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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, President Biden signed an executive order aimed at combatting gun violence in the U.S. Building off last year's passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the executive order directs the Attorney General to tighten up rules for gun dealers in an effort to

increase gun background checks and mandate better reporting of ballistics data from federal law enforcement into the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). You can read the executive order [here](#).

The House of Representatives is in recess, but House Republicans led by Homeland Security Chair Mark Green (R-TN), Rep. Dan Bishop (R-NC) and Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX), announced an investigation into the Department of Homeland Security's domestic intelligence gathering efforts, citing concerns about overreach and potential violations of civil liberties.

Hearings & Markups



Hearings This Week

- House Homeland Security Committee

- [Failure By Design: Examining Secretary Mayorkas' Border Crisis"](#)
 - Wednesday, March 15
- Senate Judiciary Committee
 - [Protecting Public Safety After New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#)
 - Wednesday, March 15
- Senate Homeland Security Committee
 - [In Need of a Checkup: Examining the Cybersecurity Risks to the Healthcare Sector](#)
 - Thursday, March 16

Hearings Next Week

- Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
 - [Drug Shortage Health and National Security Risks: Underlying Causes and Needed Reforms](#)
 - March 23, 2023
- House Appropriations Committee
 - [Budget Hearing- Fiscal Year 2024 Request for the United States Capitol Police](#)
 - March 23, 2023
- House Appropriations Committee
 - [Budget and Oversight Hearing – President Biden's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request and Economic Outlook](#)
 - March 23, 2023

Legislation on the Floor



Senate

- Nothing of interest

House

- Not in session

New Bill Introductions

- [H.R. 1597](#)
 - Sponsor: Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4)
 - Summary: This bill aims to increase penalties for illicit fentanyl related crimes.
 - [H.R. 1580](#)
 - Sponsor: Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA-4)
 - Summary: This bill would permanently schedule fentanyl related substances.
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Congressional Calendar

Both chambers in session

Senate only in session

House only in session

March

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Ramadan (begins)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Community and Client News



Homeland Security

OUTREACH SERIES INFORMATION AND INVITATION Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Post-NOFO Release Outreach Series for HSGP Applicants and Stakeholders

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) invites all HSGP stakeholders (inclusive of the State Homeland Security Program, Urban Area Security Initiative, and Operation Stonegarden) to participate in one or more of the upcoming technical assistance webinars regarding a variety of policy changes associated with the fiscal year (FY) 2023 HSGP. The FY 2023 HSGP will provide \$1.12 billion in funding support to state, local, and territorial

governments for security-related activities to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to terrorist attacks.

The details for these webinars are:

- Dates:
 - Tuesday, March 14th: 2-3pm ET – General FY 2023 HSGP Webinar
 - Zoom Link
- <https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlftuyqrDwtG6OyIGei7YX5kW3n9nTmolM>
 - Thursday, March 23rd: 2-3pm ET – Election Security National Priority Area
 - Zoom Link - <https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltd-grzkqHKmUcVImDGSJo2doSMsppjw>
 - Tuesday, March 28th: 2-3pm ET – Cybersecurity National Priority Area
 - Zoom Link
- <https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuqsqjovH0D3U2YCPxv6TVSZUQzDfyQ>
 - Thursday, April 6th: 2-3pm ET – Updated Controlled Equipment Policy
 - Zoom Link
- https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsduihrDlrE2nCvN8-nNrT_ygTv6SnZWo
 - Tuesday, April 11th: 2-3pm ET – Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Implications for HSGP
 - Zoom Link
- https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdaiqqD8iHwZTekN5l-DWF_83e02PJHo

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FBI Releases Supplemental 2021 Hate Crime Statistics

This week, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program released a 2021 hate crime statistics supplement about bias-motivated incidents throughout the nation. For the 2021 data year, the UCR Program accepted Summary Reporting System (SRS) hate crime data submissions and additional National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) hate crime reports from 3,025 agencies that covered a combined population of 87,239,467 to help compile this special report. The supplemental data was combined with that submitted via NIBRS, which has been converted to the SRS format. This supplement allows for a more complete representation of reported hate crimes in the US for 2021. Nationally, reported hate crime incidents increased 11.6% from 8,120 in 2020 to 9,065 in 2021.

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The White House Released Detailed Budget Estimates for FY 2024 Funding Proposal

The Budget estimates include proposed program level funding for FY 2024. You can read find them [here](#). Additional budget information related to the Department of Justice can be found [here](#).



The National Policing Institute Releases its 2022 Annual Report

Throughout 2022, the National Policing Institute, formerly known as the National Police Foundation, engaged with communities and policing organizations throughout the country to support and enhance local collaboration as well as further establish trust and confidence while taking on common challenges facing police and the communities they serve. As this annual report highlights, we continue to take pride in our efforts to encourage the use of science and evidence; promote joint problem solving and analysis; and build trust, confidence, and legitimacy through these efforts.

The report takes a look at NPI's recently completed and ongoing studies and projects supporting policing and communities. The report also looks at current and upcoming research and programs.

[Read the Report Here](#)

Articles of Interest



Biden to unveil executive order to increase background checks on gun sales

President Biden on Tuesday plans to announce an executive order that aims to increase the number of background checks conducted before gun sales, cracking down on firearms dealers who violate federal law.

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Memphis police academy cut corners while scrambling to hire, officers say

Years before the brutal police beating of Tyre Nichols, the Memphis Police Department relaxed academic, disciplinary and fitness standards at its training academy in an effort to fill widespread vacancies, opening the door for the hiring of officers who could become dangerous liabilities, nine current and former officers who recruited and trained academy students said.

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New Michigan Budget Mandates In-Service Training for State's 17,000+ Officers

The proposed 2024 budget for the state of Michigan includes stipulations that specific funds be set aside for mandated in-service training required for law enforcement officers to maintain their police certification.

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House GOP launches investigation into DHS' domestic intelligence gathering

Congressional Republicans are launching an investigation into an under-the-radar domestic intelligence-gathering program within the Department of Homeland Security.

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Opinion: AG-Facts don't lie. Crime is down in New Jersey.

As attorney general, I expanded our Gun Violence Reduction Task Force, a statewide intelligence-sharing operation led by our State Police and the Division of Criminal Justice. This task force works around the clock to identify and prosecute violent recidivists. These efforts are working, and are a big reason why shootings have dropped so dramatically.

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Hate crimes in U.S. role to highest level in 2021, FBI says

Hate crimes in the United States rose in 2021 to the highest level since the federal government began tracking the data more than three decades ago, the FBI said Monday in a new report that also reflected a record spike in attacks targeting people of Asian descent.

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Teens are stealing more cars. They learn how on social media
Violent crime is largely receding from pandemic highs, but cities face a surge in car thefts, driven in part by videos that show how to hot-wire models by Kia and Hyundai.

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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 Small & Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association Annual Conference & Training

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

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