Hello!

This month we want to let you know that we have begun the actual programming of the Secure Automated Firearms E-Check (SAFE) system! Back in our March message we explained the overall process of the design and build, but that time we were still at the point of defining requirements and discussing conceptual ideas. But, now, our vendor has started the work on programming the system that you all (and we all) will be using in just over a year from now. We’re hoping to be able to share screen shots of the entry forms in the future, once they are a bit more refined, but the FFLs who we’ve had take a look at what we have so far, have seemed to like what they see.

Some other good news we’d like to share to share...

It appears we are going to be able to have SAFE fill out both the ATF e4473 and the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) Firearm Transfer Application (FTA) at the same time, allowing you to print out hard copies for your files or save them electronically as PDFs. And, we’re also currently working on the best way for the transferees to enter the information for Section B of the 4473, possibly via a QR code they generate before arriving at your store, or via a separate email link they could complete on their own device like a phone or tablet.

Thank you,

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