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Photo of the week: Elon Musk defends his work from the Oval Office as Trump signs an executive order to boost DOGE efforts.

Weekly Update and Analysis

February 14, 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 House passed the [Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act](#) (H.R. 35), which introduces new criminal penalties for drivers who intentionally flee from U.S. Border Patrol or other law enforcement officers operating within 100 miles of the U.S. border. The bill, supported by several law enforcement associations—including the Major County Sheriffs of America—also imposes new immigration restrictions on noncitizens convicted of or admitting to using motor vehicles to evade Border Patrol agents.

Meanwhile, the Senate unanimously passed the [TAKE IT DOWN Act](#), making the publication of non-consensual deepfake pornography generated by AI a criminal offense. The legislation also requires websites to remove such content within 48 hours of a request. Addressing the risks of AI-generated exploitation is part of a broader effort by lawmakers to regulate emerging technologies.

Both bills will now move to the opposite chambers for consideration.

The [House](#) and [Senate](#) Budget Committees spent the week advancing their respective budget resolutions, a crucial first step in enacting President Trump's domestic policy agenda. However, the Senate's "two-track" approach remains at odds with the House, adding complexity to the process.

Additionally, House Republicans have [established a new working group aimed at developing a national data privacy standard](#). Announced Wednesday by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.) and Vice Chair John Joyce (R-Pa.), the group will "aims to "bring members and stakeholders together to explore a framework for legislation that can get across the finish line." This effort follows last year's legislative push to establish a national privacy standard, which ultimately stalled. During those discussions, law enforcement expressed strong support for privacy protections but raised concerns over proposals that could restrict access to critical data and investigative tools vital for keeping communities safe. They emphasized the importance of balancing privacy with the need for effective law enforcement to protect public safety, advocating for measures that

would preserve both privacy rights and the tools necessary for national security and criminal investigations. The formation of this new working group provides lawmakers with a chance to revisit the issue.

President Trump and the U.S. Senate continued working on key presidential nominations this week. The Senate confirmed former Representative Tulsi Gabbard as Director of National Intelligence, and she was sworn in on Wednesday. The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced [Kash Patel's](#) nomination to become the next FBI Director. President Trump announced [Terry Cole](#) as his pick to lead the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Gadyaces Serralta to serve as the next director of the U.S. Marshals Service. Cole currently serves as Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Serralta is the current Marshal in the Southern District of Florida and was a Major with the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Looking ahead, current government funding is set to expire on March 14, and Congress remains deeply divided. As partisan gridlock persists, lawmakers have yet to reach a deal to prevent a potential government shutdown. You can stay updated on the ongoing funding negotiations [\[here\]](#).

Exciting Opportunity- BBM is Hiring a Full Time Consultant

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.

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- 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.

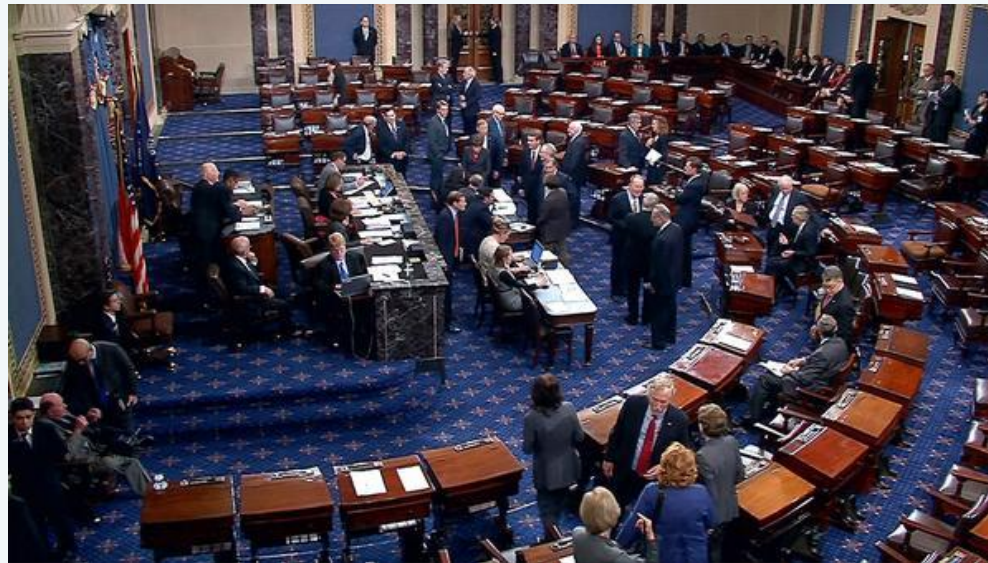
[Download the job flyer here](#)

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Trump Signs Order Aimed at Undoing Biden Actions on Guns</u>• <u>House to Consider Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act This Week</u>• <u>Budget/Appropriations Update – Here's What We Know Right Now</u>• <u>Reuters: Trump picks Cole to be DEA administrator</u>• <u>House Republicans Launch Working Group to Develop National Data Privacy Standard</u>• <u>Attorney General Bondi's 14 Directives Issued on February 5, 2025</u>• <u>POLITICO: "Senate Budget Committee clears first hurdle toward enacting Trump's agenda"</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>POLITICO: "House Republicans approve their budget after appeasing hard-liners"</u>• <u>Congress Faces Looming Shutdown Threat as March Deadline Approaches</u>• <u>ICYMI: POLITICO – "Senate panel approves Trump's FBI pick"</u>• <u>AI Deepfake Pornography Measure Passes Senate, Heads to House</u>• <u>House Passes Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act</u>• <u>House Republicans Pass Measure to Expedite Biden Rules Rollback</u> |
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Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Tulsi Gabbard to be Director of National Intelligence- Confirmed 52-48

Confirmation of Robert F. Kennedy Jr to be Secretary of Health and Human Services- Confirmed 52-48

Confirmation of Brooke Rollins to be Secretary of Agriculture- Confirmed 72-28

S. 146- TAKE IT DOWN Act

This bill would require social media platforms, website, and other online services to quickly remove non consensual intimate visual depictions or face penalties.

House of Representatives

H.R. 35 - Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act

This bill would impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing and pursuing a Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle.

Passed House (264-155)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, February 11

- Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust (House Committee on the Judiciary) – **Reining in the Administrative State: Regulatory and Administrative Law Reform**
- Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence (House

Hearings Next Week

Wednesday, February 19

- Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee – **Hearing to Examine the Nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer to be Secretary of Labor**
- Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Meeting- **Spectrum Auction Delays**

Committee on Financial Services)- A Golden Age of Digital Assets: Charting a Path Forward

- Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade (House Committee on Energy and Commerce) – **AI in Manufacturing: Securing American Leadership in Manufacturing and the Next Generation of Technologies**

- Senate Judiciary Committee- *Nomination Hearing for **Todd Blanche to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice***

Thursday, February 13

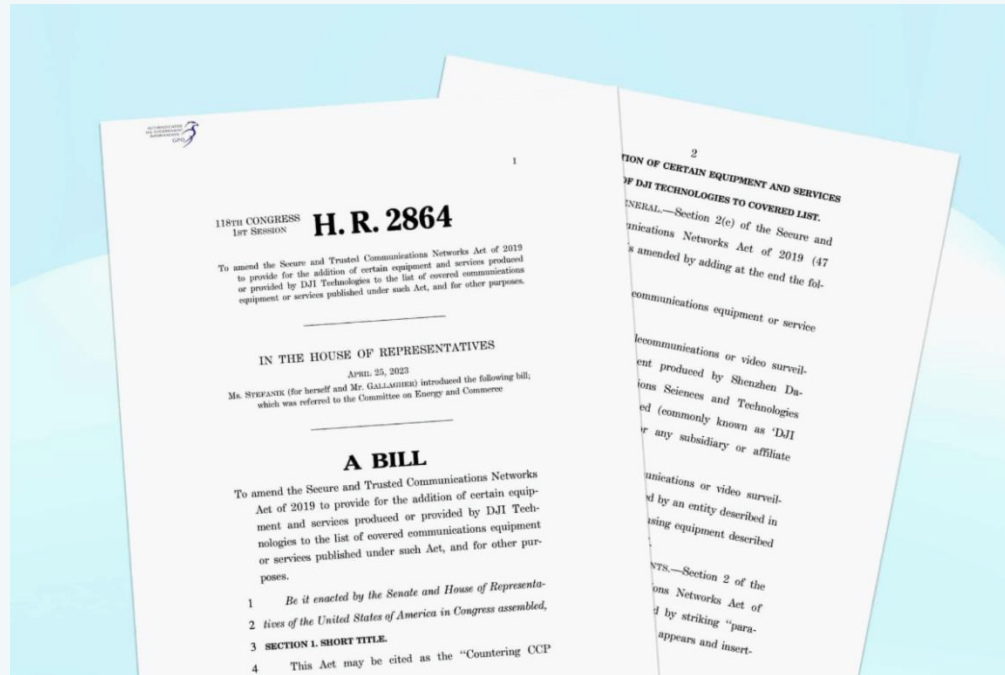
- Senate Judiciary Committee – **Business meeting to consider S.331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and the nomination of Kashyap Patel, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.**

- Senate Judiciary Committee- **Hearing to Examine Children's Safety in the Digital Era**

Thursday, February 20

- Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee – **Hearing to Examine the Nominations of Troy Edgar to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and James Bishop to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget**

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

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 Senate in Session Only

 House in Session Only
 Federal Holidays

Community and Client News



Homeland Security

DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement Launches Searchable Resource Library for State, Local, Tribal, Territorial, and Campus Law Enforcement

The DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) launched the [Law Enforcement Resource Library](#), a brand-new searchable library of resources available to state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus law enforcement. The revamped guide allows for users to quickly find targeted resources by browsing through categories or using the new search bar feature, which creates a more user-friendly experience and gives faster access to DHS resources.

OSLLE is committed to ensuring every law enforcement agency - regardless of size, funding, or resources - has the tools and support necessary to carry out the work that is essential to maintaining the nation's security. This searchable resource library highlights many of the Department's resources that are available to you, including training, grant funding opportunities, task forces, and field support, among others. The Law Enforcement Resource Library is searchable through keywords, mission areas, topic, audience, and delivery method such as a grant funding opportunity or training.

Going forward, the resource library will be a living document and updated as necessary. To learn more about the resources, opportunities for collaboration, and support the Department can offer law enforcement, please contact the [DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement](#) at OSLLE@hq.dhs.gov.



Webinar: Unlocking public safety grants and funding in 2025

Grant experts break down the latest opportunities, strategies, and insider tips to help your agency secure critical funding

Securing funding for your public safety projects is more competitive than ever. Join our panel of experts for a deep dive into the latest federal grant opportunities, policy updates and funding strategies for 2025. This webinar will provide grant managers, financial officers and agency leadership with the knowledge and know-how to maximize funding opportunities and navigate the ever-evolving federal grant landscape.

What you'll learn:

Key grant opportunities: Updates on major programs like UASI, FEMA Preparedness Grants, and COPS Office initiatives.

Policy and compliance changes: Stay ahead of recent federal policy shifts that impact both new and existing grants.

Alternative funding strategies: Explore congressionally directed spending, state/local funding options, and other non-traditional sources.

Best practices for success: Learn how to align your projects with federal priorities to improve your chances of securing funding and understand new compliance and best practices.

Speakers:

As 908 Devices' Vice President for North America and Strategic Marketing, John Johnson oversees the strategic direction and market adoption of the company's handheld mass spectrometer and FTIR product lines. Johnson has served many roles over the course of his 30 years in public safety, launching 17 products in more than 61 countries and working with more than 400 public safety organizations. Since 2001, he has focused his efforts on changing mindsets and driving acceptance of novel technological approaches to identifying explosives, chemical weapons and narcotics. His work is bringing technology used in forensic laboratories to the field, including mass spectrometry, FTIR, Raman and Rapid DNA. His influence in these areas has led to standard industry practices and broad technology adoption, all aimed at improving public safety outcomes.

Samantha L. Dorm is a senior grant consultant for Lexipol, serving FireGrantsHelp.com, EMSGrantsHelp.com and PoliceGrantsHelp. She first began working as a consultant for the grants division of Praetorian Digital (now Lexipol) in 2010. Dorm has been instrumental in providing grant writing guidance to various public safety and non-profit agencies throughout the United States to enable them to obtain alternative funding as well as provide instruction on statistical compilation, analysis and program development. Dorm is a reviewer for several federal agencies and also instructs grant writing workshops.

[Learn More Here](#)



Leading Without a Badge Summit: For Civilian Leaders in Law Enforcement

On April 13 -15, 2025 distinguished civilian public safety professionals will be convening in Charlottesville, VA at the University of Virginia's Center for Public Safety and Justice. This event is designed by professional staff members for civilian/non-uniformed public safety leaders, including Chief Operating Officers, Chiefs of Staff, Chief Technology Officers, Public Information Officers, Executive Directors, Program Managers, and others. They welcome sworn leaders to attend!

Join fellow public safety professionals for a summit designed to highlight the role of non-sworn leaders in law enforcement and serve as a unique networking event to exchange best practices and recommendations to navigate organizational culture and make an impact within your jurisdiction. This event will provide actionable insights, practical tools, and invaluable networking opportunities to help civilian leaders navigate the evolving challenges of public safety – designed for and by those serving in executive law enforcement capacities, but in a non-uniformed capacity.

Early bird registration deadline is extended to February 21, 2025 and final registration deadline (for lodging) is March 14, 2025.

Please visit this website to learn more: <https://justiceandsafety.org/>

[Download the event flyer here](#)



The American Correctional Association is Growing- New Job Opportunities

For more than 152 years, the American Correctional Association has championed the cause of corrections and correctional effectiveness. Founded in 1870 as the National Prison Association, ACA is the oldest association developed specifically for practitioners in the correctional profession. During the first organizational meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, the assembly elected then-Ohio Governor and future President Rutherford B. Hayes as the first President of the Association. Today, the ACA has thousands of members from all over the world. The American Correctional Association shapes the future of corrections through strong, progressive leadership that brings together various voices and forges coalitions and partnerships to promote the concepts embodied in its Declaration of Principles. The American Correctional Association provides a professional organization for all individuals and groups, both public and private that share a common goal of improving the justice system.

The ACA is hiring for the following positions:

1. Senior Executive Assistant
2. Health Services Specialist
3. Standards and Accreditation Specialist
4. Grant Manager / Writer - Contractual
5. Correctional Health Coordinator

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2025 Destination Zero Awards Application Window Open — Seeking Traffic Safety Nominations Amid Rising Fatalities

The 2025 Destination Zero National Officer Safety and Wellness Awards applying window is open. NLEOMF is emphasizing the need for traffic safety nominations. As you may recall, the 2024 EOY Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report that was published in January 2025 brought to light that Traffic-related fatalities increased by 48%

with 46 deaths in 2024, compared to 31 deaths in 2023. “Struck-by” fatalities, defined as an officer struck outside of their patrol vehicle, increased 113% from 8 in 2023 to 17 in 2024 as well.

Agencies should consider applying to the Destination Zero National Officer Safety and Wellness Awards before April 1st, 2025, as it provides a remarkable platform for recognition and growth in the commitment to officer safety and wellness. By participating, agencies can showcase their innovative safety strategies and wellness programs at a national level, gaining recognition and setting a standard for excellence. Those agencies with outstanding programs that have proven to be beneficial will be acknowledged at an award ceremony during National Police Weekend in October in Washington, DC.

Additionally, the awards ceremony offers an opportunity to share best practices and collaborate with other agencies. Through this program, agencies can access a wide array of resources and support, further enhancing their efforts to protect and promote the well-being of their officers. NLEOMF seeks full details on such programs to include: copies of posters, policies, toolkits, and any data that shows the success of that particular plan. Please submit information to: destinationzero@nleomf.org, or call (202) 737-3400.

For more information and to nominate a program, [visit here](#)

National Law Enforcement Museum Announces Virtual Panel on Expanding the Police Workforce
National Law Enforcement Museum to Host Empowering Futures: Expanding the Police Workforce Through University Engagement

WHAT: The National Law Enforcement Museum will livestream a free panel discussion highlighting the vital work of The Core ASPIRE Project. This initiative brings together experts from organizations including RTI International, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Law Enforcement Executives and Administrators Association (HBCU-LEEA).

WHO: Moderator
Chief Renee Hall: National First Vice President, NOBLE

Panelists

Marcia K. Thompson: Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Chair of Criminal Justice, Aurora University
Colonel Jeffrey Glover: President, NOBLE
Mitchell Davis: National Second Vice President, NOBLE
Lawrence Mullen: Program Manager & Forensic Research Scientist, RTI International

WHEN: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. Eastern

WHERE: Virtual Attendance

Participants can register for free here - event will be live-streamed

WHY: In honor of Black History Month, the program will showcase innovative strategies designed to enhance recruitment efforts at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), develop mentorship opportunities and partnerships to support HBCU students pursuing careers in law enforcement. This event underscores the importance of cultivating representation in law enforcement while inspiring future leaders in the field.

For additional information, visit: --- <https://nleomf.org/event/empowering-futures-expanding-the-police-workforce-through-university-engagement/> --- the livestream can also be viewed on YouTube on Facebook.



New IACP Resource: Immigration Policy Fact Sheet

Based on IACP membership resolutions, the fact sheet outlines the IACP's policy stance on immigration related issues. It also provides essential context, including an overview of the issue, policy implications, and key points that police leaders need to know. This resource is crafted to support police leaders in their communications with elected officials, the media, and community members, ensuring consistent and aligned messaging, while providing context relative to the complexities of the issue for policing.

[Read the Fact Sheet Here](#)



Who killed Sheila Wallace?

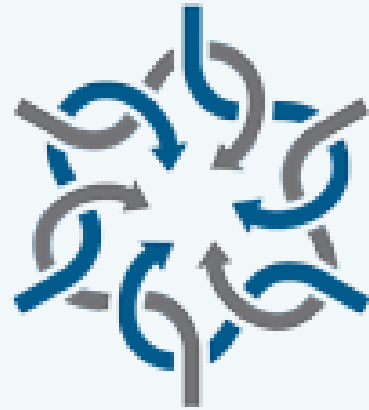
How NIBIN was the critical puzzle piece for solving this heinous crime

In April of 2019, only a few months after the McGowan Park homicide a police officer witnessed a shooting in the Stockyards neighborhood of Cleveland. The officer gave chase of the suspect who was in a stolen pickup truck. The vehicle ultimately crashed near the Metroparks Zoo, and the fleeing felon, later identified as DaJuan Evens, tossed a Glock 9mm from his vehicle. Luckily, a good Samaritan would later turn the crime gun into the police to be processed through the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensics Science Laboratory. A test fire passed through the recovered Glock and its corresponding image would be searched through the ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) for a possible match.

NIBIN did not disappoint. From this NIBIN query the lab determined that the same gun used in this apparently isolated shooting in the Stockyards neighborhood was the same one used to kill Sheila in McGowan Park less than 5 miles away. Armed with this new information, it was not long before investigators could leverage additional crime gun intelligence (CGI) practices, in this case DNA, to match the gun to DaJuan Evens.

In 2019, access to NIBIN in Ohio was far more limited than it is today and its prominence as a crime-fighting tool was not as well known, so it would not be uncommon for the CGI processes to be slowed down. Today, thanks to the efforts of Governor Mike DeWine's Ballistic Testing initiative supported by Federal and state grant monies needed to fund crime gun intelligence centers and access to NIBIN, Ohio has increased its capabilities to combat violent crime.

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ALL THINGS
FirstNet

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Opinion: FirstNet Reauthorization A Must for Public Safety Communications

By James Careless

Since its inception in 2012, the FirstNet Authority has done great things for public safety communications in the United States. The most significant of these is the establishment of the FirstNet broadband wireless network which ensures secure priority carriage of first responder cellular traffic throughout the country 24/7.

FirstNet was born out of the tragic loss of far too many first responders at the World Trade Center on 9/11, due to a lack of interoperability and overburdened commercial networks. This is why first responders compelled Congress to develop a nationwide high speed wireless network for public safety. Congress listened and created the FirstNet Authority under the Middle-Class Tax Relief Act of 2012.

At the time, the FirstNet Authority was a new and untested concept. This is why the legislation contains a provision that sunsets the organization in February 2027, unless it is deliberately reauthorized to continue by Congress.

Because reauthorization is likely to be a long process, the effort to educate Congress and public safety begins now. And make no mistake: American first responders want FirstNet to be reauthorized indefinitely, rather than have to do this all over again down the road. This is why the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) has begun their advocacy and educational efforts on the importance of reauthorization to protect public safety communications, 'FirstNet Reauthorization'.

Michael A. Barnbeck is Deputy Director of the Public Safety Broadband Technology Association (PSBTA), which is another strong first responder advocate for FirstNet's reauthorization. "This reauthorization is not about AT&T: It is about the FirstNet Authority and their record of putting first responders' communications needs first," Barnbeck said. "Reauthorization affirms that the FirstNet public safety network will be overseen by public safety through its membership on the FirstNet Authority Board and through the Public Safety Advisory Council that reports directly to the board. Without this reauthorization, FirstNet could be forced to terminate network services, which would impact nearly 30,000 agencies using close to seven million devices on FirstNet. This is why Congress must reauthorize the FirstNet Authority now."

Asked why Congress should reauthorize the FirstNet Authority on an indefinite basis, rather than for just another time period, Barnbeck replied, "The only reason Congress put in this time limit was because they weren't sure that the concept would work. Now FirstNet has proven itself to be all that was hoped for and more. So, there is no need to set another time limit, because doing so puts the surety of this public safety network in doubt every time a renewal is on the schedule." The PSBTA wholeheartedly supports reauthorization to preserve this governance framework and ensure public safety has continued and uninterrupted access to the FirstNet network.

The fact is that FirstNet is a public safety network built by and for public safety users that works.

This commitment underlies the FirstNet Authority's \$6.3 Billion 5G network upgrade, which will see the incredible capabilities of 5G wireless service extended to all FirstNet users throughout the United States. As AllThingsFirstNet.com reported, this 5G project will upgrade FirstNet's dedicated core network and its radio access network on the Band 14 spectrum. The result will be faster data speeds and larger carriage capacity than can be carried on 4G/LTE cellular networks, supporting far more capable multimedia broadband applications for use by public safety agencies.

At the same time — precisely because the FirstNet Authority is responsible to the public safety community — FirstNet will continue to support its current 4G/LTE users for an extended period of time. This will allow them to make this switch to 5G on their budgetary schedule, rather than having it imposed on them as might happen with a commercially run, profit-minded enterprise.

This is why CFSI and the PSBTA are supporting the reauthorization of the FirstNet Authority, and why Michael Barnbeck thinks all U.S. first responders should do the same. “FirstNet is too important a resource to be lost or interrupted,” he said. “We need to ensure its survival for all first responders, and getting behind the reauthorization is the way to do it.”

[Read the article online here](#)



Individuals receiving hospital-based care for cannabis use disorder are more likely to die

A recent [study](#) in JAMA Network Open, reported in [The New York Times](#), found that individuals who received hospital-based care (i.e., an emergency department visit or hospitalization) for cannabis use disorder (CUD) were 2.8 times more likely than the general population to die within 5 years.

The study, based on data from 11.6 million Canadians in Ontario between 2006 and 2021, found 3.5% of those who received hospital-based care for CUD had died within 5 years, which was 6 times higher than the 0.6% rate among the general population. After adjusting for sociodemographic variables and health conditions, “there continued to be a 3-fold increased risk of death,” the study noted.

After assessing the specific causes of death, the authors explained, “individuals with hospital-based CUD care were at increased risk of all investigated types of death but at particularly elevated risk of death by suicide, trauma, opioid, alcohol, and other drug poisoning and lung cancer relative to the general population.” For example, individuals who received hospital-based care for CUD were 9.7 times more likely to have died by suicide, 5.0 times more likely to have died from opioid poisoning, and 4.6 times more likely to have died from trauma.

In a commentary about the study, Dr. Jodi Gilman, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and a member of the FDPS Leadership Council, said, “it is important not to misinterpret findings suggesting no significant acceleration in adverse outcomes after cannabis legalization as a statement that policy does not matter. Policy does matter; allowing unfettered commercial markets to exist exposes more individuals to a greater variety of readily available, high-potency cannabis products.”

In a separate commentary about the study, Drs. Laura Bierut and Fang Fang said, “though gaps remain in our knowledge about the health effects of cannabis use, the current evidence is enough to sound an alarm; cannabis is addictive; cannabis use disorder is on the rise; and those affected by cannabis use disorder are at an increased risk of premature death.”

Articles We Read This Week



Kristi Noem Says She Would Recommend Trump 'get rid' of FEMA

The Trump administration has been weighing the future of the disaster relief, and The Washington Post has reported that a small team from Elon Musk's U.S. DOGE Service has gained access to sensitive data to carry out a review of FEMA's grants.

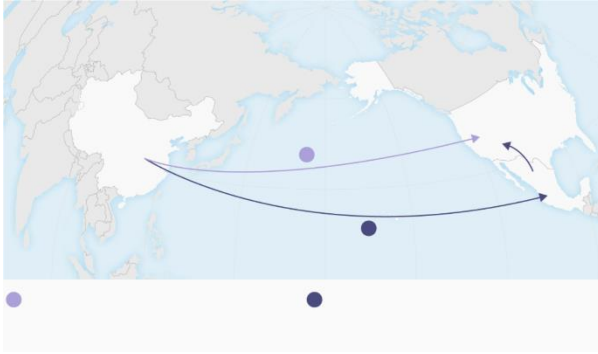
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Police, sheriffs across Oregon scramble to find place to destroy drugs as incinerator closes

Now police and sheriff's offices across the state that have relied for decades on the incinerator must find another place to dispose of drug evidence, drug paraphernalia and other contraband. As they search, they're holding onto the drugs in their property rooms and evidence warehouses while scrambling for an alternative that so far has proven elusive.

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Fentanyl in the US: A visual guide

Fentanyl has become the most common drug involved in overdose deaths in the United States, fueling what the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified as the “third wave” of the opioid overdose epidemic.

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House Passes Bill to Crack Down on Migrants Fleeing the Police Near the Border

The House of Representatives on Thursday passed legislation that would increase criminal penalties for people who try to evade law enforcement in vehicles near the nation’s borders, including subjecting any noncitizen involved in such an incident to detention and deportation.

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Trump nominates Virginia public safety official to head DEA

President Donald Trump on Tuesday nominated Terry Cole to lead the Drug Enforcement Administration, elevating a longtime law enforcement official who spent more than two decades at the agency and now serves as Virginia’s top public safety official.

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Upcoming Events

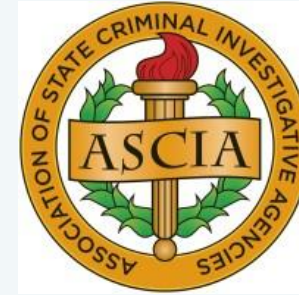


**National Fusion Center Association Annual Training
Event 2025**

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

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2025 William R. Bracey Symposium

Glendale, Arizona

February 27th - March 1st, 2025

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