



ATF Tools for Crime Gun Intelligence

Automated solutions that aid in the solving of violent firearm crimes.

NESS⁺ RMS and eTrace DIRECT each provide distinct functions – Integrating both maximizes Crime Gun Intelligence potential.

NESS

An ATF web-based investigative tool that automatically receives and organizes all NIBIN leads nationwide.



Benefits:

- Assigns Crime Gun ID numbers to NIBIN leads for ease of tracking.
- Condenses NIBIN data, manually-entered RMS details, and limited eTrace information on one platform.
- Ability to view your agency's data and identify NIBIN connections linked to other agencies.
- Provides comprehensive data that ATF and LE agencies can utilize in crime analysis.

No cost to LE agencies.

MOU required between LE Agency and NESS.

Contact your local ATF POC or NESS_Support@atf.gov

eTrace

A web-based investigative tool used to trace crime guns from their original manufacturer or importer to the last known retail purchaser.

Benefits:

- Assists in quickly identifying the last known retail purchaser of a crime gun through manual entry of firearms information.
- Search functions and statistical reports help detect potential suspects, gun traffickers, and patterns of violent gun crime.
- Option to share data with other LE agencies in your state who also participate in Collective Data Sharing (CDS).

No cost to LE agencies.

Not a national firearms registry. MOU required between LE agency and National Tracing Center.

Request an account at <https://etrace.atf.gov/>

NESS⁺ RMS

Automates the transmission of case report data from an LE Agency's RMS to the NESS application.



All the benefits of NESS plus the added advantages of:

- Your agency's shooting and gun recovery RMS data available in near real-time, including people, locations and summary of offense.
- Automatically updates to add supplemental case information to existing LE Events in NESS.
- Eliminates manual data entry allowing for analysts and/or ATF contractors to assist LE agencies with other investigative needs.

*A dedicated IT POC is required 1-2 days/week for the 3-month development process.

*The NESS team often works directly with an LE agency IT POC and is not involved in associated costs for RMS vendor development, if preferred

MOU required between LE Agency and NESS.

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eTrace DIRECT

Automated real-time electronic trace data submission and results retrieval between an LE Agency's RMS and the National Tracing Center.



All the benefits of eTrace plus the added advantages of:

- Secure Application Programming Interface (API) built and maintained by ATF.
- Eliminates need for manual entry of individual trace requests and retrieval of results.
- Improved timeliness and data quality through standardization.
- Delivers trace results back to LE Agency's RMS for storage, use, and authorized dissemination.

*LE Agency may incur some preliminary costs from RMS vendor related to the RMS/API integration. Upfront costs are offset through long-term savings.

MOU and Terms of Service Agreement required between LE Agency and National Tracing Center.

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