



CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE



Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI) is a focused concept that consistently produces timely, precise, and actionable intelligence concerning connected firearms-related events that assist investigators in connecting, identifying, and disrupting violence through evidence-based methods. Its aim is to disrupt cycles of violence by identifying and prosecuting shooters and their sources of crime guns.

Crime Gun Intelligence Centers

Launched in July 2016, Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs) are interagency collaborations to collect, analyze and distribute intelligence data about crime guns, mass shootings, and major incidents across multiple jurisdictions.

Key Tools Used by CGICs

- **National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN):** The only national network that allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms.
- **NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS):** A web-based application developed to help ATF collect, analyze, refer, and track NIBIN and other crime gun data.
- **eTrace:** A web-based application that is used to trace the purchase and/or use the history of firearms used in violent crimes.

Benefits of Setting Up a CGIC

- ATF resources (eTrace, NIBIN, NESS, and more).
- Timely and actionable intelligence.
- Focused personnel on gun crimes (special agents, intelligence research specialists, industry operations investigators, industry operations intelligence specialists, and more).
- Advanced technology to help solve gun crimes.
- Opportunities to participate in advanced training by ATF.

Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Partnerships

Every agency has unique challenges, such as jurisdictional responsibilities and limited resources. Participating in CGICs will increase collaboration, enhance the ability to force multiply, emphasize gun violence reduction, and improve overall community safety.

- 185,000+ investigative leads were generated by 370 NIBIN partner sites in fiscal year (FY) 2024.
- 582,000+ crime guns were traced back to their origins by the National Tracing Center in FY 2024.

Training Opportunities

ATF's CGIC Branch offers various training programs to State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial partners that include:

- Introduction to Crime Gun Intelligence
- Crime Gun Intelligence Scenario Training
- NESS Training

