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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, the White House requested \$40.1 billion in supplemental funding for military aid for Ukraine, domestic disaster relief, and money for border security and fentanyl abatement efforts. You can read more about this request [here](#). Relatedly, 15 House Republicans, all

from Texas, signed a letter threatening to cut off funding for the Department of Homeland Security, unless several conditions were met. The demands include the resignation, firing or withholding of pay for Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas; signing the Republican border bill that would increase enforcement and curtail the ability of migrants to claim asylum in the US; add new tools for border enforcement; and \$10 billion in funds to reimburse Texas for its own border security spending. Both these developments complicate funding negotiations when Congress returns in September.

The Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of over \$370 million in grant funding to boost state and local cybersecurity. You can read more about this announcement on our blog [here](#). In other funding news, OJP posted additional information on open funding opportunities, available [here](#).

The Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines, released the 2023 National Intelligence Strategy which provides strategic direction for the intelligence community over the next four years. You can read it and learn more [here](#).

The Supreme Court has allowed The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives regulations on "ghost" guns to stand as ongoing litigation continues. You read more about this development [here](#). A federal appeals court ruled that convicted marijuana users cannot be prevented from owning guns. You can learn more about this decision, as well as details of an upcoming Supreme Court case where the Justices will decide whether federal law can prohibit gun possession for people who are subject to domestic violence orders [here](#).

BBM is also tracking the release of a Bureau of Justice Statistics report that recommends improvements to measuring cybercrime and cyber-enabled crimes in the National Crime Victimization Survey. You can read about this report [here](#).

Lastly, following Senate Majority Leaders August Recess Dear Colleague Letter in which he refers to Marijuana related legislation as a priority for the fall, [BBM summarized the current state of play for marijuana reform.](#)

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## BBM Blog



BBM posts timely and regularly on topics of interest to the public safety community. Email a member of the BBM team today to get new content delivered directly to your inbox.

### Articles of the Week

- [DHS Announces Additional \\$374.9 Million in Funding to Boost State, Local Cybersecurity](#)
- [Schumer Prioritizes Marijuana Reform After Recess; Obstacles Remain](#)
- [Biden's Ghost Gun Rule Can Stay in Effect for Now](#)
- [BJS Releases "An Environmental Scan of Cybercrime Measurement: Recommendations for the National Crime Victimization Survey"](#)
- [CNN: "Federal appeals court strikes down law prohibiting users of illegal drugs from possessing firearms"](#)
- [Roll Call: White House releases \\$40.1B supplemental funding request](#)
- [Director of National Intelligence Releases 2023 National Intelligence Strategy for the Intelligence Community](#)
- [Information on OJP Funding Opportunities](#)

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# Hearings & Markups



## Hearings This Week

- Joint Hearing: Committee on Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Crime and House Judiciary Federal Government Surveillance Subcommittee
  - [Field Hearing: Biden's Border Crisis and its Effect on American Communities](#)
  - Tuesday, August 8th, Sierra Vista, Arizona

## Hearings Next Week

- None of interest

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## Legislation on the Floor



## Senate

- The Senate have adjourned for the month of August and will return in September.

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## New Bill Introductions

- [H.R. 5182](#)
  - **Sponsor:** Wagner, Ann [Rep.-R-MO-2]
  - **Summary:** This bill aims to modernize online child protection laws.
- [H.R. 5178](#)
  - **Sponsor:** Steube, W. Gregory [Rep.-R-FL-17]
  - **Summary:** This bill would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to investigate and remove aliens providing false information about drug-related grounds of inadmissibility.

- [H.R. 5166](#)
  - **Sponsor:** Espaillat, Adriano [Rep.-D-NY-13]
  - **Summary:** This bill would limit immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations and clarify the powers of immigration officers at sensitive locations.

## Congressional Calendar

■ Both chambers in session

■ Senate only in session

■ House only in session

### August

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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## Community and Client News



# Homeland Security

**DHS Announces Additional \$374.9 Million in Funding to Boost State, Local Cybersecurity**

This week, the Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of \$374.9 million in grant funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

State and local governments face increasingly sophisticated cyber threats to their critical infrastructure and public safety. Now in its second year, the SLCGP is a first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program specifically for state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments across the country to help them strengthen their cyber resilience.

Established by the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act, and part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the SLCGP provides \$1 billion in funding over four years to support SLT governments as they develop capabilities to detect, protect against, and respond to cyber threats. This year's funding allotment represents a significant increase from the \$185 million allotted in FY22, demonstrating the Administration and Congress's commitment to help improve the cybersecurity of communities across the nation.

"In today's threat environment, any locality is vulnerable to a devastating cyber attack targeted at a hospital, school, water, or other system," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "The Department of Homeland Security is helping to ensure that every community, regardless of size, funding, or resources, can meet these threats and keep their residents and their critical infrastructure safe and secure. These cybersecurity grants will help state, local, and territorial governments do just that, and I strongly urge communities across the country to submit an application."

SLCGP is jointly administered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). CISA provides expertise and guidance on cybersecurity issues while FEMA manages the grant award and allocation process. Award recipients may use funding for a wide range of cybersecurity improvements and capabilities, including cybersecurity planning and

exercising, hiring cyber personnel, and improving the services that citizens rely on daily.

“State and local governments are facing increasingly sophisticated cyber threats to their critical infrastructure and public safety,” said CISA Director Jen Easterly. “As the Nation’s Cyber Defense Agency, CISA is pleased to make available yet another tool to that will help strengthen cyber defenses for communities across the nation and bolster our collective cybersecurity.”

“Building resilience requires more than mitigating against natural hazards,” said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. “As our threat landscape continues to evolve, the funding provided through the state, local, and territorial cybersecurity grant program will increase capability to help communities better prepare and reduce cyber risks.”

State and local governments have until October 6 to apply for this FY23 grant opportunity. For more information and helpful resources on the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, visit CISA’s webpage: [cisa.gov/cybergrants](https://cisa.gov/cybergrants).

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**Director of National Intelligence Avril D. Haines Releases  
the 2023 National Intelligence Strategy for the Intelligence**



## Community

This week, the Director of National Intelligence Avril D. Haines released the 2023 National Intelligence Strategy (NIS), which provides strategic direction for the Intelligence Community (IC) over the next four years.

“The National Intelligence Strategy articulates what the Intelligence Community will need to cultivate to be effective in the future: an information and technological edge, a broad array of partnerships, and a talented and diverse workforce as we pursue our vision of an IC that embodies America’s values,” said Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines. “It also highlights the expanding role of the IC in supporting the resilience of our national critical infrastructure and that of our allies and partners.”

The six goals outlined in this NIS reflect key elements of the current strategic environment: the centrality of strategic competition between the United States and the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and the Russian Federation; the growing importance of emerging technologies, supply chains, and economic statecraft to national security; the increasing influence of sub-national and non-state actors; and the challenges stemming from the convergence of shared global challenges, such as climate change and health security.

[Read the Strategy Here](#)

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## Articles of Interest



## **Twilight of the Serial Killer: Cases Like Gilgo Beach Become Ever Rarer**

Rapid advances in investigative technology, video and other digital surveillance tools, as well as the ability to analyze mountains of information, quickly allow the authorities to find killers who before would have gone undetected.

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## **Supreme Court reinstates regulation of ghost guns, firearms without serial numbers**

The Supreme Court is reinstating a regulation aimed at reining in the proliferation of ghost guns, firearms without serial numbers that have been turning up at crime scenes across the nation in increasing numbers. The court on Tuesday voted 5-4 to put on hold a ruling from a federal judge in Texas that invalidated the Biden administration's regulation of ghost gun kits. The regulation will be in effect while the administration appeals the ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans — and potentially the Supreme Court.

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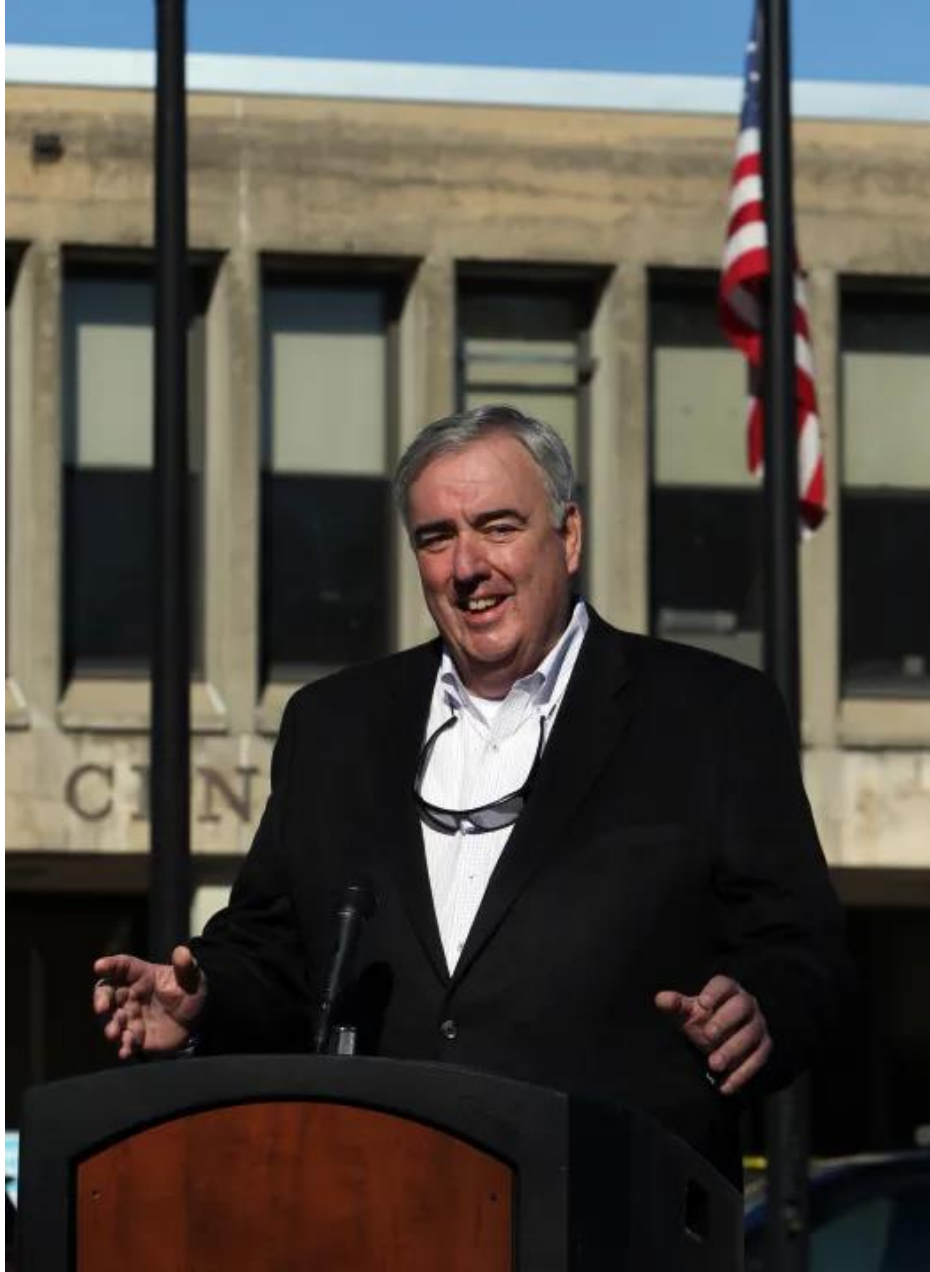


## **NYPD buys top-of-the-line tactical flying tech, explores drone usage to answer 911 calls even before cops get there**

The nation's largest police department has spent tens of thousands of dollars on top-of-the-line tactical drones so far this year — and is exploring using the new technology to help cops answer 911 calls in the future, The Post has learned.

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**Opinion: Reauthorizing FirstNet must be a priority for Congress and public safety (Ed Davis)**

In order to maintain top-tier, uninterrupted communications, preserve the continuity of the network and strengthen this resource long-term, Congress should reauthorize FirstNet now. That stability will help departments across America leverage the dedicated connectivity as a common platform for public safety communications.

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## **Fewest cops in a generation: LAPD shrinks below 9,000 officers**

The number of LAPD officers dropped to its lowest level in decades as the City struggles to recruit new officers and retain veterans already eligible for retirement

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## Drug user cannot be barred from owning guns, US court rules

A federal appeals court on Wednesday ruled that a decades-old law prohibiting users of illegal drugs from owning firearms was unconstitutional as applied to the case of a marijuana user, the latest fallout from a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that expanded gun rights.

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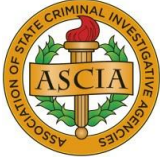
## Upcoming Events



### Major Cities Chiefs Association Annual Meeting

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

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## Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

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## International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo

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## Major County Sheriffs of America Fall Conference

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

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