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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, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas appeared before the House and Senate to answer oversight questions and to defend the DHS budget request. DHS is seeking \$60.4 billion in discretionary

funding, which is a small decrease from last year. You can read the Secretary's submitted oversight hearing testimony [here](#) and budget hearing testimony [here](#).

Attorney General Merrick Garland appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee to request a total of \$39.7 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Justice. You can read his submitted testimony [here](#).

Both chambers of Congress have now entered a two-week recess for Easter and Passover and will return the week of April 17th.

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## Hearings & Markups



### Hearings This Week

- House Appropriations Committee

- [Budget Hearing- Fiscal Year 2024 Request for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#)
  - March 28, 2023
- House Homeland Security Committee
  - [Biden's Growing Border Crisis: Death, Drugs, and Disorder on the Northern Border](#)
  - March 28, 2023
- Senate Judiciary Committee
  - [Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security](#)
  - March 28, 2023
- Senate Appropriations Committee
  - [Review of the President's FY 2024 Budget Request for the Department of Justice](#)
  - March 28, 2023
- Senate Appropriations Committee
  - [Review of Presidents FY 2024 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security](#)
  - [March 29, 2023](#)
- House Appropriations Committee
  - [Review of Presidents FY 2024 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security](#)
  - March 29, 2023
- House Transportation Committee
  - [FAA Reauthorization: Harnessing the Evolution of Flight to Deliver for the American People](#)
  - March 30, 2023

#### **Hearings Next Week**

- No Hearings

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## **Legislation on the Floor**



## Senate

- S.870- [Fire Safety and Grants Act](#)
  - Status: Senate approved cloture motion to proceed

## House

- None of interest

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## **New Bill Introductions**

- [H.R. 2393](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7)
  - Summary: This bill would direct the Department of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms for illicit activities.
- [H.R. 2392](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)



- Summary: This bill would require a seven-day waiting period before the receipt of a firearm.
- [H.R. 2391](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)
  - Summary: This bill would temporarily prohibit the transfer of a firearm to, or the possession of a firearm by, a person convicted of a misdemeanor in which a firearm was used, carried, or possessed.
- [H.R. 2390](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)
  - Summary: This bill would authorize funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct and support research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.
- [H.R. 2380](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. David Kustoff (R-TN-8)
  - Summary: This bill would authorize local and state governments to use jamming solutions in correctional facilities.
- [H.R. 2374](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Chuy Garcia (D-IL-4)
  - Summary: This bill aims to make various reforms to the process for enforcing immigration laws.
- [S. 1048](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
  - This bill would designate Mexican cartels and other transnational criminal organizations as foreign terrorist organizations.
- [S. 1047](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
  - Summary: This bill would authorize local and state governments to use jamming solutions in correctional facilities.
- [S. 1026](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)

- Summary: This bill would authorize funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct and support research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.
- [H.R. 1839](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19)
  - Summary: This bill would prohibit certain uses of xylazine.
- [H.R. 1830](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-6)
  - Summary: This bill would prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from transferring a long gun to a person who the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe does not reside in (or if the person is a corporation or other business entity, does not maintain a place of business in) the State in which the licensee's place of business is located.
- [S.994](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)
  - Summary: This bill would allow COPS grant funds to be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.
- [S.993](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
  - Summary: This bill would prohibit certain uses of xylazine.
- [H.R. 1814](#)
  - Sponsor: Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-9)
  - Summary: This bill would authorize grants for fire station construction through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- [S.983](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)
  - Summary: This bill would authorize the Department of Justice to award grants for accurate data on opioid related overdoses.
- [S. 977](#)
  - Sponsor: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

- Summary: This bill would authorize grants for fire station construction through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## 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.

[Apply Here](#)



### **Wassel describes FirstNet Authority CEO post as 'dream job'**

Joe Wassel just started his job as FirstNet Authority CEO, and he plans to hit the ground running, embracing the organization's tradition of outreach to public-safety and first-responder personnel to inform the decision-making process.

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## **Justice Department Releases New Grant Solicitations for Law Enforcement Hiring and School Safety**

The Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has announced the release of approximately \$300 million in grant solicitations for the direct hiring of career law enforcement officers and for school safety programs.

The announced solicitations include \$224.5 million available for the COPS Hiring Program. According to the press release, the COPS Office will prioritize applications for jurisdictions that support Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, for jurisdictions that seek to hire officers that would engage directly with CVI teams and other community stakeholders to ensure those groups are involved in strategic operations and planning, and for jurisdictions seeking to implement hiring practices to help agencies mirror the racial diversity of the communities that they serve.

All local, state, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply.

The announced solicitations also include \$73 million for the School Violence Prevention Program. This program provides funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds.

[Learn More Here](#)



## **BBM's Ron Brooks Joins the Leadership Council for New Drug Policy Think/Action Tank**

Founded in September 2022 at the University Club of New York, in conjunction with the Clinton Global Initiative, the Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions is poised to emerge as the nation's leading drug policy think/action tank aimed at preventing substance misuse and the recovery from substance use disorders. The Foundation aims to advocate for scaling up proven policies, given that the current sporadic implementation of research and practices has failed to turn the tide on overdose deaths, youth substance use, or access to treatment.

One of the first steps for the organization is to create the Blueprint for Effective Drug Policy, an overarching strategy guide to assist lawmakers in implementing good policy.

The Blueprint process is currently underway, with more than 50 experts and blind reviewers participating. Portions of the Blueprint include prevention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice, international cooperation, supply reduction, equity, and social determinants of health. Their aim will be a 2024 release date in time for the Presidential election.

To learn more about the Principles the Blueprint is grounded on, and the process, click [here](#)



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## **Justice Department Releases New Grant Funding Opportunities for Community Policing Development- De-Escalation and Critical Topics**

## **Community Policing Development (CPD) – De-Escalation**

CPD is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The CPD – De-Escalation program will encompass two separate solicitations for the following purposes:

- The continuation and expansion of regional centers for the delivery of de-escalation training (institutions of higher education are eligible to apply)
- Direct grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to support training and organizational improvements on de-escalation, duty to intervene, and implicit bias

Approximately \$14.5 million is available for this program.

*Applications are due by May 24, 2023 at 4:59 PM ET.* Please click [here](#) for more information on the 2023 CPD – De-Escalation program.

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## **Community Policing Development (CPD) – Critical Topics**

CPD is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The CPD – Critical Topics solicitation will focus on three categories: Planning and execution of law enforcement emerging issues forums; innovations in recruitment, retention, and workforce diversification; and the development and delivery of tolerance, diversity, and anti-bias training.

Approximately \$3.5 million is available for this program.

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

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## **Articles of Interest**





### **Nashville vs. Uvalde shootings: A contrast in police responses**

The swift and organized police response to the school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, on Monday was roundly lauded by local officials and credited with preventing additional carnage and casualties.

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## **Nashville shooting spurs U.S. schools to review security--again**

The rampage has U.S. educators grappling once again with how to bolster their defenses against such a threat, particularly at smaller independent schools often viewed as havens of safety.

It was a reminder that any campus could be the target of gun violence, spurring educators around the country to review security protocols and try to reassure parents.

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## **Justice Department moves to end consent decree with Seattle Police Department**

The Justice Department moved Tuesday to end a consent decree with the Seattle Police Department, bringing to a close more than a decade of federal supervision of the police department. The Seattle consent decree was established under the Obama administration in 2012 after a Justice Department investigation found that the police department there had a pattern of using excessive force.

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## FDA approves over-the-counter Narcan to reduce drug overdoses

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the overdose reversal drug Narcan for over-the-counter use on Wednesday-- a milestone decision that advocates said will make it easier to save lives amid the ongoing opioid epidemic. Narcan, made by the company Emergent BioSolutions, is given as a nasal spray and the active ingredient in the medication -- naloxone -- can quickly restore breathing if someone is experiencing an opioid overdose.

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## Denver police shuffle tight resources to prep for return to schools

The Denver school board's reversal, putting police officers back on its campuses in the wake of last week's East High shooting, is sending Denver police scrambling to reallocate strapped resources.

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## Bipartisan bill aims to crack down on 'tranq'

Bipartisan lawmakers in the House and Senate introduced legislation Tuesday to crack down on the illegal use of a veterinary tranquilizer



that is increasingly being found in fentanyl and other drugs. Xylazine, also known as “tranq,” is an easily accessible veterinary drug approved for use in animals as a sedative and pain reliever. But it is also being used by drug dealers as a low-cost cutting agent in illicit drugs.

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**As guns saturate the United States, police turn to the AR-15** Police departments that once deferred to SWAT teams wielding military-style rifles for active-shooter situations have in recent years started equipping the rank and file with AR-15s and other long guns, as those weapons have flooded neighborhoods and communities.

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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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