



Photo of the week: President Trump announces new tariff policies in the Rose Garden as the Commerce Secretary applauds.

Weekly Update and Analysis

April 4, 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, President Trump, calling it "Liberation Day," [announced his plan](#) to impose a 10 percent tariff on imports from all countries worldwide, with increased tariff rates on approximately 60 countries that his administration believes have the most unfair trade relationships with the U.S. Market selloffs and foreign and domestic reactions have dominated the headlines.

In related news, the President signed an executive order eliminating duty-free de minimis treatment for low-value imports from China, a step intended to curb the illicit flow of synthetic opioids into the U.S. You can read more about this development [here](#).

President Trump also announced the appointment of [Sara Carter](#) as the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Ms. Carter is a journalist and Fox News contributor. Meanwhile, The Office of National Drug Control Policy announced the release of the Trump Administration's Drug Policy Priorities, a comprehensive and coordinated blueprint to reduce the impact of illicit drugs on American society. You can read the plan [here](#).

In Congress, Senate Republicans released a [new budget blueprint](#), which they plan to bring to the Senate floor for consideration tonight. Passage of the budget would allow various committees to begin work on a massive bill to advance Trump's agenda on taxes, immigration funding, and other key priorities. This new budget blueprint is a revised version of the one passed earlier this year and aligns with the House's approach of passing the President's priorities in a single bill rather than two. You can read more about this development [here](#).

The Senate confirmed [Harmeet Dhillon](#) to lead the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, Dean Sauter as Solicitor General, and [Mehmet Oz](#) to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Finally, Republicans secured House seats in a pair of [Florida special elections](#), electing Jimmy Patronis and Randy Fine to replace Matt Gaetz, who resigned, and Mike Waltz, President Trump's new National Security Advisor.

House Republicans now hold a 220-213 majority, giving them a slightly larger margin to advance their legislative agenda.

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.

- [Budget Update](#)
 - [Reuters: “Senate Confirms Harmeet Dhillon to Lead Justice Department Civil Rights Division”](#)
 - [ICYMI: New Presidential Action: “Stopping Waste, Fraud, and Abuse by Eliminating Information Silos”](#)
 - [The Hill: “Senate confirms Oz for CMS administrator on party line vote”](#)
 - [White House Fact Sheet: “President Donald J. Trump Closes De Minimis Exemptions to Combat China’s Role in America’s Synthetic Opioid Crisis”](#)
- [POLITICO: “Trump imposes 10 percent universal tariff, higher for top trade partners”](#)
 - [Lawmakers Get Second Chance to Fund Blocked 2025 Earmarks \(Bloomberg Government\)](#)
 - [The Hill: “Senators revive efforts to strip tech companies of key legal protection”](#)
 - [GOP Retains Florida House Seats](#)
 - [ICYMI: Proposed Mergers and Restructuring Within the Department of Justice](#)
 - [ICYMI: Trump Says Reciprocal Tariffs Set to Start With All Countries](#)
 - [Fox News: Trump Appoints Sara Carter as Next Drug Czar](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Dean Sauer to be Solicitor General of the United States- 52-45

Confirmation of Mehmet Oz to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services- 53-45

Confirmation of Harmeet Dhillon to be Assistant Attorney General- 52-45

House of Representatives

No legislation related to law enforcement or homeland security was considered on the floor this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, April 1

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection (Committee on Homeland Security) **“Cybersecurity is Local, Too: Assessing the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program”**- 10:00AM, 310 CHOB

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet (Committee on the Judiciary) **“Judicial Overreach and Constitutional Limits on the Federal Courts”**- 10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

DeepSeek: A Deep Dive

Subcommittee on Research and Technology
(Committee on Science, Space, and Technology)
10:00AM, 2318 RHOB

“A Continued Pattern of Government Surveillance of U.S. Citizens”

Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance (Committee on the Judiciary)
10:00 AM, 2141

Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement (Committee on Homeland Security) **“Exploring the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Across the DHS Enterprise”**- 2:00PM- 310 CHOB

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights (Senate Committee on the Judiciary) - **Big Fixes for Big Tech**- 2:30 PM- 226 DSOB

Wednesday, April 2

Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust (Committee on the Judiciary)- **“Artificial Intelligence: Examining Trends in Innovation and Competition”**- 10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs (Committee on Oversight and Government Reform)- **“Salt Typhoon: Securing America’s Telecommunications from State-Sponsored Cyber Attacks”**- 10:00 AM, HVC-210

Legislative Branch Subcommittee- **Budget Hearing- U.S. House of Representatives**- 10:00 AM, 2362-A RHOB

Subcommittee on Oversight (Committee on the Judiciary)- **“Inside the Biden FBI: Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and a Bureau Leadership in Decline”**- 2:00 PM, 2141 RHOB

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces (Committee on Armed Services), **Small UAS and Counter-Small UAS: Gaps, Requirements, and Projected Capabilities**- 3:30 PM, 2118 RHOB

“America on the Global Stage: Examining Efforts to Secure and Improve the U.S. Travel System and Prepare for Significant International Events

Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee (Committee on Homeland Security)

The Freedom of Information Act: Perspectives from Public Requesters

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15AM, 226 DSOB

Budget Hearing – United States Capitol Police

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch (Committee on Appropriations)
11:00 AM, 2362-A RHOB

“Case-by-Case: Returning Parole to its Proper Purpose”

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability (Committee on Homeland Security)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

FY 2026 Member Day

Subcommittee on Homeland Security (Committee on Appropriations)
9:00 AM, 2008 RHOB

“Sanctuary Jurisdictions: Magnet for Migrants, Cover for Criminals”

Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement (Committee on the Judiciary)
10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

“American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets Aligning the U.S. Securities Laws for the Digital Age”

Thursday, April 3

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee- **Nominations Hearing- Scott Kapor to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management and Eric Ueland to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.** 9:30 AM, 342 DSOB

Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee (House Financial Services Committee)
10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

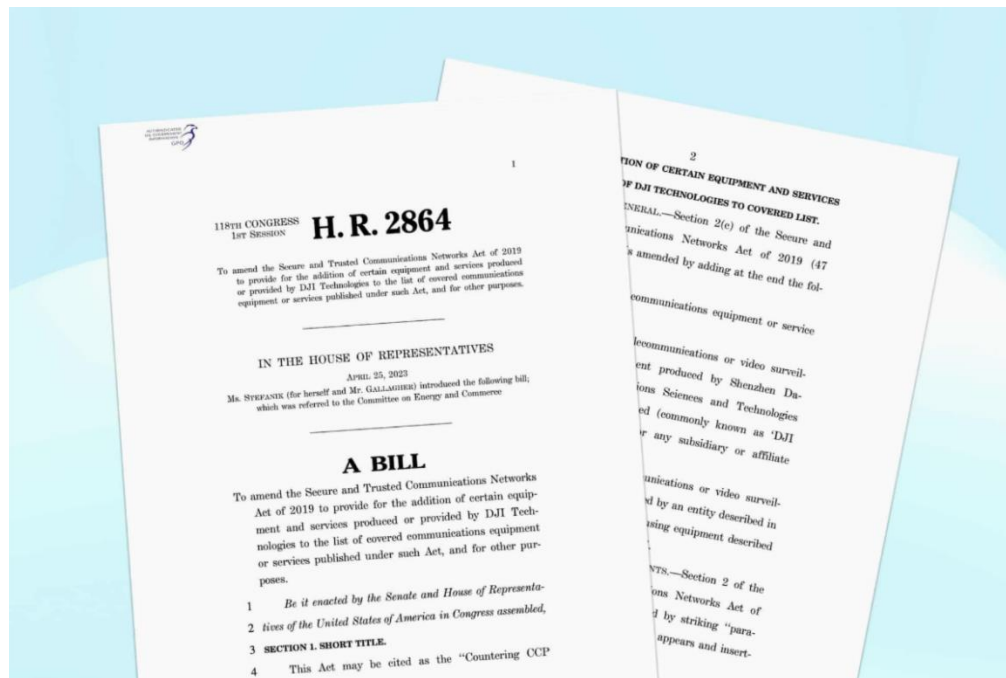
Legislative Markup-Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025, Protecting Students on Campus Act of 2025
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
10:00 AM, 430 DSOB

Business Meeting- Consider Nomination of Arielle Roth to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information
Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

“Ending Lawfare Against Whistleblowers Who Protect Children”
Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government (Committee on the Judiciary)
2:00 PM, 2141 RHOB

Member Day
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
3:00 PM, 2358-A-RHOB

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 [below](#).

[Newly Introduced Legislation](#)

Congressional Calendar

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House and Senate
in Session



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

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Community and Client News



THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

ONDCP Releases Trump Administration's Statement of Drug Policy Priorities

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is announcing the release of the Trump Administration's Drug Policy Priorities, a comprehensive and coordinated blueprint to reduce the devastating impact of illicit drugs on American society. The Statement lays out the urgent, first-year steps that must be taken to address the scourge of illicit drug use that continues plaguing our nation and taking American lives. The implementation of these priorities will complement President Trump's tireless efforts to stop Foreign Terrorist Organizations, cartels, and drug traffickers from harming Americans, and will help build a safer, healthier future for America.

In the next year, the White House will work across the government to implement the following six priorities:

1. Reduce the Number of Overdose Fatalities, with a Focus on Fentanyl
2. Secure the Global Supply Chain Against Drug Trafficking
3. Stop the Flow of Drugs Across our Borders and into Our Communities
4. Prevent Drug Use Before It Starts
5. Provide Treatment That Leads to Long-Term Recovery
6. Innovate in Research and Data to Support Drug Control Strategies

[Read the Plan Here](#)



A Year of Progress: DHS Know2Protect Campaign Turns One

April 17 marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of [**DHS's Know2Protect: Together We Can Stop Online Child Exploitation**](#) public awareness campaign. This campaign has made meaningful strides in raising awareness and equipping communities to help identify, prevent, and report online child exploitation. The success of this effort is rooted in strong partnerships with key organizations across the law enforcement community. We are proud to recognize the collaboration and commitment of signed Know2Protect partners like the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, the National Fusion Center Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Police Athletic League, the Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association, and Operation Light Shine. Together, we continue to protect our nation's most vulnerable and empower law enforcement at every level to take action.

Interested in learning more about partnership or other collaborative opportunities with Know2Protect? Learn more at [**Partnerships | Homeland Security**](#) and contact campaign staff at know2protect@hsi.dhs.gov.



Public Safety

Broadband Technology Association



PTSB Circulates Petition in Support of FirstNet Reauthorization

"After many successful years of operation and growth, the FirstNet Authority is up for Congressional reauthorization. To ensure public safety has continued and uninterrupted access to the FirstNet network and that first responders' mission-critical communications remain a priority as capabilities evolve and grow, the FirstNet Authority must be reauthorized today. It is critical that first responders from across the country let Congress know how crucial FirstNet is to our first responders. This dedicated broadband network is vital for current and future public safety technologies, and reauthorization ensures that the current 7 million+ users continue to have access to their network."

[Sign the Petition Here](#)



IACP Unveils its Policy Priorities

Every two years, the IACP sets its policy priorities on issues of importance to the policing profession. The priorities outlined in this document are designed to bring awareness to challenges faced by police and ways in which elected officials can bring forth solutions and change through legislative and/or administrative action.

The policy priorities document highlights several critical issues that policymakers will address in the weeks and months ahead, and with an emphasis on IACP's top policy priority of implementing the recommendations of the **2020 Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.**

This document is provided to you as a tool that will aid you in your discussions with elected officials regarding these key criminal justice related issues. We hope that you will print it out and provide a copy to your elected officials when you meet with them.

[View IACP Policy Priorities Here](#)



U.S. Department of JUSTICE

Justice Department to Surge Resources to Indian Country to Investigate Unresolved Violent Crimes
Operation Not Forgotten Will Surge 60 FBI Personnel to 10 FBI Field Offices to Support Investigations of Indian Country Violent Crimes

The Justice Department today announced that it will surge FBI assets across the country to address unresolved violent crimes in Indian Country, including crimes relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons.

FBI will send 60 personnel, rotating in 90-day temporary duty assignments over a six-month period. This operation is the longest and most intense national deployment of FBI resources to address Indian Country crime to date. FBI personnel will support field offices in Albuquerque; Denver; Detroit; Jackson, Miss.; Minneapolis; Oklahoma City; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Seattle; and Salt Lake City. The FBI will work in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal law enforcement agencies across jurisdictions.

FBI personnel will be assisted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Missing and Murdered Unit, and they will use the latest forensic evidence processing tools to solve cases and hold perpetrators accountable. U.S. Attorney's Offices will aggressively prosecute case referrals.

Indian Country faces persistent levels of crime and victimization. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025, FBI's Indian Country program had approximately 4,300 open investigations, including over 900 death investigations, 1,000 child abuse investigations, and more than 500 domestic violence and adult sexual abuse investigations.

Operation Not Forgotten renews efforts begun during President Trump's first term under E.O. 13898, Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. This is the third deployment under Operation Not Forgotten, which has provided investigative support to over 500 cases in the past two years.

Combined, these operations resulted in the recovery of 10 child victims, 52 arrests, and 25 indictments or judicial complaints.

Operation Not Forgotten also expands upon the resources deployed in recent years to address cases of missing and murdered indigenous people. The effort will be supported by the Department's MMIP Regional Outreach Program, which places attorneys and coordinators in U.S. Attorneys' Offices across the United States to help prevent and respond to cases of missing or murdered indigenous people.

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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

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345 fallen officers to be added onto National Law Enforcement Memorial in DC

Fallen Law Enforcement Officers from Across the Country to be Honored During 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13th in Washington, D.C.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has formally announced that there are 345 names of U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2025. The names will be engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers

Memorial during the month of April and properly dedicated during the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall between 4th and 7th streets in Washington, DC, at 8:00 pm on May 13, 2025.

The 2025 “Roll Call of Heroes” features the names of official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. This includes 148 federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement officers who died in the line-of-duty in 2024, along with previous years where cases have been approved by NLEOMF’s research department. The total number of line-of-duty deaths in 2024 represents a 25% increase in officer deaths compared to 2023.

Each May 13th, during National Police Week, an estimated 30,000 people attend the Candlelight Vigil ceremony in Washington, D.C., including surviving family members, friends, law enforcement colleagues, and others. The event brings people together from across the country to honor the officers and be surrounded by strength in remembering their service and ultimate sacrifice.

With these additions, there will now be 24,412 officers’ names engraved on the Memorial, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, federal law enforcement, and campus and military police agencies.

The engraving process starts with a lengthy stencil and proofing procedure followed by meticulous engraving and curing processes. Once the engraving and curing process is finished, the covers are removed, and the panel is completed. The utmost care is taken not only in vetting and authenticating each name, but also to ensure that each is engraved on the memorial to the degree that the integrity is forever maintained. The engraving process will begin with a brief ceremony on Monday morning April 14th at 9:30 am EST and work is expected to be completed by the end of April.

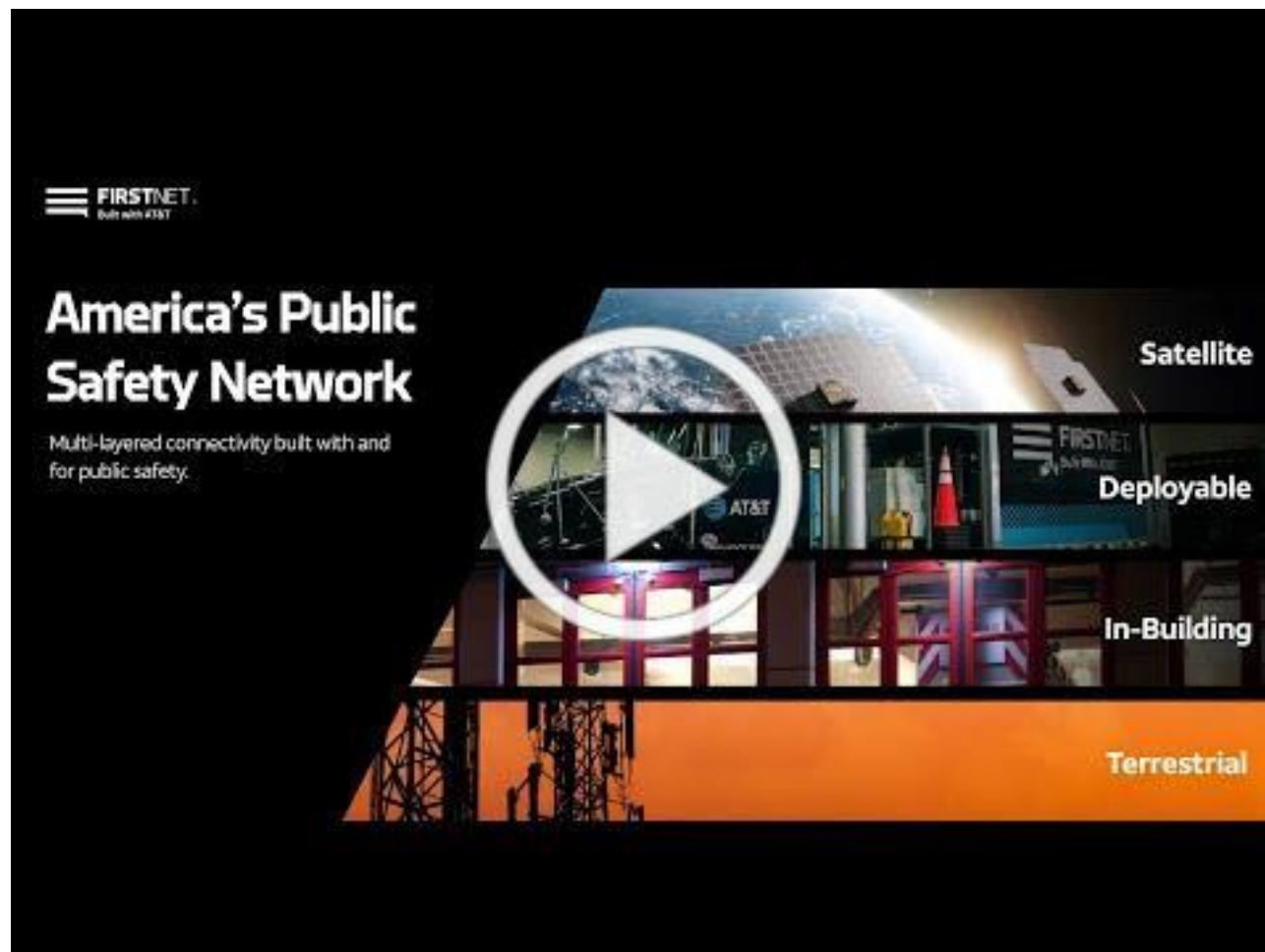
The names of the 345 officers added to the National Memorial this year can be found at the Roll Call of Heroes, 2025. For a complete schedule of National Police Week events in Washington, DC, visit www.LawMemorial.org/PoliceWeek.



FirstNet Expands Coverage for America's First Responders, Surpasses 7 Million Connections

FirstNet®, Built with AT&T – the only 5G network built with and for America's first responders – is now bringing new multi-layered coverage and unprecedented network insight to more than 7 million public safety connections.¹

FirstNet already gives responders coverage across the nation's largest footprint, and they have added 20,000 square miles of terrestrial wireless coverage in the last year – more than twice the size of New Jersey – growing public safety's network to more than 2.99 million square miles across urban, suburban, rural, territory and tribal areas. That's 250,000 square miles more than competing wireless networks on average, giving first responders the critical connectivity they need, where they need it.



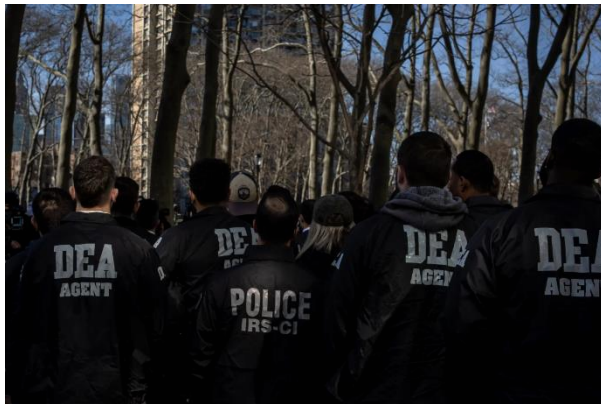
Articles We Read This Week



Bill would require law enforcement in Minnesota to track guns recovered from crime scenes

Police in Minnesota aren't required to track guns recovered from crime scenes, but a proposal to change that had its first hearing by state lawmakers on Friday. The proposal comes less than a year after a WCCO investigation into tracing crime guns through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Tracing Center.

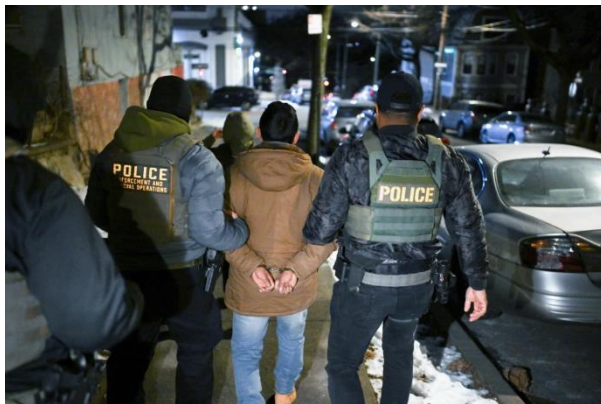
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Justice Dept. Considers Merging Drug and Gun Agencies in Broader Reorganization

The Trump administration is considering a major restructuring of the Justice Department, including merging the Drug Enforcement Administration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, according to an internal memo.

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Police say ICE tactics are eroding public trust in local law enforcement

Police departments are holding town halls, releasing videos and statements, and adding FAQ sections to their websites. They're trying to communicate the same message: They are not immigration officers and residents should not be afraid to call them.

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The Trump admin cut election security funds. Now officials fear future elections may be 'less secure.'

The Trump administration's recent efforts to gut funding and personnel that support state and local election security efforts have left officials deeply concerned about their ability to guarantee physical and cyber security during the voting process. This swift overhauling of funds means that states could lose access to information on emerging threats and election officials may be left without funding for key security services, which could leave certain states and localities more vulnerable to interference efforts than others.

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Unsolved violent crimes in Native American communities to get more attention with FBI surge

The FBI is sending extra agents, analysts and other personnel to field offices in 10 states over the next six months to help investigate unsolved violent crimes in Indian Country, marking a continuation of efforts by the federal government to address high rates of violence affecting Native American communities.

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‘There really is a stigma’: Police officers in Mass. fear consequences for seeking mental health care, survey finds

O’Neil’s death represents a crisis that continues to trouble the law enforcement profession, according to a recent survey by the state’s Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission: Despite years of state and local efforts to bolster psychological support for police, many officers remain reluctant to use those services. It’s a potentially lethal problem in a profession where exposure to traumatic violence is common and a culture of shame and silence makes seeking help a personal and professional risk, advocates and researchers said.

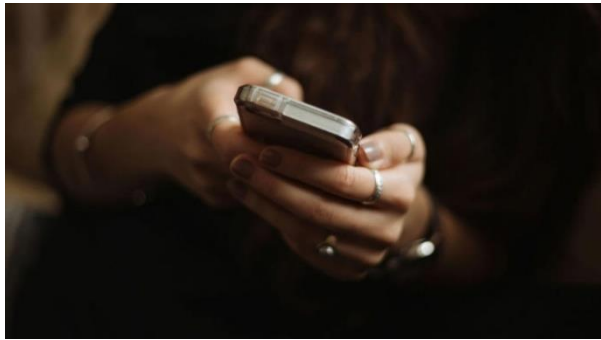
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The State of Policing, Five Years After George Floyd

The political atmosphere around policing has shifted significantly in the years since, and not just in Seattle. The spike in homicides and other violent crimes during the pandemic put a new focus on public safety. The slogan "defund the police" quickly proved politically toxic, blamed by many Democrats for some of the party’s losses in recent elections. Policies meant to curb the worst excesses of police activity, including bans on chokeholds and restrictions on qualified immunity from civil litigation, now are mostly dead letters. Within days of Donald Trump’s inauguration in January, the Justice Department ordered a halt to consent decrees and settlement agreements that required changes in policy in departments with patterns of misconduct. In March, President Trump called for the death penalty for anyone who kills a cop.

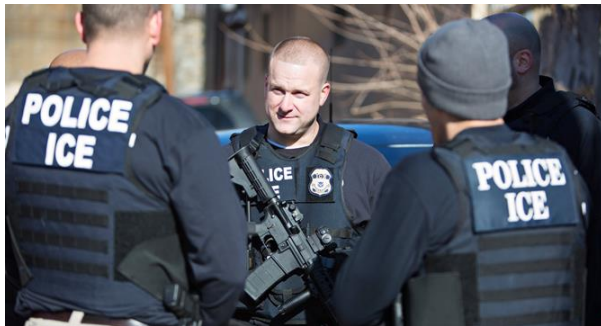
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Arizona, others back bills allowing states to jam cellphones smuggled into prisons

Federal legislation allowing states to jam cellphones smuggled into prisons has won support from Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes and other attorneys general. Mayes joined a bipartisan coalition that wrote a letter to majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate last week in support of H.R. 2350 and S. 1137, federal legislation that supporters say disrupt prisoners' ability to orchestrate crimes from behind bars by using cellphones smuggled into prisons.

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Police put in complex position as immigration arrest warrants added to U.S. database

The federal government has added hundreds of thousands of immigration arrest warrants to a national database used by local police. As NPR's Martin Kaste reports, that means local cops are now more likely to know if someone is wanted by ICE.

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Translator technology helping break down language barriers in Hancock County courtrooms

Since last fall, a new type of technology has been utilized in Hancock County courtrooms. It's called Pocketalk, which is a translator device that has over 80 different languages to choose from.

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Loudoun County sheriff's new agreement with ICE concerns immigration advocates

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is the first Northern Virginia jail to enter into a special agreement with U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to give federal agents more time to pick up people who have detainers, but some community groups are pushing back against the new policy.

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Upcoming Events



National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event 2025

Washington, D.C.

April 22- April 24, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Spring Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi

April 27- April 30, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



NAWLEE 2025 Annual Conference

Orlando Florida

April 14 - April 17, 2025

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International Association of Chiefs of Police Technology Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 5th - 7th, 2025

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