

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 firearms 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. The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) and members of the firearms industry are concerned about these trends.

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

The Federal Firearm Licensee Protection Act builds on the efforts NSSF, the trade association for the firearms industry, has taken to address this problem through our

partnership with ATF on Operation Secure Store<sup>SM</sup>. 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 helps educate FFLs on steps they can take to reduce the chance guns will be stolen from them during a burglary or robbery, and 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-

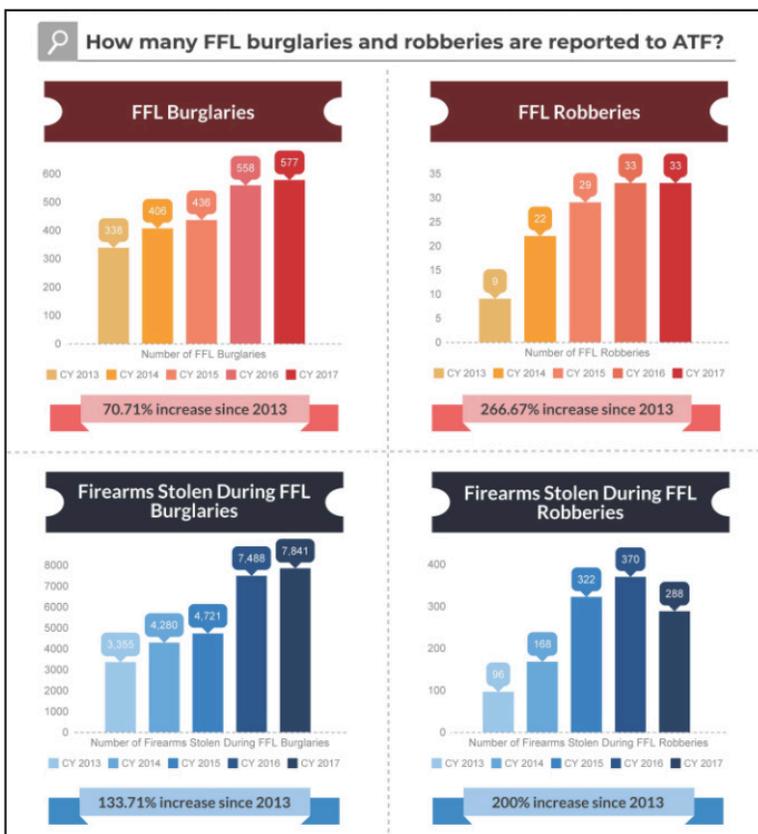
resistant display cases.

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.

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

## FFL PROTECTION ACT

### FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE BURGLARY AND ROBBERY STATISTICS Calendar Year 2013 - 2017



Source: ATF Infographic, [atf.gov/firearms/federal-firearm-licensee-ffl-burglary-and-robbery-statistics-calendar-years-2013-2017](http://atf.gov/firearms/federal-firearm-licensee-ffl-burglary-and-robbery-statistics-calendar-years-2013-2017).

