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**Open Letter to All Federal Firearms Licensees**

**September 11th Anniversary**

As you are aware, September 11, 2011, marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. This is a significant event, and much attention will be directed to this date throughout the world.

While the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has received no specific threat information associated with the anniversary, we encourage you to exercise increased awareness and vigilance as the anniversary approaches. The security of your business operations, particularly your firearms inventory, is very important; and you should heighten your security precautions in light of this upcoming anniversary.

Please review [ATF P 3317.2, Safety and Security Information for Federal Firearms Licensees](#), for useful information on steps that can be taken to reduce your vulnerability to theft or loss. In addition, [ATF P 5300.15](#), Federal Firearms Licensee Quick Reference and Best Practices Guide, provides vital information that not only helps you comply with Federal laws and regulations relating to thefts or losses of firearms (page 10), but helps all of us protect your communities from violent crime as well.

Federal firearms licensees who discover the theft or loss of firearms are required by law to report the incident within 48 hours of the discovery to your local law enforcement agency. A separate report must be made to ATF by calling 1-888-930-9275, toll free. Any time you spot suspicious activity associated with your Federal firearms license, please contact your local [ATF field office](#) immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice or these recommendations, please contact your local [ATF field office](#). Thank you for your continued cooperation and vigilance.

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