



BROOKS BAWDEN MOORE
LLC



Photo of the week: President Trump signs Laken Riley Act.

Weekly Update and Analysis

January 31, 2025

Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlights congressional, administrative, and regulatory activity related to justice, public safety, and homeland security. Feel free to reach out to us if you would like to discuss any items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

What Happened This Week?

This week, the Trump administration's Office of Management and Budget [issued a memorandum](#) instructing federal agencies to "temporarily pause all activities related to the obligation or disbursement of all federal financial assistance." The memorandum required federal agencies to identify and review all federal financial assistance programs and supporting activities to ensure alignment with the President's recent executive orders, explicitly aiming to halt funding for "diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, woke gender ideology, and the Green New Deal." However, the release of the memo caused widespread confusion regarding its impact on other programs, including law enforcement support initiatives.

The funding freeze faced immediate legal challenges, with a U.S. District Judge [temporarily blocking](#) the directive to assess its legality. Following the legal challenges and public backlash, the administration [rescinded the funding freeze memo](#) but still instructed agencies to review their allocations to ensure compliance with recent executive orders.

Additionally, the Trump administration's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) sent an email to millions of federal employees this week, offering them the option to resign while continuing to receive full pay and benefits through September 30th. This initiative is part of a broader effort to reduce the size of the federal workforce. The offer excludes personnel in immigration, national security, and the Postal Service.

Lastly, President Trump signed an [executive order aimed at revamping the Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), in the latest sign he's seeking to change how the agency handles disasters that hit the nation. The order calls for the creation of a task force, dubbed the Federal Emergency Management Agency Review Council, to review FEMA and recommend changes in a report to Trump.

Meanwhile in Congress, the House of Representatives was in recess and the Senate continued its work on President Trump's cabinet nominations. The Senate Judiciary Committee [advanced Attorney General nominee Pam Bondi](#), positioning her for an expected floor confirmation in the coming days. Additionally, the committee held a confirmation hearing for Kash Patel, Trump's nominee for FBI Director. The Senate Intelligence Committee considered former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard's nomination for Director of National Intelligence.

BBM is Hiring: Full Time Consultant Position

Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC (BBM) is hiring! Are you passionate about public safety technology? Have you served as a senior executive in a public safety agency? Do you have experience in the private sector helping to position high-quality products and services in the public safety market that help agencies achieve their missions *more* effectively, *more* efficiently, and *more* safely? Are you motivated by building and maintaining a broad network of trusted relationships? We would love to hear from you.

BBM is seeking candidates for a full-time Consultant position. We are a government relations consulting firm whose mission is to support public safety. Our policy work helps public safety practitioners advocate for supportive policies and programs. Our consulting work helps connect innovative products and services to front line personnel to help them do their jobs as safely, effectively, and efficiently as possible.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead collaborative efforts with cross-functional teams to craft compelling product advocacy strategies.
- Conduct strategic outreach in support of business development efforts for corporate clients;
- Represent clients' interests in meetings with local, state, and federal agency officials and industry stakeholders;
- Provide expert guidance on law enforcement and public safety policies to corporate clients;
- Analyze current trends in law enforcement technology and practices to inform client recommendations;
- Assist clients in navigating procurement procedures for law enforcement equipment, technology, and services;

Qualifications:

- Minimum 10 years of progressive experience in public safety, with at least 5 years in an executive or executive position;
- Business development or consulting experience in the private sector, particularly in areas related to law enforcement and public safety;
- In-depth understanding of government procurement procedures and contract processes;
- Strong knowledge of federal, state, and local public safety policies and regulations;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the proven ability to build and maintain relationships with diverse stakeholders;
- Proven track record of developing and implementing successful public safety initiatives.

Preferred Skills:

- Proven ability to cultivate and leverage professional relationships across:

- Law enforcement agencies
- Local, state, and federal government organizations
- Public safety professional associations at the state and national levels
- Private sector security organizations
- Technology vendors
- Policy-making circles at municipal, county, state, or federal levels.

Preferred Network Attributes:

- Extensive connections within:
- Federal, state, and local law enforcement communities;
- Public safety technology providers;
- Government procurement departments;
- Emergency response and emergency management organizations;
- Homeland security organizations.

Starting salary range is between 175k and 200k, commensurate with experience, with excellent opportunity to grow.

The position can be based anywhere in the continental United States. BBM's headquarters office is in downtown Washington, DC.

Frequent travel within the United States should be expected.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to info@bbm-dc.com by February 16th, 2025.

[Download the job flyer here](#)

BBM Blog Posts of the Week

BBM posts timely updates on topics of interest to the public safety community. Please explore this week's blog posts below and click on any topic that interests you to stay updated. Email a member of the BBM team today to get our blog content delivered directly to your inbox.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• POLITICO: Noem confirmed as DHS secretary• Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Bondi Nomination• POLITICO: “Johnson sets State of the Union for March 4”• Axios: Trump signs executive order to overhaul FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washington Post: “White House pauses all federal grants, sparking confusion”• POLITICO: “Judge blocks Trump’s spending freeze”• More on Federal Grant Pause• White House OMB Rescinds Federal Aid Freeze• Guidance on Federal Grant Pause |
|--|---|

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Scott Bessent to be Secretary of the Treasury:
Confirmed 68-39

Confirmation of Sean Duffy to be Secretary of Transportation:
Confirmed 77-22

Confirmation of Doug Burgum to be Secretary of the Interior:
Confirmed 79-18

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Thursday, January 30

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, February 4

- Senate Judiciary Committee – *Hearing to Examine the Nomination of Kashyap Patel to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice*
- Senate Intelligence Committee – *Hearing to Examine the Nomination of Tulsi Gabbard to be Director of National Intelligence*
- Senate Armed Services Committee – *Hearing to Examine the Nomination of Daniel Driscoll to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense*
- Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee – *Hearing to Examine the Nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to be Secretary of Health and Human Services*

- Senate Judiciary Committee – *Hearing to Examine the Poisoning of America, Focusing on Fentanyl, its Analogues, and the Need for Permanent Class Scheduling*

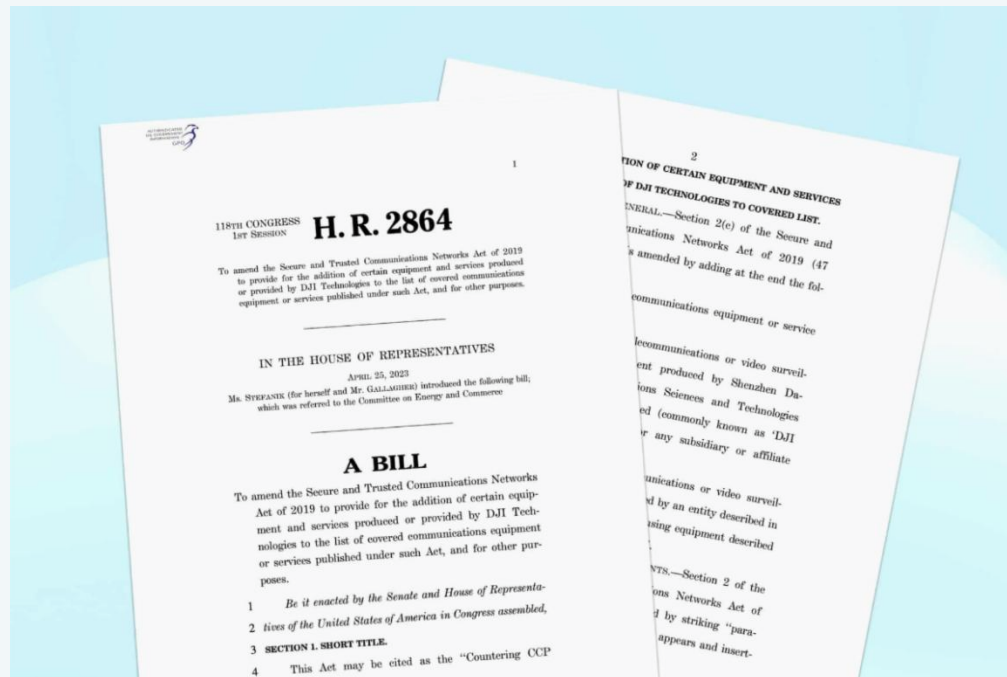
Wednesday, February 5

- House Homeland Security Committee – *Hearing on Preparing the Pipeline: Examining the State of America's Cyber Workforce*
- House Oversight and Government Reform Committee – *Hearing on Rightsizing Government*
- Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Meeting- *Legislative Markup*

Thursday, February 6

- Subcommittee on Health (House Energy and Commerce Committee) – *Hearing on Combatting Existing and Emerging Illicit Drug Threats*
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (House Financial Services Committee) – *Hearing on Operation Choke Point 2.0: The Biden Administration's Efforts to Put Crypto in the Crosshairs*

New Bill Introductions



- BBM has compiled a list of this week's newly introduced legislation relevant to Justice, Public Safety, and Homeland Security in the 119th Congress. You can download the information as an Excel spreadsheet by clicking [here](#).

Congressional Calendar

FEBRUARY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

 House and Senate in Session

 Senate in Session Only

 House in Session Only

 Federal Holidays

Community and Client News



DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement Webinar Rebroadcast: Tren de Aragua (TdA)

Due to high demand, the DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) is offering two additional viewing opportunities for the previously recorded 90-minute webinar on Tren de Aragua (TDA) with briefings from U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Homeland Security Investigations, Enforcement & Removal Operations, and the Office of Intelligence & Analysis.

Learn about the current threat, what DHS and our partners are doing to address the increase in presence of TdA, and resources available to law enforcement across the country to combat transnational criminal organizations.

Registration Guidelines:

This event is closed to the press.

This webinar is for law enforcement officials and those who support law enforcement officials.

Use your agency email to register for this webinar.

Login instructions will be sent after attendees RSVP and are approved to the webinar. Please note that staff will review individual credentials prior to sending out participation details.

Register early. Once we reach capacity, the event registration will close.

[Click here to Register for the February 19, 2025, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m. ET Webinar](#)

[Click here to Register for the February 26, 2025, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m. ET Webinar](#)

Additional Information :

This is a previously recorded webinar.

The same webinar will be broadcasted on both dates so you do not need to register for both.

There will not be an opportunity to ask questions during the session.

Contact OSLLE@hq.dhs.gov, with any questions or concerns.



RISS Success Story

The Swansea, Massachusetts, Police Department (SPD) requested the assistance of NESPIN digital forensics staff for video clarification after obtaining a witness dashcam video that captured a possible suspect/getaway vehicle associated with an armed robbery of a secure cash transportation courier. During the course of business, the armed courier arrived at a bank in Swansea when a moving van, later

determined to have been stolen in Abington, Massachusetts, earlier in the day, pulled alongside the courier. A masked man wearing a camouflaged vest exited the moving van, pointed a firearm at the courier, and secured him in zip ties. A second masked individual loaded cash from the courier's vehicle into the moving van. At the time of the robbery, the courier was carrying approximately \$436,200 in cash for deposit. The courier was then forced into the backseat of his vehicle and pepper sprayed before the suspects fled the bank in the moving van. Shortly thereafter, witnesses reported seeing a burning moving van on the side of the road not far from the location of the robbery. Witnesses also reported seeing subjects exit the moving van, get into an awaiting vehicle, and flee from the area.

The SPD investigators obtained a witness dashcam that recorded the possible getaway vehicle and sent the video to NESPIN in an effort to identify it. The clarified video was quickly processed and returned to investigators, who were able to positively determine the vehicle make, model, registration, and a distinguishable decal affixed to the rear of the vehicle.

The clarified video led investigators to one of the three suspects. Additionally, the clarified video assisted investigators in obtaining a search warrant for the suspect vehicle. Further investigation by the SPD identified two additional suspects. Subsequently, search warrants, with the assistance of federal, state, and other local law enforcement agencies, were executed at two of the suspect's residences in Bridgewater and Raynham, Massachusetts, resulting in the discovery of several items linking them to the robbery. Authorities seized a firearm, ammunition, cocaine, \$5,000 in U.S. currency, and a designer watch, valued at approximately \$47,000. Three suspects were arrested and charged with a federal criminal complaint. The charges include one count of robbery interfering with interstate commerce, commonly referred to as Hobbs Act robbery, one count of conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, one count of arson of property used in or affecting interstate commerce, and one count of conspiracy. Two defendants were also indicted for brandishing a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence, one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.





Save the Date- FirstNet Users Summit

September 8-11, 2025

Indianapolis, Indiana

Robust Discussions with Public Safety Thought Leadership, Industry Leaders, and Hands-On Product Demonstrations to include: Customized Workshops highlighting FirstNet Cutting-Edge Innovations, Products, and Applications.

Targeted content for all FirstNet Eligible Users, Administrative Leadership, Unified Emergency Support Functionality, and their Technical Support Teams.

Primary and Extended Primary users include:

- First Responders

- Dispatch Communications
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Planning and Management Teams
- Local, State, and Federal Government
- and all Agencies and Services supporting First Responders (hospitals, transportation, public utilities, & other agencies who may provide critical support to an incident).





FirstNet tops 6.7 million connections, 29.5K agencies, AT&T reports

FirstNet supports more than 6.7 million connections for more than 29,500 public-safety agencies as of the end of 2024, according to information released by AT&T, the contractor of the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) for the FirstNet Authority.

“FirstNet continues to be a consistent growth category for us, with wireless connections up about 300,000 sequentially,” AT&T CFO and Senior Executive Vice President Pascal Desroches said yesterday during the carrier’s fourth-quarter earnings conference with financial analysts.

Indeed, FirstNet connections increased to more than 6.7 million from the [6.4 million connections reported during the third quarter](#). The reported 29,500-plus agencies subscribed at the end of 2024 is an approximately 500-agency increase during the final quarter of the year.

FirstNet connections increased about 1.2 million during 2024 when compared to the 5.5 million total reported by at the end of 2023. This marks the fourth consecutive year that AT&T has claimed at least 1 million additions to the total of FirstNet connections.

AT&T has reported the FirstNet connections and agencies figures on a quarterly basis for several years, but the telecom giant not provided a breakdown about how many of the FirstNet connections are for smartphones and laptops used directly by first responders, as opposed to routers, IoT sensors and other devices.

This growth report for FirstNet comes a year after the FirstNet Authority announced that its officials had [validated AT&T's completion of all tasks](#) in the initial five-year buildout of the NPSBN operating on 700 MHz Band 14 spectrum licensed to the FirstNet Authority. By completing these tasks on time and on budget in March 2023, AT&T received the full \$6.5 billion available—money generated via FCC spectrum auctions—under the 25-year deal signed with the FirstNet Authority in March 2017.

In February 2024, the FirstNet Authority board committed to [investing more than \\$8 billion](#)—funds from annual AT&T payments to the FirstNet Authority—into NPSBN enhancements. Later that month, AT&T suffered a [nationwide outage on Feb. 22](#) that disabled FirstNet services for less than three hours.

In 2025 and 2026, public-safety and industry officials will be monitoring developments in two areas that are crucial for the FirstNet Authority.

Last fall, FCC commissioners unanimously approved rules [that effectively would let the FirstNet Authority control usage of 4.9 GHz spectrum](#) through a sharing agreement with a nationwide band manager for the spectrum. However, the band manager still must be selected, and the matter is being challenged by interested parties at the FCC and in court.

FirstNet stakeholders and critics also are expected to follow closely efforts to [reauthorize the FirstNet Authority before the February 2027 deadline](#) established in the 2012 legislation that created the FirstNet Authority. Beltway sources believe Congress will take actions that ensure FirstNet services will not be disrupted, but some have indicated that reauthorization might include additional oversight that does not exist under current law.

Meanwhile, AT&T CEO John Stankey began the quarterly earnings conference by expressing empathy for those impacted by the massive wildfires in southern California and thanking company employees for their efforts in the difficult environment.

“I’d like to extend my heartfelt sympathies to everyone in Southern California,” Stankey said. “Our thoughts and prayers with all those people whose lives, homes, and families have been deeply impacted by the most destructive wildfires in modern U.S. history.

“In these moments, the importance of connection becomes increasingly apparent. And I’d like to thank our teams for their commitment to keeping customers, communities, and first responders connected in the face of this historic devastation.”

[Article Source Link](#)

Articles We Read This Week



Trump Paves the Way to Deputize Local Police on Immigration

The Trump administration is laying the groundwork for state and local law enforcement officers to participate in mass deportation efforts, an unprecedented move that could deputize thousands of officers with the power to arrest immigrants across the US.

[Text Link](#)



Madison and Nashville school shooters appear to have crossed paths in online extremist communities

While there isn't any evidence that Rupnow and Henderson plotted their attacks together, extremism researchers who have tracked their social media activity told Wisconsin Watch and ProPublica that the two teenagers were active in the same online networks that glorify mass shooters, even crossing paths. Across various social media platforms, the networks trade hateful memes alongside terrorist literature, exchange tips on how to effectively commit attacks and encourage one another to carry out their own.

[Text Link](#)



Trump White House rescinds memo freezing federal money after widespread confusion

President Donald Trump's budget office on Wednesday rescinded a memo freezing spending on federal loans and grants, less than two days after it sparked widespread confusion and legal challenges across the country. The memo, which was issued Monday by the Office of Management and Budget, had frightened states, schools and organizations that rely on trillions of dollars from Washington.

[Text Link](#)



Most violent crime rates have fallen back to pre-pandemic levels, new report shows

The number of homicides across the United States declined by 16% in 2024, continuing a recent downward trajectory, according to the latest crime trends report from the Council on Criminal Justice, a nonpartisan think tank.

[Text Link](#)



Justice Department issues freeze for civil rights division

The Justice Department has ordered the civil rights division to halt much of its investigative activity dating from the Biden administration and not pursue new indictments, cases or settlements, according to a memo sent to the temporary head of the division that was obtained by The Washington Post.

[Text Link](#)



Bill expanding NM's red flag gun law advances with law enforcement support

New Mexico's red flag gun law continues to generate heated debate nearly five years after its 2020 approval. A bill expanding the law that allows firearms to temporarily be taken away from those deemed a danger to themselves or others advanced Tuesday at the Roundhouse, but only after facing fierce opposition from gun rights advocates and Republican lawmakers.

[Text Link](#)



With Adams in crowd, NYC police commissioner unveils quality-of-life initiatives

New York City's police commissioner unveiled a slate of initiatives Thursday designed to reduce recidivism and improve the quality of life on subways — two leading concerns of voters who will decide Mayor Eric Adams' political fate this year.

[Text Link](#)



Spokane Chief of Police outlines strategic plan for addressing gun violence

Chief Hall emphasized the Spokane Police Department's 2025-2026 plans to prioritize reducing gun violence in Spokane through strategies like hot spot policing, community-based violence intervention and creating a gun crime intelligence unit.

[Text Link](#)



The Race for All-Powerful Pot

More than a decade after states began legalizing recreational marijuana, businesses are enticing customers with unproven health claims, while largely escaping rigorous oversight. A New York Times review of 20 of the largest brands found that most were selling products with such claims, potentially violating federal and state regulations. And as companies compete, potency has gone up — with some products advertised as having as much as 99 percent THC — and prices have gone down.

[Text Link](#)

Upcoming Events



2025 National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition Delegates Meeting & Conference



2025 National Sheriffs Association Winter Conference

Washington, D.C.

February 3- February 5, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event 2025

Washington, D.C.

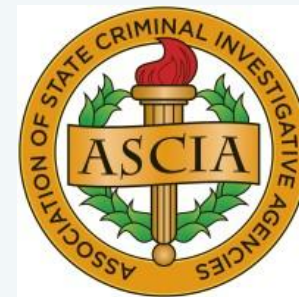
April 22- April 24, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)

Washington, D.C.

February 1 - February 5, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Spring Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi

April 27- April 30, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 Major Cities Chief Association

Winter Conference

Washington, D.C.

February 5 - February 7, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 SEARCH Winter Membership Group Meeting

Columbia, SC

January 28- January 30, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)

About BBM



Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC is a team of experienced professionals who serve as trusted advisors to law enforcement, homeland security, and intelligence practitioners and solution providers.

Our government relations practice helps clients advance critical policy priorities with Congress, federal agencies, and state legislatures. Our business strategy consulting practice enables companies to connect innovative products and services with market needs.

Ron Brooks

Partner

rbrooks@bbm-dc.com

Ben Bawden

Partner

bbawden@bbm-dc.com

Chris Moore

Partner Emeritus

cmoore@bbm-dc.com

Melissa Nee

Partner

mnee@bbm-dc.com

Dean Kueter

Vice President of Government Relations

dkueter@bbm-dc.com

Jake Schiff

Director of Government Relations

jschiff@bbm-dc.com

Rob Wright

Director of Government Relations

rwright@bbm-dc.com

Joseph Fernando

Government Affairs Associate

jfernando@bbm-dc.com

[Subscribe to the Weekly Newsletter](#)



BROOKS BAWDEN MOORE
— LLC —

[Our Services](#)

1100 New York Ave NW, Suite 230, Washington, DC 20001