



# F.B.I. Atlanta

Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

## FBI Redstone Arsenal Tour

# 2023 tour

## AFTER MISSION REPORT / AMR



On behalf of Dave Coakley and the entire Board we thank our members for joining us for this fascinating look behind the scenes of the growing FBI Complex at the legendary Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

*With our F.B.I. hosts:*

Ms. Alicia Irmischer FBI RSA Host &  
Demetrius M. Smith FBI ATL COS

**“Its really about the future of the FBI and it’s all about the technology, innovation, talent and resiliency”**

*... Paul Abbate, FBI Deputy Director*

The Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama became famous decades ago when NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Missile and 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 to learn about future plans for the FBI complex – *sometimes referred to as FBI HQ2 !*

*It was a privilege for our FBI Atlanta Citizens Academy Alumni Association members to go behind the scenes and learn about the FBI’s unique research / diverse training activities at this iconic site during our visit on January 12 & 13, 2023.*

# FBI Hazardous Devices School / HDS.



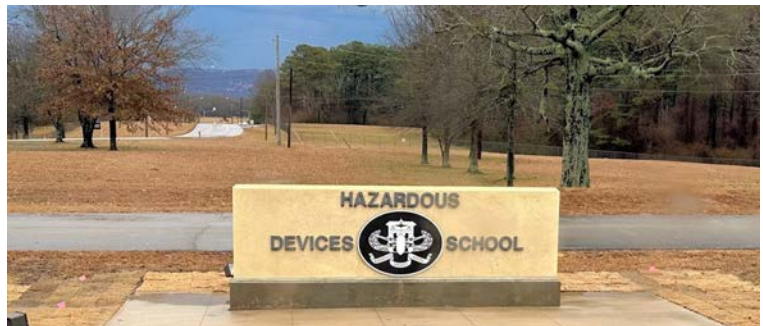
Day 1 FBI - RSA Tour Thursday Jan 12  
9 AM Depart Hotel for Redstone Arsenal / delayed due to weather

Meet at FBI Hazardous Devices School (HDS) for briefing by  
SABT Kajetan (KG) Groicher & tour of mock training villages  
Depart HDS and travel to TIEDS (TEDAC Improvised Explosives  
Detection and synthesis Center)

Arrive TIEDS for briefing by Mr. Grant Depew  
Depart for lunch

Arrive Ballistic Research Facility (BRF) for tour of facility  
(Briefing SSA Rick McLain)

3 PM Conclude FBI tour Day 1, depart for hotel.



Tour participant Allan Hess explains what he learned that surprised him:

- 1) I had not heard that the FBI had moved so much staff and technology to Redstone, with so much more to come
- 2) America's best kept secret - The variety, breadth and depth of the technical disciplines.
- 3) 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



Mock villages for training explosive detection teams in realistic infrastructure

We continued Day 1 at the FBI Ballistic Research Facility / BRF where we were briefed by SSA Rick McLain.

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 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\*\*](#)

Day 2 FBI – RSA Tour Friday Jan 13

9:00 AM Depart Hotel for FBI North Campus

9:30 Meet at Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC) (A/UC Kelly Mount)

11:30 Depart TEDAC and travel to Operations 1 (DPSI) for lunch

12:45 North Campus drive-around tour & briefing CDS Ms. Alicia Irmischer + plus visit RA store

1:30 PM Conclude FBI tour & return to Hotel for check out and departure.



Dave Kirk Allan Dhawal Tony Carman & Angel Mark Rosalyn Jim Cindy Alex Demetrius  
Coakley Canady Hess Raste Flowers Alonso Lewis Dennis Paules Jones Gutierrez Smith

After an eye-opening tour and focused briefings at the TEDAC / Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center we took a lunch and photo break at the OPS1 Center on the FBI North Campus

We wrapped up about 1 pm with a visit to the RA gift shop

[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 2023 ! 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 education 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've hosted on our LinkedIn page](#)

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 diverse careers with the FBI we encourage them to contact / Email : [FBIRedstoneJobs@FBI.gov](mailto:FBIRedstoneJobs@FBI.gov)

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Last but not least - during 2023 the Atlanta FBI Field Office has three Citizens' Academies planned for Macon, Atlanta & Savannah - if you have family or associates interested in being considered for a seat at the next CA class, *please request an application from CSO Demetrius Smith via Email* [DMSmith3@FBI.gov](mailto:DMSmith3@FBI.gov)

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