



## The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Houston Division

*Citizens Academy*

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Houston Field Division is proud to host its 4<sup>th</sup> annual ATF Citizens Academy. ATF recognizes the importance of forging strong alliances with local communities and maintaining collaborative relationships with community leaders. Qualified candidates will be provided a unique look into the nation's leading agency in the investigation of firearms, arson, and explosives laws. In addition, candidates will discover how local communities and citizens can play a key role in ATF's critical mission. The ATF will provide an in-depth, working knowledge of federal firearms, explosives, and arson efforts in combatting illegal firearm trafficking. The course will be comprised of topics such as ATF Mission and History, Firearms Trafficking, K-9, Weapons Familiarization to include a Range Day, Surveillance, and Raid Planning and Execution.

**The class is tentatively scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> thru April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** This eight week program will take place one night per week on Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In place of two evening classes, there will be two day classes at an off-site location. (firearms range day, and explosives demonstration day). Classes will be held at the ATF Houston Division Office. There are no fees for enrollment.

Potential candidates must be a business, civic, and/or religious community leaders. Federal firearms licensees and journalists are also welcome to apply. All applications must be approved by the Special Agent in Charge in Houston. All candidates must pass a security clearance, have no prior felony convictions, and agree to a hold-harmless agreement form.

Interested candidates should go to [www.atfcitizenacademy.com](http://www.atfcitizenacademy.com) and complete the online application. **All applications must be submitted no later than December 3, 2018.** All applicants will be notified if they are accepted by January 15, 2019.