



# ATF's Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Certification

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STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL CGIC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION



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### ATF CGIC Certification Purpose Statement

The purpose of this form is to provide State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Organizations a standardized avenue to document practices of a CGIC in their Areas of Operation (AOR) which enable their success, and to integrate the pillars of success as shown in ATF's CGIC Certification. ATF's goal in the ATF CGIC Certification process is to acknowledge and showcase local CGIC efforts in preventing gun crime, and to learn the various strategies local CGICs use to overcome challenges and utilize opportunities unique to their AOR. In accordance with this goal, ATF has identified five pillars that successful CGICs share.

#### Pillar #1 – The Comprehensive Collection of Ballistic Evidence

CGICs who encourage and enable their state and local partners to collect each piece of ballistic evidence, from casings to firearms, across every variety of crime create the most robust sets of forensic and investigative crime gun data. This data is the foundation on which the understanding of gun crime in your AOR is built. In partnership with their forensic labs and entering each piece of evidence into both eTrace and NIBIN, investigators are then able to piece together the life of a crime gun from purchase to crime, and hopefully recovery.

#### Pillar #2 – The Creation, Management, and Dissemination of Crime Gun Intelligence

Pillar #2 naturally builds on Pillar #1. With the dataset created by each piece of ballistic evidence collected and submitted to eTrace and NIBIN, investigators can utilize intelligence tools and techniques to create, manage, and disseminate intelligence products. These products can be anything from a printable lead sheet generated within the NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS) showing a series of shootings using the same crime gun to a link analysis chart utilizing eTrace information to visualize a network of crime gun trafficking.

#### Pillar #3 – Dedicated Teams, Investigative Resources, Techniques, and Workflow

Pillar #3 continues to build to a successful CGIC from the previous two, and like all pillars can vary greatly between CGICs. After investigators or analysts use the previous fundamentals to identify viable leads, a successful CGIC has dedicated resources, such as internal or external teams, that are invested in creating investigations and prosecuting offenders. These resources can be dependent on partnerships with other law enforcement organizations, attorney offices, and even private organizations. However, dedicated investigators from within the CGIC are an equally integral to some CGICs. The crux of this pillar is that a CGIC knows exactly who to turn to with the intelligence that it generates, and those resources will both investigate the crime and continue to work with the CGIC throughout the investigation.

#### Pillar #4 – Investigative Follow-up and Data-Driven Performance Management

Pillar #4 highlights the importance of continued operations between elements and partners of a CGIC throughout a crime gun investigation. With a dedicated focus, the CGIC can provide resources to the investigator over the course of a crime gun case. In return, the investigator keeps the CGIC involved as the case develops, leading to additional intelligence for the CGIC and an understanding of successful practices and the CGICs contribution to any prosecutions. Ultimately, this continued relationship allows the CGIC to create and utilize data driven metrics of success to understand both the AOR as well as their own best practices suited to their unique environment.

#### Pillar #5 – Development of Training and Policy

Pillar #5 is the culmination of a CGIC. With the fundamental understanding of gun crime in their area, as well as the practices that have allowed a CGIC to be successful in prosecuting offenders, the CGIC will be develop training and policy to refine and continue the success of the CGIC as well as other partner organizations.

This document provides spaces designated for your CGIC to showcase its practices in relation to each of these fundamental Pillars of Success.

The ATF CGIC Certification process is not designed to be either pass or fail. Rather, this process is intended to encourage requesting CGICs identify and discuss their successful practices with ATF, as well as identify and discuss any areas where ATF can offer advice or assistance. With the vast differences between AORs, each CGIC is likely to have unique perspectives, practices, and processes. In documenting these unique experiences in establishing and operating CGICs ATF will be able to offer further assistance to State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies through recognition and a greater understanding of our partners on a more localized level and sharing these groundbreaking practices between agencies to prevent gun crime across the nation. Upon ATF CGIC Certification your CGIC will be included in a nation-wide CGIC email distribution list where ATF will be able to showcase success stories, highlight software and technologies, and provide direct updates to the program. Your ATF Certified CGIC will also receive an award for display.



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Requesting CGIC Snapshot

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ATF Resources Utilized by CGIC (Please check all that apply)

eTrace                                      eTrace Collection Data Sharing (eCDS)

Organizations included in eCDS: \_\_\_\_\_

National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN)

NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC) Correlation and Review

Do you receive NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS) Leads from your ATF Field Division?

Do any of your CGIC Organizations have active NESS Users?

    If so, which Organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your CGIC include Organizations that have an automated case data feed into NESS?

    If so, which Organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

ATF Task Force Officer Program / Special Deputy Program

    If so, which Organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

ATF K-9 for ballistic evidence collection

Mobile Command Center                                      NIBIN Mobile Unit                                      Shoot Tanks/Bullet Stops

Does your CGIC have interest in any ATF resources listed above?

    If so, what resources? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Primary CGIC Contact Information

Requesting CGIC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Name to be printed on Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Group Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Point of Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Point of Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CGIC Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATF Field Division Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**CGIC Member Organizations (Please select one, hover mouse for definition)**

<b>Standalone CGIC</b>	<b>Consortium CGIC</b>	<b>Regional CGIC</b>
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**Please include any additional Organization information in the body of emailed application**



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## 1. Collection Process for Crime Gun Evidence

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## 2. Crime Gun Intelligence Collection, Management and Dissemination

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### 3. CGIC Teams, Investigative Resources, Techniques and Workflow

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### 4. Investigative Follow-Up and Performance Management

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### 5. Training/Policy Development

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### AOR Unique Challenges, Opportunities & Additional Questions and Comments for ATF

Empty text area for providing information related to AOR Unique Challenges, Opportunities & Additional Questions and Comments for ATF.

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Please CC your ATF Field Division Point of Contact