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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.

Week in Recap

This week, both chambers of Congress were out of session. They will return next week where the Senate Appropriations Committee will markup three appropriations bills, including the Commerce, Justice, Science bill.

Hearings & Markups



Hearings This Week

- Congress not in session

Hearings Next Week

- House Judiciary Committee
 - [Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
 - Wednesday, July 12
- House Homeland Security Committee
 - [Protecting the U.S. Homeland: Fighting the Flow of Fentanyl from the Southwest Border](#)
 - Wednesday, July 12
- House Homeland Security Committee

- [Future of FEMA: Agency Perspectives with Administrator Criswell](#)
 - Thursday, July 13
 - Senate Judiciary Committee
 - [Legislative Markup- S.1080, Cooper Davis Act](#)
 - Thursday, July 13
 - Senate Appropriations Committee
 - [Legislative Markup- Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Legislative Appropriations Act, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act](#)
 - Thursday, July 13
 - House Judiciary Committee
 - [The Consequences of Criminal Aliens on U.S. Communities](#)
 - Thursday, July 13
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Legislation on the Floor



Senate

- Congress not in session

House

- Congress not in session

New Bill Introductions

- None of interest

Congressional Calendar

■ Both chambers in session

■ Senate only in session

■ House only in session

July

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Community and Client News



APCO Names New Executive Director

From the Press Release:

After an exhaustive and competitive nationwide search involving more than 200 applicants, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Melvin (Mel) Maier as its new executive director.

Maier currently serves as APCO's chief technology officer and brings more than 33 years of dedicated public safety service to his new role. He worked as a law enforcement officer for 32 years and was the captain and chief of public safety communications for the Oakland County (MI) Sheriff's Office before joining APCO in March 2022. At Oakland County, Maier led a staff of more than 90 employees and managed a budget in excess of \$11 million.

Mr. Maier previously served as the vice chair of the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee, chair of the Funding and Sustainment Committee at SAFECOM, and was a founding member of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition, of which he is the current chair.

"I am thrilled to be able to promote our next executive director from within the organization and beyond excited to welcome Mel as our new executive director. Having had the opportunity to work with him over the last 16 months, and to see his passion for public safety, dedication to the APCO mission and core values, I have no doubt that Mel will bring the same ethics, energy and innovative ideas to this new role as

he has to his entire career," said Angela Batey, APCO International President.

Maier will work with current Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Derek Poarch over the next several months to ensure a smooth transition. Mr. Poarch, who announced his departure as APCO's executive director and CEO in January, will retain the title and responsibilities of CEO, while Maier will assume the title of executive director. Upon Mr. Poarch's departure, Maier will assume both titles and full responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the association.

APCO CEO Derek Poarch commented, "I am so proud of the culture of excellence that the staff of APCO has developed and embraced over the last 11 years that has led to truly remarkable accomplishments, and I am thrilled for Mel and his wife Karen as they undertake this next professional journey. I have total confidence that APCO is being left in most capable hands and believe it won't miss a beat with Mel as its next executive leader. Kathy and I wish he and Karen great success personally and professionally in the many years to come."

"I am privileged to have been a part of APCO International both as a member and as part of its professional staff, and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve our membership and elected leadership in this new role," said APCO Executive Director Mel Maier. "I am a passionate advocate for public safety communications, and I will work tirelessly on behalf of our membership. I want to thank Derek for his leadership and dedication to APCO, as he has built an exceptionally talented team that is positioned to ensure our members are prepared for the future demands and challenges in our unique environment."

President Batey added, "I am eternally grateful for Derek's thoughtful planning of his departure and his commitment to always doing what is right for APCO. By providing such significant notice of his departure, Derek allowed us to enter into the search for his successor with the freedom to take a very deliberate approach to the process. Most of all, I

am extremely proud and thankful for the work that Derek and his team have done during his tenure not only to grow APCO in monumental and unprecedented ways, but also to take a careful, but aggressive pursuit of initiatives that improve public safety across the board, and to establish a culture of excellence that allowed us to promote an internal candidate. His tenacious insistence on following APCO's core values has inspired me personally, and the Executive Committee as a whole, to make sure we made the right choice for the association, our members and our unparalleled staff".

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES

[FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program - Local Solicitation](#)

- Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2023
- JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2023

- Funding webinar: [July 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. ET](#)

FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - State Solicitation

- Grants.gov Deadline: August 29, 2023
 - JustGrants Deadline: August 30, 2023
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Articles of Interest



Bipartisan panel votes to limit police power to seize property

House Judiciary Committee members last week unanimously approved proposed legislation to overhaul civil asset forfeiture, a policy that allows police to confiscate personal property from a person who has not been convicted or even charged with a crime.

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Politicians want cop crackdowns on drug dealers. Experts say tough tactics cost lives

A growing coalition of U.S. politicians want tougher police tactics used against gangs now selling fentanyl, methamphetamines and xylazine. But new research published in the American Journal of Public Health suggests drug busts and police crackdowns on dealers may actually be making the overdose crisis worse.

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In this beach town, sometimes the first cop on the scene is a drone

When someone calls 911 for police in the upscale beach town of Santa Monica, California, a drone is dispatched from the roof of the station with a push of a button. Officers respond, as well. But most of the time, the drone gets there first — rushing to a set of GPS coordinates punched in by the controller. Sometimes it is there in as fast as 30 seconds.

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Police body camera ramp up started a decade ago. How well have they worked?

Body cameras have proliferated in law enforcement agencies in the U.S. over the past decade, amid mounting scrutiny over how officers and agents interact with the communities they serve. They're forcing major changes in how policing is done, even as research is mixed on their effectiveness.

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AI public safety investment to increase to \$71B by 2030 to 'predict crime, natural disasters': study

America's spending on artificial intelligence in public safety is projected to increase from \$9.3 billion in 2022 to \$71 billion by 2030, according to a new analysis by the Insight Partners research firm. The projected seven-year boom is expected to be fueled by global and domestic terrorism, a growing need for security training and rising public safety demands coming out of the pandemic, the study says.

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DHS investigator takes over as acting director of ICE, nation's immigration agency

The Biden administration has selected the new head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, sources confirmed to ABC News on Wednesday. Patrick "P.J." Lechleitner, a career ICE official, will become acting director of the agency after more than 20 years with the Department of Homeland Security.

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Upcoming Events



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

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

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Major Cities Chiefs Association Annual Meeting

San Diego, California — Oct. 11- Oct. 14, 2023

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Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

San Diego, California — Oct. `12- Oct. 14,2023

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International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo

San Diego, California —Oct. `12- Oct. 14,2023

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Major County Sheriffs of America Fall Conference

Orlando, Florida — Sep. `18- Sep.20,2023

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