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## **Weekly Update & Analysis**

The Brooks Bawden Moore Weekly Update and Analysis highlights the previous week's floor and committee activities with the US Senate and House of Representatives, and this week's congressional activities that relate to law enforcement and homeland security matters. The weekly update also lists legislation introduced which may be of interest to the law enforcement and homeland security communities. Please let us know if you would like to know more about any of the items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

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### **Week in Recap**

This week, Congress began a two-week recess. With members out of town, discussions continue over the budget and debt ceiling, among other high-profile initiatives. House Republicans are reportedly finalizing a formal list of spending cuts they'll demand from President

Biden in exchange for their support for raising the US Debt Ceiling. Congressional Republicans are also working toward a budget proposal to counter President Biden's government spending plan.

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## Hearings & Markups



### Hearings This Week

- No Hearings

### Hearings Next Week

- No Hearings

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## Legislation on the Floor



## **Senate**

- Not in session

## **House**

- Not in session

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## **New Bill Introductions**


- [H.R. 2477](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX-14)
  - Summary: This bill would permit qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers and other qualified persons from carrying a concealed firearm and using such firearm in defense of self or others in school zones.
- [H.R. 2476](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX-14)

- Summary: This bill would reappropriate unobligated COVID funds available to the Secretary of Education for school safety initiatives.

## Congressional Calendar

 Both chambers in session

 Senate only in session

 House only in session

### April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Passover (begins)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Good Friday	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Passover (ends)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ram- adan(ends) Eid al-Fitr (begins)	<b>22</b> Eid al-Fitr (ends)
<b>23</b> <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## Community and Client News



## **National Public Safety Partnership Applications Open**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) established the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) to provide an innovative framework to enhance federal support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution authorities in building capacity to reduce violent crime. PSP is designed to promote interagency coordination by leveraging specialized law enforcement expertise with dedicated prosecutorial resources to promote public and community safety—with the end goal of reducing violent crime and making our communities safer places to live and work.

PSP's strategic focus is to support communities that (1) struggle with sustained levels of violent crime far in excess of the national average and (2) would benefit from DOJ's support in developing their own capacities.

PSP is a three-year commitment from DOJ to deliver no-cost customized site-specific training and technical assistance (TTA). PSP is not a grant program, and participating law enforcement agencies do not receive direct funding through this initiative. Agencies benefit from interacting with PSP network participants, learning from leading practitioners and academics, and accessing the many violence reduction tools and resources available to the sites. Please visit the PSP

website at [nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org](https://nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org) to learn more about the initiative.

In 2023, DOJ will review potential candidates to join PSP. Interested jurisdictions should complete the TTA Request Form and Statement of Interest (application). Jurisdictions should also complete the Violent Crime Reduction Self- Assessment Tool. The PSP team will be notified once you submit your responses. (Results from this assessment will be reviewed by DOJ representatives.) The Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide is also recommended for you to review. In consultation with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners, sites will be selected through a quantitative and qualitative evaluation process. This process will consider, at a minimum, whether a jurisdiction:

- Has violent crime rates well above the national average.  
Is presently under-resourced in its capacity to drive down violent crime (special consideration may be given to rural jurisdictions).
- Has demonstrated readiness to participate in this collaborative initiative and coordinate efforts with the local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program.
- Is a mid-size or larger jurisdiction.

In addition, in making final selections, DOJ will consider geographic diversity (to ensure representation from jurisdictions in different geographic regions with distinct characteristics; although jurisdictions of any size may apply and be considered) and the availability of DOJ resources to support the location. Please note that eligible applicants are limited to units of local government and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

Please complete, sign, and submit the Training and Technical Assistance Request Form and Statement of Interest (application) by 11:59 p.m., ET, on April 30, 2023. Selected cities will be notified by June 15, 2023.

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## **COPS Office Grant Announcement – New Funding Opportunity Open Now!**

### **Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)**

The Collaborative Reform Initiative encompasses three technical assistance programs offering expert services to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies to support effective community policing. This continuum of services is designed to build trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve; improve operational efficiencies and effectiveness; enhance officer safety and wellness; and develop and disseminate evidence-based, promising, and innovative public safety practices. The 2023 CRI program offers open solicitations in two areas – Critical Response and Organizational Assessments. Applicant eligibility is limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education.

*Applications are due by May 24, 2023 at 4:59 PM ET.* Please click [here](#) for more information on the 2023 Collaborative Reform Initiative solicitation.



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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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## BJA Funding Opportunities Closing Soon

**Grants.gov Deadline: April 4, 2023 | JustGrants Deadline: April 11, 2023**

- [FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)
  - [FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Training and Technical Assistance](#)
  - [FY 2023 Post-Conviction Testing of DNA Evidence](#)
  - [FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program](#)
  - [FY 2023 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA](#)
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**CRS Releases FY2024 DHS Budget Request Analysis**

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**Articles of Interest**



## **Minneapolis Agrees to Sweeping Changes in Policing**

The city of Minneapolis agreed last Friday to make sweeping changes in policing, including a pledge to rein in the use of force and discontinue the practice of using the smell of marijuana as a pretext to search people.

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**'A sense of pride' swells across US police ranks as officers hail the quick, heroic Nashville school massacre response**

Harrowing footage released by police shows Officers Rex Engelbert and Michael Collazo charging Monday morning into the Covenant School and taking out a shooter who'd just killed three 9-year-olds and three adults and was unleashing bullets from an upper window.

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**How Nashville Prepared for the Day It Never Wanted to Face**  
Dispatchers, police and paramedics in Nashville had for years trained for a school shooting as if it was inevitable. An attack in Uvalde, Texas, underscored that there was no margin for error.

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### **New Tennessee law allows police officers in private schools**

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee on Friday signed a law allowing private schools to contract with local law enforcement so they can hire school resource officers, days after a Nashville shooting at a private Christian school left six dead, including three children.

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## DeSantis signs bill to carry concealed guns without a permit

The new law will allow anyone who can legally own a gun in Florida to carry one without a permit. It means training and a background check will not be required to carry concealed guns in public. It takes effect July 1.

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## Upcoming Events



### Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network 16th Annual Gang Training Conference

*Hanover, MD — March 26-29, 2023*

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### World Gang Summit

*Atlanta, Georgia — Mar. 27-29, 2023*

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## Annual NAWLEE Conference

*Houston, Texas— Apr. 11-14, 2023*

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## National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event

*Alexandria, Virginia — Apr. 24-27, 2023*

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## 2023 IALEIA/LEIU Annual Training Conference

*Las Vegas, Nevada — Apr. 30- May 5, 2023*

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## 2023 Small & Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association Annual Conference & Training

*Petersburg, Virginia — Jul. 31-Aug. 2, 2023*

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