which resulted in four consecutive life sentences without the possibility of release for the heinous murders committed by Daron Wint. For their dedication to bringing justice to the victims, TFO/CFI Pavero, SA/CFI Vaughn, TFO Rucker, and Ms. Head were awarded ATF Distinguished Service Medals at the 2019 awards ceremony.

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In response to the offer, UMIG received detailed information from a witness, who named the shooter and described the murder as a road rage incident. Additional investigation linked the bullet which killed Nick to bullet fragments from another murder committed by the same criminal just a few hours later in Richmond. Although the murderer was killed in another violent crime before being brought to justice for Nick's death, the investigation succeeded in changing the determination from suicide to homicide, helping his family to deal with this terrible tragedy.

SA Keraget's pursuit of justice, which delivered the truth to Nick's family, earned him a well-deserved ATF 2019 Distinguished Service Medal.

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Making an Impact from Coast to Coast

By Steve Kolcio, Chief, Accounting Branch, Financial Management Division, Office of Management

It's rare for a new employee to make an agency-wide change, but that's exactly what Accountant Brandi Murrow accomplished in her first few years with ATF! After joining the Office of Management as a Pathways graduate in 2017, Ms. Murrow demonstrated leadership and persistence while participating in the revenue re-engineering process. Her diligent work throughout 2018, which included overhauling the internal controls for areas involving revenue and expenditures, led to extraordinary improvements and a significant risk reduction for ATF's revenue operations and accountability.

Ms. Murrow's initiative in creating and leading cross-organization working groups demonstrated excellent leadership skills and an ability to build strong communication networks. Her professionalism and dedication to this complex project resulted in many accomplishments which will continue to benefit ATF and her colleagues for years to come, including the:

- Creation of a joint collaborative enterprise management team to establish application processing requirements at the lockbox facility, which reduced duplicate processing, increased efficiency, and standardized reporting and reconciliation of revenue collection.
- Identification of process improvements related to ATF application image capture which provide timely and secure images of all applications for all lockboxes.
- Coordination of lockbox testing.

In acknowledgement of her great work, Ms. Murrow was presented with the ATF 2019 Outstanding Professional Employee Award.

Bombing Targets for Profit

By Craig Kailimai, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Tampa Field Division

In February 2017, ATF Senior Special Agent (SSA) Dewane Krueger, Gainesville Satellite Office, and Special Agent (SA) Jeffery Vash, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), received information from a source that a man named Mark Barnett was attempting to hire someone to blow up several Target stores along the eastern seaboard.

His goal was to drive Target stock down so that he could make a financial gain. Barnett manufactured 10 destructive devices with a plan for placing them on the shelves of various stores, armed with a pressure switch for instant detonation. He didn't care who got hurt, as long as he profited.

In addition to this information, the source handed a large box to SSA Krueger. After taking the box, SSA Krueger confirmed that it contained the 10 live devices, with the pressure switch secured solely with a rubber band. At great risk to his personal safety, SSA Krueger secured the devices and contacted the local bomb squad.

As a precaution, he and SA Vash quickly cleared the area of bystanders. Later that day, Explosives Enforcement Officer (EEO) Kevin Miner rendered the devices safe, ensuring he preserved key evidentiary components for further investigation.

The investigation quickly ramped up, with Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Todd Okray, SA James Osburg, SA Will Roper, SA Kristina Littlejohn, SA Johnny McDonald, SA Raymond Hernandez, and SA Brent Lane from the Tallahassee Field Office responding to establish 24-hour surveillance on the suspect. Fearing that Barnett might have built more devices or employed other unknown co-conspirators, these agents, along with SA Krueger and EEO Miner, worked over 36 continuous hours with very little rest.

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The following day, evidence was collected which led to Barnett's detention and arrest, as well as the execution of a search warrant at his home. ATF agents seized components similar to those recovered in the destructive devices, along with several computers and phones, which provided further incriminating evidence.

In the 2 weeks following Barnett's arrest, the agents, along with ATF Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) Jeremy Richardson and others, worked 12-hour days, cancelling personal plans and working over a holiday weekend to gather evidence from a variety of sources, including official documents, witnesses, and phone calls.

At the ATF Forensic Science Lab in Atlanta, Georgia, Forensic Chemist (FC) Andrew Hawkins analyzed the components of the destructive devices. He prioritized his work on this case, quickly providing investigators with detailed photos of the materials used to build the devices and identifying where the components may have been obtained. His analysis was essential in aiding investigators in isolating specific items in Barnett's purchase history, and then in identifying where those items were purchased.

Due to the quick turn-around by FC Hawkins, agents were able to recover store images of Barnett purchasing specific items, which proved vital to the prosecution. Similarly valuable were IRS Richardson's timeline of events leading up to Barnett's arrest and an in-depth mapping of GPS, travel, and telephone data, along with a detailed financial examination by Senior Forensic Auditor (SFA) Scott Hufford which confirmed the initial proposed motive of financial gain.

With Division Operations Officer (DOO) Vincent Curry coordinating the logistics for the 47 ATF agents from multiple field divisions who supported this complex effort, and RAC Okray overseeing the coordination of the criminal investigation, a strong case was built against Barnett. Assisted by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Robert Bodnar, Jr., from the Middle District of Florida, the team secured a grand jury indictment and moved to trial.

On July 27, 2018, after a 4-day Federal trial which included the testimony of 27 witnesses and presentation of approximately 350 exhibits, Barnett was found guilty of multiple charges and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The collective efforts of those listed below, as well as many others, kept numerous people safe from Barnett's diabolical scheme to maim and kill as many innocent people as possible while lining his own pockets with money. For their great work in this investigation, the following were recognized at the 2019 ATF Annual Awards Ceremony:

ATF Distinguished Service Medal

SSA Dewane Krueger (2 awards) - RAC Todd Okray

Forensic Chemist Andrew Hawkins - DOO Vincent Curry

SA Raymond Hernandez - SA Brent Lane

SA Kristina Littlejohn - SA Johnny McDonald

EEO Kevin Miner - SA James Osburg

IRS Jeremy Richardson - SA Will Roper

Senior Forensic Auditor Scott Hufford

Honor Award

AUSA Robert Bodnar, Jr. - SA Jeffery Vash, FDLE (retired)

September 11th Commemoration

By J. Zoe Wood, Protocol Specialist, Executive Secretariat, PGA



Images of the New York Field Division offices (top left) and the ruins of the Twin Towers immediately following the terrorist attack of 9/11. (photos courtesy ATF retiree Joe Green)



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The Commemoration

On a day filled with solemn memories, raw emotion, reunions, and healing, ATF hosted its first September 11th Commemoration at ATF National Headquarters in Washington, DC. Unlike most ceremonies, the event began early in the morning with the tolling of a ceremonial bell commemorating in real time the moments of each plane crash; at 8:46 a.m. for the North Tower, New York City (NYC); at 9:03 a.m. for the South Tower, NYC; at 9:37 a.m. for the Pentagon; and at 10:03 a.m. for the field in Shanksville, PA. The ceremonial bell was positioned in the Atrium next to a back drop of nine-foot static display panels containing flight patterns, photos of each attack location and ATF responders, and verbiage reflecting ATF actions, all of which formed the timeline of events that occurred during the first 2 hours of that fateful day in 2001.

As the sound of the fourth bell faded, Deputy Director (DD) Regina Lombardo began the official ceremony by welcoming guests to a program intended to highlight ATF's response to the terrorist attacks, acknowledge the commitment and sacrifices of the ATF responders, and honor three ATF agents we've lost due to 9/11 related illnesses.

She welcomed special guests participating in the program including ATF Director on 9/11 Brad Buckles, former Acting Director Edgar Domenech, retired Special Agents (SA) Gerard Rudden and Daniel Boeh, and Deputy Assistant Directors (DAD) Peter Forcelli and Gregory Czarnopys, and recognized 9/11 responders "still on the job" and those from 21 locations watching via video teleconference.

DD Lombardo continued with reflections of her own experiences surrounding 9/11 and its aftermath, asked everyone to reflect for a moment on where they were on 9/11, and then described how the events of that day changed lives, businesses, and government forever. Finally, she requested a moment of silence to honor the ATF responders who have succumbed to 9/11 related illnesses; SA William Sheldon and retired SAs Cesar Santana and Chris Behan.



From left to right: Retired Special Agent Cesar Santana; Special Agent William Sheldon, and Retired Special Agent Chris Behan. (photos courtesy the families)

Edgar Domenech, Special Agent in Charge in New York on 9/11, stepped to the podium to guide the audience through the timeline, beginning with the events related to the crash into the North Tower.

He described the beautiful morning, observing that three of the four planes were already in the air by 8:30 a.m. He went on to note the moment of impact, his evacuation efforts for 60 ATF employees at 6 World Trade Center (WTC), the deployment of ATF NY III agents to the site, and the moment President Bush was notified of the crash while at an elementary school in Sarasota, Florida.



Right: Retired Acting Director Domenech rings the ceremonial bell. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)

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He was followed by DAD Peter Forcelli, then a new ATF Special Agent in NYC on 9/11 after 15 years with the NY Police Department, who described events surrounding the crash into the South Tower at the WTC.

He recapped the chaos in the streets while emergency services across the city responded to the scene; the fact that the South Tower had been deemed safe by the Port Authority only moments before the crash; Mayor Giuliani's arrival at the scene; and the near immediate speculation by the news outlets about the plane crashes being the result of a terrorist attack.

Special Agent Gerard Rudden, National Response Team (NRT) Team Leader on 9/11, continued the timeline with the events at and around the Pentagon, including the fact that countless lives were saved because the area of the Pentagon impacted by the crash was mostly vacant after recent renovations.

After SA Rudden became overwhelmed with emotion, former Acting Director Domenech finished the Pentagon timeline by noting all flights in U.S. air space were grounded and all flight departures prohibited by the Federal Aviation Administration, evacuations began at the White House and the Capitol, and the Continuity-of-Government procedures were implemented for the first time in American history.

Resident Agent in Charge of the Arson and Explosives Group in Pittsburgh on 9/11, retired SA Daniel Boeh, completed the timeline as he described the events surrounding the crash into the field in Shanksville, PA.

He explained that while passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 stormed the cockpit attempting to retake the plane, the South Tower of WTC in NYC collapsed – in 10 seconds – after burning for only 56 minutes, and within the next 30 minutes, the impacted area of the Pentagon and the North Tower at WTC had collapsed.

Upon conclusion of the commemoration, DD Lombardo asked guests to move to the auditorium where retired former Acting Director Domenech, DAD Forcelli, retired Special Agents Rudden and Boeh, would be joined by former Director Buckles and DAD Czarnopys for a panel discussion to hear their personal stories about their experiences on 9/11 and in its aftermath.

Right, from top to bottom: DAD Forcelli, Retired SA Gerard Rudden, and Retired SA Daniel Boeh ringing the ceremonial bell at the 9/11 Commemoration. (photos courtesy Carolyn Wallace)



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The Discussion

Former Director Buckles began the panel by saying he was humbled to be sitting next to responders who “did the work,” and knows the support provided from headquarters was valuable, but said it was also frustrating to wonder if it was enough.

He continued with recollections of what he was doing on 9/11 and said that by the time the second plane hit, he knew it wasn’t an accident, “that something much bigger was happening.” He described visiting the scenes and being overwhelmed by the courage and dedication in New York by “a set of people who were both at the same time victims and responders.”

His observations at the Pentagon and Shanksville sites were equally overwhelming and he commended the personal sacrifices and the outstanding leadership; “Dan and his people were clearly the experts on the scene, same thing true at the Pentagon.”

Buckles concluded by saying, “My hat is off to the men and women who sacrificed so much at the time and as we are learning that they are continuing to sacrifice with the illnesses born out of responding to those tragedies.”

Former Acting Director Domenech created a vivid picture of those first moments after the plane hit the North Tower with his description. He spoke about being in 6 WTC across the courtyard from the crash site, feeling the rumbling, and seeing debris and bodies falling or jumping from the building, saying his “mind couldn’t process that it was people falling.”

He described evacuating ATF employees, running into other ATF NY agents by chance as he walked up the west side of the building. He spoke of walking into a fully functional Red Hook command post that afternoon and having 100% accountability assessed by 9pm, saying, “To this day, that was one of the greatest experiences I experienced as a boss.”

Finally, he indicated the events of 9/11 and its aftermath will affect ATF for years to come, referring to the three agents already lost, 10 others who are sick, and many more who get monitored every year.

DAD Forcelli echoed the description of the WTC site, adding his recollections of a moment before the South Tower fell when “Jason Zamaloff grabbed my shoulder – hard – and said one word, and it was run, and I ran north and Jason ran somewhere else.”

Shortly afterward, DAD Forcelli received a call from Group Supervisor (GS) Gerry Raffa asking him to help an agent in need, so he and SA Bill Sheldon responded to get a pregnant agent to the hospital. DAD Forcelli said the moment they arrived at the hospital stood out in his mind because the medical personnel were ready to treat people, but no one was there, which indicated to him that “people either got out or were dead.”



He further reflected on the physical and emotion toll that working at Ground Zero had on the 9/11 responders, discussing his commitment to working “the pile,” leaving exhausted each time, but being heartened that “hundreds of people on both sides of the West Side Highway were applauding and handing us water and food,” feeling their gratitude for what the responders were doing.

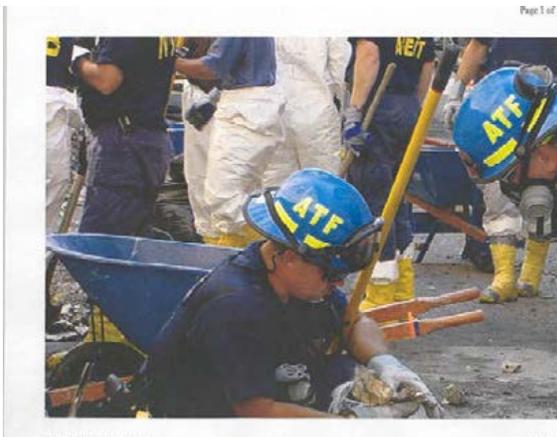
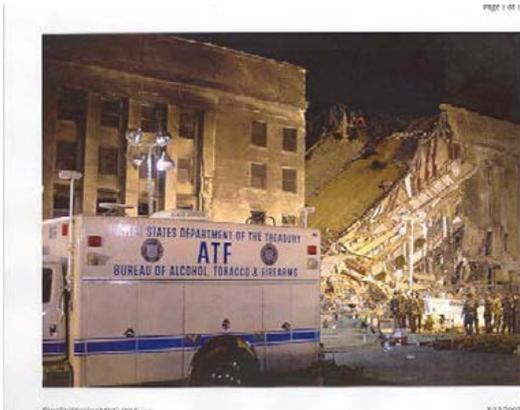
DAD Forcelli concluded his remarks by detailing for the audience the loss of his right lung in 2017 due to 9/11 related cancer, and then asked everyone who was in the area at all to get signed up for the World Trade Center Health Program.

9/11 Discussion Panel members. (photo courtesy Carolyn Wallace)

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ATF's response to the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. (photos courtesy ATF archives)



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Retired SA Rudden began with a light-hearted commitment to “try not to break up this time” during his comments. On 9/11, he was watching TV in Nashville, TN, as the first plane hit the North Tower and thought maybe an air traffic controller had made a mistake.

By the second plane crash, he thought maybe “someone had taken over” and decided to head to New York. In the meantime, he received formal notification to go to New York to assist, and before long, he was headed to the Pentagon instead.

The Arlington Fire Department had asked for ATF NRT assistance, so Mike Bouchard, NRT SAC at the time, coordinated with the Pentagon and the NRT truck arrived on-site, “much to the chagrin of other agencies,” said SA Rudden. He worked the night shift and described the environment as “the most eerie imaginable thing,” with just a few dozen people doing body recovery and removing and sorting materials.

SA Rudden also described “significant fire attached to the crash seeking paths of least resistance,” but because of the differing security levels in the areas, they could not immediately do the normal fire progression study. Finally, after several weeks at the Pentagon, he transitioned to New York and “after that, I went fishing.”

DAD Czarnopys began the portrayal of his experiences as a 9/11 responder with an emotional reflection that the most difficult part of the day was letting his children know he was leaving, not knowing whether he would return to them.

He expressed a need to help out, but also described the eerie atmosphere at night “on the pile” at the Pentagon while sorting through and preserving sensitive documents, saying, “I can’t put into words seeing inside the Pentagon.” DAD Czarnopys also voiced an appreciation for the tireless efforts of ATF support staff who were coordinating hotel rooms, training, gear, and many other necessities, indicating they took care of everything for the responders.

Retired SA Boeh rounded out the panel with his description of his experiences in Shanksville, PA. He was watching news coverage on the first plane crash when the second plane hit the South Tower, shortly afterward telling his team to “go home and start packing,” and he would let them know where they would have to go.

Within hours, the ATF NRT was on-site working with other agencies, “shoulder to shoulder” going through the scene, finding the landing gear and other plane parts, as well as only small human remains “the size of a thumb.” ATF responders also recovered important evidence including passports, a Leatherman in the open position, a tube of lipstick with a knife inside, and most importantly, the plane’s black box and documents containing the terrorists’ plans.

Finally, SA Boeh mentioned how striking it was to see flags on every home in the area, whether traditional flags or cardboard and colored or painted, “every home displayed the American flag.”

During the panel, health problems due to 9/11 related illnesses was a topic of discussion, and audience member retired GS Gerry Raffa conveyed the importance of anyone who was at the scenes in New York, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA, getting signed up for the available health programs, “whether they are sick right now or not.” ATF Benefits and Workforce Flexibilities Branch Chief Jeff Fernandez concurred and reiterated ATF’s commitment to ensuring guidance and support, regardless of status, and the efforts his team has undergone over the last couple of years to “get the word out” to current employees and the retirement community.

A couple of questions asked during the panel were particularly impactful. In response to a question about “survivor’s guilt,” DAD Forcelli described the incredible loss of close friends and colleagues “all at once” on 9/11, but also the loss of 21 more close friends since then from 9/11 related illnesses.

He said he can’t help but ask, “Why do I deserve to be here and not them?” He explained that “talking with folks that were there, who lived through it helps, it’s a balancing act.” Another questioner expressed an interest in knowing whether there were health concerns from the response to the Pentagon and Shanksville, in addition to New York. DAD Czarnopys was straight to the point, “When you have an explosion, and those materials turn into tiny particles, they become hazardous, so every one of those sites were hazardous.”

As ATF’s first September 11th commemoration event came to a close, responders lingered to share additional reflections with each other and audience members, and pledged support for next year’s program.

ATF's Protocol Corner: Planning a Conference – Speaking Order of Precedence

As a general rule, the order of precedence for speakers is ascending, so the most senior official would speak last. The conference planner must always keep in mind the purpose and structure of the conference to determine the proper speaking order:

- 1. What is the purpose of the conference?**
- 2. Is there a theme?**
- 3. Will participants be internal to the organization, external, or both?**
- 4. Will there be an internal or external keynote speaker, or both?**

When considering factors such as components of the conference agenda or the availability of the speaker(s), there are occasions for which the speaking order can, and should, be modified.

Two recent ATF events come to mind as good examples of speaking order: the National NIBIN Correlation Center (NNCTC) Grand Opening and the Memorial Observance. There were two speakers for the grand opening event – former ATF Deputy Director Brandon and DOJ United States Attorney Town. In this scenario, many assumed USA Town would speak first and then DD Brandon, because NNCTC is an ATF facility; however, there were two reasons former DD Brandon spoke first:

- 1. He was the host of the event.**
- 2. USA Town was representing the Attorney General (AG) at DOJ, a higher level agency.**

For the Memorial Observance during Police Week this year, AG Barr was committed to speaking at the ATF event, but due to his commitment to speak at all memorial services on that day, his time was limited and the timing had to be precise. Normally, DD Lombardo would speak first and then introduce AG Barr, who would be the keynote speaker. Based on his tight schedule, he spoke first and immediately departed for his next engagement, and the event continued with DD Lombardo.

Give us a call if you have doubts about speaking order – we're here to help.

This Month in IGA: National Police Foundation Averted School Violence Near Miss Reporting System

By ATF Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



This Month in IGA showcases the National Police Foundation's (NPF) Averted School Violence (ASV) Near Miss Reporting System. This system, funded in part through the U.S. Department of Justice, was designed to encourage individuals, whether they are law enforcement officers, parents, or school administrators, to share lessons learned from averted school violence incidents in an effort to prevent or mitigate future events.

On February 6, 2019, NPF conducted a comparison study on 51 averted and completed school violence attacks. The report highlights common psychological and demographical characteristics found in the attackers as well as recommendations for schools, parents, and law enforcement. The full report can be found [here](#) and more information can be found on the [ASV website](#).

ATF Intergovernmental Affairs Division is charged with promoting ATF by engaging stakeholders within the fire, law enforcement, and criminal investigative communities. For more information on the NPF or on any of the topics discussed, please contact IGA through Acting Chief John Wells at john.wells@atf.gov.

In Memoriam

*It is with sorrow and gratitude for our retirees' service
that we share the sad news received this month.*

Don G. Andrews, of Sweetwater, Texas, passed away on August 28, 2019. Don retired from ATF following many years as an Explosives Training Specialist serving at Fort A.P. Hill and the National Center for Explosives Training and Research. Fondly remembered as a dedicated, caring instructor with a wealth of knowledge and experience,

Don made a tremendous impact on the lives of his students and his many ATF friends and colleagues.

Former ATF Director Glenn R. (G.R.) Dickerson, of Leesburg, Virginia, passed away on August 29, 2019. Following a tenure with the U.S. Army in WWII, he joined the U.S. Customs Service in 1951, serving more than two decades before his appointment as ATF Director in 1979. After retiring from the Federal Government in 1983, Mr. Dickerson became the first American appointed as Secretary-General of the Customs Cooperation Council, serving a term as the senior leader of this international organization, which is now known as the World Customs Organization.

Retired Special Agent Christ W. Heart, of Houston, Texas, passed away on September 3, 2019. After serving with distinction in the United States Marine Corps, Christ initially joined ATF's Chicago Field Division, rotating through Los Angeles, California, and McAllen, Texas, before landing in Houston, where he served as a respected leader and mentor. Christ's positive outlook on life made a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Recent Retirements

Employee	Position	Location	Govt. Service
Aaron, James J.	Technical Surveillance Specialist	Denver Field Division	31
Hall, Gina	Administrative Support Assistant	Houston Field Division	16
Harper-Adams, Janice	Critical Information Specialist	Joint Support Operations Center	46
Knoblock, Cherie A.	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of the Director	36
Krueger, Dewane L.	Special Agent	Tampa Field Division	22
Little, Deborah L.	Investigative Analyst	Cleveland Group II	44
Lough, Denise I.	Senior Operations Officer	Kansas City Field Division	35
Majors, William E.	Branch Chief	Firearms and Explosives Branch	19
Michalic, Vivian B.	Assistant Director	Office of Management	35
Palmieri, Tina J.	Senior Industry Ops Investigator	New York Field Division	30
Pollatos, Jerry	Tactical Operations Officer	Washington Field Division	30
Stratton, Troy D.	OCDETF Coordinator	Special Operations Division	32
West, Michael J.	Special Agent	International Affairs Office	27
Whitaker, Kevin S.	Senior SA/CFI, NRT	Downers Grove Field Office	20

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Recent Moves

Employee	From	To
Ireland, Kevin J	Personnel Security Division	RAC/GS, Baltimore VI Field Office
Jacobson, John	Section Chief, NIBIN Branch	Section Chief, NAOB
Poole, Eric J.	RAC/GS, Harrisburg Field Office	RAC/GS, Philadelphia VI Field Office
Bowman, John F.	RAC/GS, Philadelphia VI Field Office	RAC/GS, Harrisburg Field Office
Hamm, Shannon L.	Special Agent, Jackson Satellite Office	RAC/GS, Jacksonville II Field Office
Huskey, James A.	RAC/GS, Las Vegas Field Office	RAC/GS, Las Vegas II Field Office
Scoll, Benjamin J.	RAC/GS, Portland Field Office	Branch Chief, National Tracing Center

Positions listed are management/supervisory positions only. Submitted by Human Resources Information Center, Systems Administration Br

New Hires, Welcome to ATF!

Employee	Position	Location
Barto, Marie T.	Intelligence Research Specialist	Tucson, Arizona
Boone, Adrienne F.	Attorney-Advisor	Office of Chief Counsel, Washington, DC
Brown, Stefani M.	Special Agent	Orlando, Florida
Burgos Soto, Joshua	Special Agent	Hato Rey, San Juan
Casel, Jason W.	Special Agent	Seattle, Washington
Collier, Shantrell N.	Deputy Division Chief, IT Sys Mgmt/Delivery Div	Office of Science & Technology, Washington, DC
Crocker, Benjamin L.	Special Agent	Greensboro, North Carolina
Dennis, Jonathan D.	Special Agent	Denver, Colorado
Effing, Drew N.	Special Agent	Roanoke, Virginia
Fitzgerald, Daniel F.	Special Agent	Providence, Rhode Island
Fox, Hannah E.	Special Agent	Phoenix, Arizona
Freedman, Michael J.	Special Agent	Fargo, North Dakota
Gardner, Darla A.	Intelligence Research Specialist	Anchorage, Alaska
Joliet, Christopher L.	Special Agent	Laredo, Texas

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Employee	Position	Location
Jones, Kevin D.	Attorney-Advisor	Office of Chief Counsel, Washington, DC
Knoll, Vincent J.	Special Agent	Charleston, South Carolina
Kochtitzky V, John S.	Fingerprint Specialist	FSL-Atlanta, Office of Science & Technology
Maxwell, Andrew J.	Special Agent	Kansas City, Missouri
Park, Jae H.	SpecialAgent	Los Angeles, California
Popham, Charles M.	Special Agent	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Quijano, Christopher A.	Special Agent	McAllen, Texas
Reinert, Alexander F.	Special Agent	Des Moines, Iowa
Schleyer, Cory J.	Intelligence Research Specialist	Austin, Texas
Spratte, Thomas E.	Special Agent	Chicago, Illinois
Sprinkles, Matthew W.	Special Agent	Little Rock, Arkansas
Sutton, Christopher B.	Special Agent	Fort Worth, Texas
Toy, Gwendalynn N.	Special Agent	Baltimore, Maryland
Wickham III, Douglas J.	Intelligence Research Specialist	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Submitted by Human Resources Information Center, Systems Administration Branch

Need help? Here's how to get it:

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, call:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK

TTY: 800-799-4TTY (4998)

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

The Lifeline is a network of crisis centers committed to suicide prevention and located in communities across the country.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

1-800-327-2251

www.bhssolutions.org

ATF employees and their family members can call EAP's toll free number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EAP is a free, confidential counseling and referral program for ATF employees, loved ones, and family members.

Safe Call Now

1-206-459-3020 or 1-877-230-6060

www.safecallnow.org

Safe Call Now provides public safety employees (including support staff too) and their family members nationwide with a simple and confidential way to ask for help. Staffed by officers, former law enforcement officers, and public safety professionals, Safe Call Now is a safe place to turn to get help from individuals who understand the demands of a law enforcement career. Call 911 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger.