

NSSF FAST FACTS

Federal firearm licensees (FFL) nationwide have seen an increase in the number of firearms stolen from their businesses when they have been the victim of a burglary or robbery.

According to data released by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the number of burglaries of federal firearm licensees (FFLs) have increased by more than 71 percent over past five years. The number of robberies have increased by 267 percent over the same period. About 8,129 firearms were stolen from FFLs in burglaries and robberies in 2017. ATF, the National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) and members of the firearms industry are concerned about these trends.

That's why NSSF, as the trade association for the firearms industry, is cooperating with ATF to try to address this problem, through a new initiative called Operation Secure StoreSM. As part of Operation Secure Store, NSSF matches ATF reward offers for information that leads to the successful arrest of the criminals responsible for a theft of firearms from an FFL. Additionally, NSSF is helping to educate FFLs on steps they can take to reduce the chance guns will be stolen from them during a burglary or robbery. NSSF, in cooperation with ATF, conducts retailer store security seminars, assists retailers with store security audits of their premises and endorses and promotes the use of security products like smash-resistant display cases.

While these campaigns promote best practices for FFLs, every store is different and there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Even when following best practices and taking proper precautions, FFLs remain high targets for determined criminals

seeking to illegally obtain firearms.

To help address this ongoing threat to FFLs and to public safety, NSSF supports the passage of federal legislation, the Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act of 2017, to strengthen criminal penalties for theft of firearms from FFLs and imposing mandatory minimum sentences, this legislation would help deter criminals from becoming repeat offenders and would send a strong message to criminals engaged in this nefarious activity.

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In the House, this measure has been introduced by Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK-5) as H.R. 3790. The Senate bill has been introduced by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) as S. 1854.

NSSF urges all Members of Congress to support the FFL Protection Act and Operation Secure StoreSM initiative to help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands and ensure that criminals are taken off our streets and held accountable.

