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Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, Inc.



AMR / AFTER MISSION REPORT

On behalf of Dave Coakley and the entire Board we thank our members for joining us as we went behind the scenes of the growing FBI Training Complex & the ATF's at the legendary Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

With our hosts:

Ms. Alicia Irmscher FBI RSA Host
Demetrius M. Smith FBI ATL COS
Christian Foreman FBI ATL COS
Chief Ken Torres ATF **NCETR** Host

The Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama became famous decades ago when NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the Defense Intelligence Agency's Missile & Space Intelligence center were built there. The FBI team first came to the massive base in the 1970's and has gradually expanded their presence moving more staff to Huntsville in recent years. This tour was a great way for us to learn about future technology for the FBI organization.

This year we also had the privilege of a tour of the ATF's National Center for Explosives Training & Research – NCETR which consolidates all the agency's key explosives, fire, canine & national response team operations with training locations at the Redstone Arsenal complex. It consists of the Explosives Enforcement and Training Division; Explosives Research and Development Division; and the Fire Investigation and Arson Enforcement Division.

ATF provides outstanding training facilities and the expertise of its training staff in delivering life-saving advanced explosives and arson training for our nation's explosives handlers, bomb technicians, criminal investigators, and military EOD teams. The main NCETR facility and explosives ranges in Huntsville make this center a unique resource in the fight against explosives-related violent crime and the government-wide C-IED efforts.

FBI+ATF 2024 REDSTONE Arsenal Tour



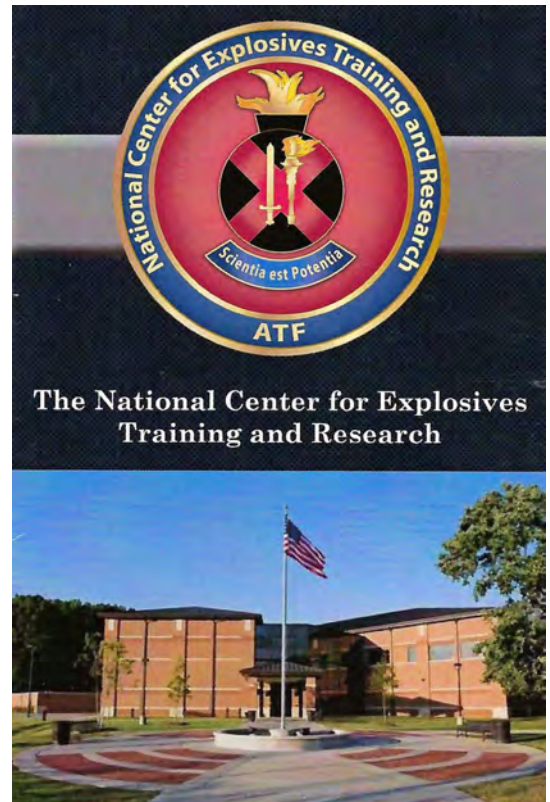
Tour Day 1 ATF - RSA Tour Wednesday Jan 10

ATF TOUR schedule

- 8:30 am Meet in hotel lobby / breakfast area
- 9:00 am Depart Gate 9 via hosted passenger van
- 9:30 am ARR NCETR Center / Huntsville Arsenal
- 9:30 - 10:00 US Bomb Data Center Overview
- 10:00 - 10:30 NCETR Mission Overview
- 10:30 - 12:00 NCETR Walk & Talk Tour
(Post Blast, E3, R&D, HME)

- 12:00 - 1:00 ** Lunch

- 1:00 - 2:30 Drive to Capano Range/Explosives Demo -
Explosives Enforcement Div.
- 2:30 - 4:30 Drive to Burn Cells/Flashover Demo -
Fire and Arson Enforcement Div.
- 4:45 PM Final remarks & photos
RSA - ATF Tour Conclusion



NCETR

Our ATF tour hosts + presenters included :

- NCETR Branch Chief Ken Torres ... *shown here*
- ATF SSA Warren C. Smith
- ATF Public Info Officer Douglas Shores





Our time with the ATF at their Explosive's Training complex was an eye-opening education for our group ... *Fire in the Hole!!*

DANGER HAZARDOUS AREA KEEP OUT



Above, ... the ATF's unique Burn Cells are used to provide training to Arson / explosives investigators. The Flashover Demo they provided for us demonstrated how quickly a fire can spread in a residential structure.

Tour Day 2 FBI - RSA Tour

Thursday Jan 11



- 8:30 Meet in hotel lobby / breakfast area
- 8:45 am Depart Gate 9 via hosted passenger van
- 9:00 am Meet at Hazardous Devices School (HDS) for briefing by UC Jay Henze)
- 10:15 am Depart HDS and travel TIEDS
- 10:30 am Arrive TIEDS (Briefing A/UC Matt Sherrill)
- 11:30 pm Depart TIEDS to Coffee Shop Ops Building
- 11:45 pm Arrive at Coffee Shop Ops Building
- 12:30 pm Redstone Briefing by PAS Alicia Irmischer
- 1:00 pm Walking tour to Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC)
- 1:30 pm Meet at Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC) (A/UC Kelly Mount)
- 3:00 pm Depart TEDAC and travel to Ballistic Research Facility (BRF)
- 3:15 pm Arrive BRF for tour of facility & briefing by SSA Scott Patterson
- 4:30 pm Conclude FBI tour



Main security access point to FBI North Campus
RSA

The FBI Ballistic Research Facility / BRF , an **independent research facility** has created a body armor test protocol to ensure, that the vests issued to FBI personnel perform at the highest level possible. Key facts of this test protocol are included in this public link :
[FBI Body Armor Test Protocol](#)

“... What did I learn from our trip to RSA? I'll paraphrase from Aristotle: "The more I know, the more I realize that I don't know." This was an incredible experience. I can't wait for next year...”

Jennifer Mann



Our tour included a review of mock villages for training explosive detection teams in realistic infrastructure



My granddaughter was also happy with my visit to the FBI Gift Shop for her !

Jim Paules



Our group wraps up our FBI tour in the main entry of the BRF / Ballistic Research Facility ...



Christian Foreman Dave Coakley Daniel Veiga Jennifer Mann Angelo Bryant Gary Ramey Karen Hampton Sharmin Summerlin Jim Paules Demetrius Smith

Our 2024 RSA Tour Team

We concluded our FBI tour at the FBI Ballistic Research Facility / BRF where we were briefed by SSA Scott Patterson.

The Weapons Management Facility is responsible for the administration and sustainment of the FBI's weapons, ammunition, and ballistic protective armor. The FBI transitioned Weapons Management Facility operations from Quantico, VA. to this permanent, state-of-the-art management and maintenance center at Redstone Arsenal.

The FBI appreciates the support and partnership of the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville communities in helping advance this long-awaited project.



Below are notes and feedback about what I learned from the RSA tours :

Related to the ATF tour:

- The level of danger that fireworks presents and how they can be manipulated to cause greater harm.
- I now know that it is impossible to run back into a fire no matter how determine you may be to do so.
- The different types of explosives that the ATF are exposed too, I thought it be limited in scope but now I understand that it is a vast array at their disposal.

FBI

1. The aviation portion and the FBI's collaboration with TSA was impressive. It's good to see that the task force has all appropriate authorities present to address the current and future challenges in this space.
2. The way the FBI can reverse engineer devices as well as get intelligence off a device like a drone is impressive.
3. Learning how an explosive device goes through several FBI departments to glean as much information from the device to prosecute their subjects.

Angelo Bryant

Comments from prior tour participants

" ... I had not heard that the FBI had moved so much staff and technology to Redstone, with so much more to come ..."

"... It was encouraging to see how young & passionate the technical staff are - the level of professionalism, dedication, and expertise was astounding. The people we met were the best in the world, and are looked to for their professional expertise in courts around the world. I could not be more proud of them & glad to be a supporter in the FBICAAA... "

[More info about the FBI team at the Redstone Arsenal at this link.](#)

Special thanks to both Ms. Alicia Irmischer, M.S. Public Affairs / Congressional Affairs Officer - our FBI RSA tour host and Demetrius M. Smith FBI ATL COS

We truly appreciate our attending members with their enthusiastic questions, patience with scheduling and sharing their personal comments about what they learned during the tour!

We encourage our graduates to TAKE ACTION now and renew their membership in the FBI ATL Citizens' Academy Alumni Association for 2024 ! Our members have offered great ideas for future tours and conference topics and we look forward to our members sharing their ideas for activities that will continue our educational mission about the important work the FBI does to keep our nation safe ! #USAHEROES

[More information on our organization plus quick & easy renewal info at our website link](#)

[Find more info on our Board and recent events / conferences we have hosted on our LinkedIn page](#)

Our FBI RSA host PAO Irmischer shared with us that the FBI is actively seeking staff / employees to apply for positions in one of the many diverse careers available at the FBI / Redstone campus. If you have family or associates with an interest in one of the many dynamic careers with the FBI we encourage them to contact / Email:

FBIRedstoneJobs@FBI.gov

FBI ATL Spring 2024
Citizens' Academy
Set to launch

MARCH 20
2024



We encourage our members to invite family, associates and community leaders to apply for a seat at the upcoming FBI Citizens Academy using the application on the FBI.gov website:

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/atlanta/community-outreach>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at this email address:
at_communityoutreach@fbi.gov.

We thank our diverse membership for their interest in supporting the FBI ATL Citizens Academy Alumni Association mission and goals!

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