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Photo of the week: (Right to Left) Defense Intelligence Agency Director Jeffrey Kruse, Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Kash Patel, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, and National Security Agency Director Timothy Haugh testify before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the 2025 Annual Threat Assessment Report.

Weekly Update and Analysis

March 28, 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 Judiciary Committee held a legislative markup and advanced a series of firearm-related bills. These included measures to regulate the carry or possession of concealed firearms across state lines ([Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act](#)) and legislation expanding law enforcement officers' authority to carry concealed firearms nationwide ([LEOSA Reform Act](#)). The committee also approved measures to enhance data reporting within the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and strengthen due process rights for individuals seeking to correct faulty NICS records ([NICS Data Reporting Act, Firearm Due Process Protection Act](#)). You can read the full list of bills advanced by the committee [\[here\]](#).

In related firearm news, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, upheld the Biden administration's regulations on "ghost guns." The Court maintained regulations by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) that require these firearms to have serial numbers and be subject to background checks. You can read more about the decision [\[here\]](#).

Meanwhile, the Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee also conducted a legislative markup, advancing a bipartisan package of bills aimed at strengthening the Department of Homeland Security's intelligence collection, information-sharing practices, and training programs. These bills focus on critical and emerging threats, including transnational repression, generative AI, and school safety. You can read the full list of bills advanced by the committee [\[here\]](#).

Additionally, the U.S. intelligence community released its [2025 Annual Threat Assessment](#) report, outlining the most pressing threats to national security from both state and non-state actors. Notably, this year's report elevated illicit drugs and drug traffickers among the top threats. Intelligence community leaders, including the Directors of National Intelligence (DNI), the CIA, and the FBI, testified before both the House and Senate Intelligence Committees regarding these findings.

Outside of Congress, reports emerged that the Department of Justice is considering a [proposal to merge](#) the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

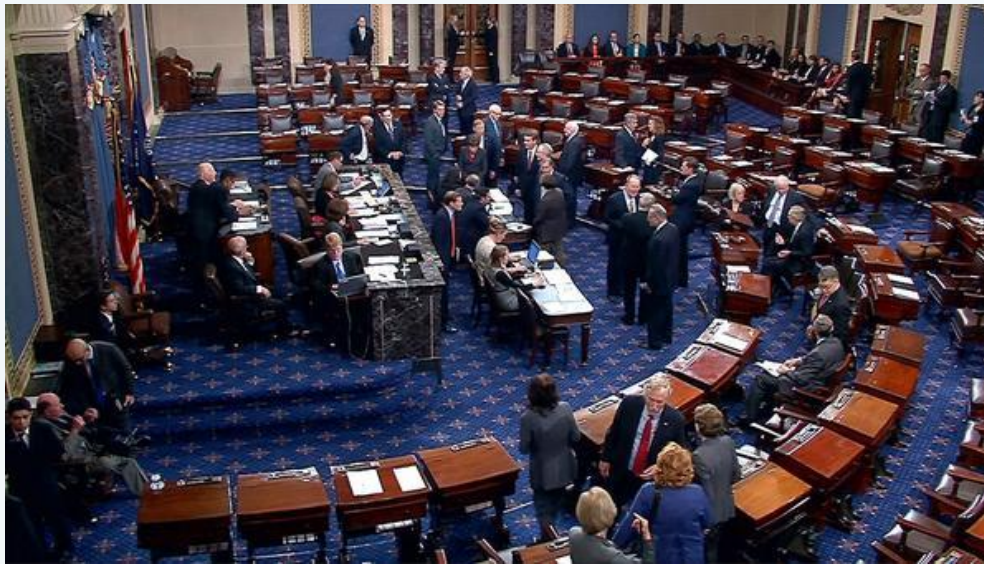
Additional proposed changes include consolidating all Justice Department grant offices into a single entity and eliminating the Community Relations Service. This follows widespread reports that the White House has directed agencies to cut their workforce by [8% to 50%](#).

Finally, in support of the national transition from legacy 911 technology to Next Generation 9-1-1, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking this week to enhance reliability and interoperability standards. You can read more about it [\[here\]](#).

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.

- [Congressman Kustoff and Senator Cotton Introduce the Cellphone Jamming Reform Act](#)
 - [FCC Press Release: "FCC Proposes Action to Improve Next Generation 911"](#)
 - [FCC Press Release: "FCC Proposes Action to Help First Responders Better Locate Wireless 911 Callers"](#)
 - [Stefanik's UN Ambassador Nomination Rescinded to Strengthen GOP Majority](#)
 - [Washington Post: "Internal White House document details layoff plans across U.S. agencies"](#)
 - [Proposed Mergers and Restructuring within the Department of Justice \(More Details\)](#)
 - [Washington Post: "Justice Department proposes merging ATF with DEA, other major changes"](#)
 - [The Hill: "Supreme Court upholds Biden's 'ghost guns' crackdown"](#)
- [House Judiciary Committee Advances Slate of Firearms Related Bills](#)
 - [House Judiciary Committee Advances Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act](#)
 - [Kratsios Confirmed as OSTP Lead](#)
 - [House Homeland Subcommittee Advances Package of Bills](#)
 - [The Hill: "GOP senators warn Trump agenda will be slowed by internal divisions"](#)
 - [Roll Call: "Congress returns for three-week sprint session"](#)
 - [The Hill: "DOJ creating path for people with criminal convictions to again own guns"](#)



Senate

Confirmation of Michael Kratsios to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy - Confirmed 74-25

Confirmation of James Bishop to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget- Confirmed 53-46

Confirmation of Aaron Reitz to be an Assistant Attorney General- Confirmed 52-46

Confirmation of Michael Faulkender to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury- Confirmed 53-43

House of Representatives

H.R. 1048- DETERRENT Act

This legislation expands oversight and disclosure requirements for foreign gifts and donations to institutions of higher education.

Passed House (241-169)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, March 25

House Judiciary Committee

Legislative Markup

- H.R. 38, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. 60, the Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. 2184, the Firearm Due Process Protection Act [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. _____, the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. _____, the LEOSA Reform Act of 2025 [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. _____, the NICS Data Reporting Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. _____, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act of 2025 [\[PDF\]](#)

Hearings Next 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

Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement (Committee on Homeland Security) **"Exploring the**

Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee,
House Homeland Security Committee

Part 1: Consequences of Failure: How Biden's Policies Fueled the Border Crisis (Postponed)

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Hearing to Examine Worldwide Threats

Legislative Branch Subcommittee, House
Appropriations Committee
Oversight Hearing – Capitol Complex Public Safety and Security

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee,
House Homeland Security Committee
Legislative Markup

- **H.R. 1327**, (Mr. Luttrell) the “Syria Terrorism Threat Assessment Act” [**PDF 229KB**]
- **H.R. 1508**, (Ms. Titus) the “DHS Special Events Program and Support Act” [**PDF 230KB**]
- **H.R. 1736**, (Mr. Pfluger) the “Generative AI Terrorism Risk Assessment Act” [**PDF 245KB**]
- **H.R. 2116**, (Mr. Evans of CO) the “Law Enforcement Support and Counter Transnational Repression Act” [**PDF 243KB**]
- **H.R. 2139**, (Mr. Magaziner) the “Strengthening State and Local Efforts to Counter Transnational Repression Act” [**PDF 247KB**]
- **H.R. 2158**, (Mr. Pfluger) the “Countering Transnational Repression Act of 2025” [**PDF 252KB**]

Wednesday, March 26

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Annual Worldwide Threats Assessment Hearing

National Security, Department of State, and Related
Programs Subcommittee, House Appropriations
Committee
Member Day

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

Thursday, April 3

Government Operations Subcommittee, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Operational Challenges and Opportunities for Reform (Postponed)

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hearing to Examine Pending Nominations

Oversight Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee

Inside the Biden FBI: Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and a Bureau Leadership in Decline (Postponed)

Thursday, March 27

Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Legislative Markup

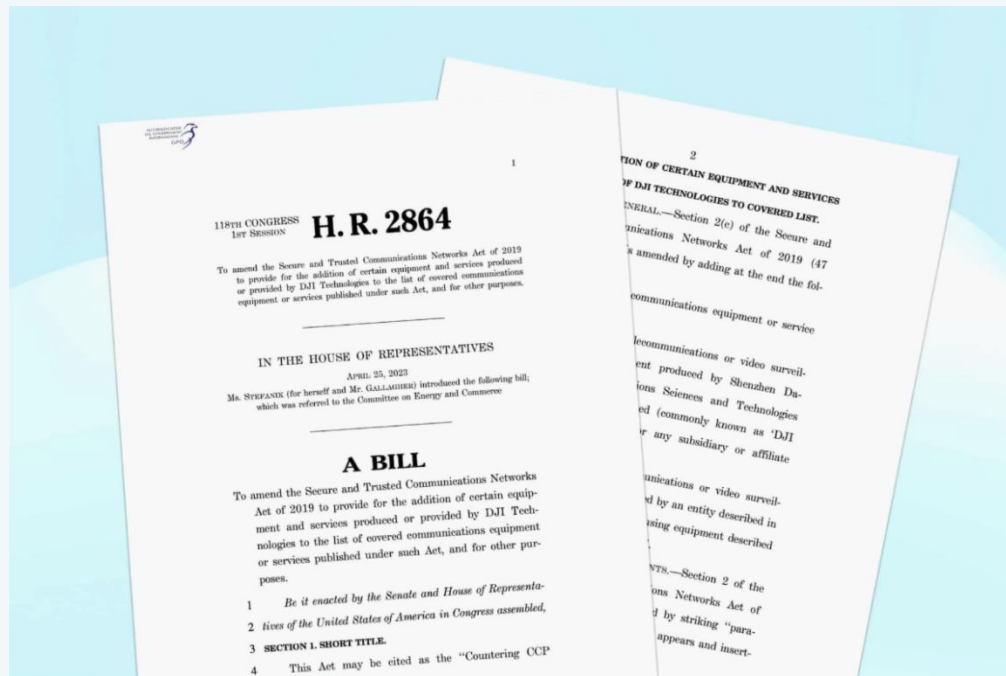
· **S.860**, A bill to modify the information about countries exporting methamphetamine that is included in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, to require a report to Congress on the seizure and production of certain illicit drugs, to impose sanctions with respect to the production and trafficking into the United States, of synthetic opioids, and for other purposes.

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

Antisemitic Disruptions on Campus: Ensuring Safe Learning Environments for All Students

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee- **Nominations Hearing- Scott Kuper 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

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



House in Session
Only



Senate in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

Check out and download the **BBM 2025 Combined Congressional Calendar** below.

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



American Correctional Association

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American Correctional Association Participates in Press Conference for the Introduction of the Cellphone Jamming Reform Act

Congressman David Kustoff (R-TN) and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), joined by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and other stakeholders, introduced the Cellphone Jamming Reform Act on March 26. This bill would permit state and federal correctional facilities to implement cellphone jamming systems that block cellphone signals within inmate housing areas, preventing the use of contraband phones by inmates.

The legislation aims to address the growing threat of inmates using unauthorized phones to engage in illegal activities, including organizing gang violence, trafficking drugs, and coordinating escapes. Congressman Kustoff highlighted that the bill is crucial for protecting public safety—both inside prisons and in surrounding communities—by curbing these dangerous behaviors. Senator Cotton emphasized that jamming systems would directly disrupt inmates' ability to coordinate crimes, threaten witnesses, and endanger law-abiding citizens.

The introduction of the Cellphone Jamming Reform Act follows a nationwide increase in the criminal use of contraband cellphones, which have facilitated drug operations, sex trafficking, and organized escapes.





Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community Released

Report Foreword:

The 2025 Annual Threat Assessment (ATA) is the Intelligence Community's (IC) official, coordinated evaluation of an array of threats to U.S. citizens, the Homeland, and U.S. interests in the world. A diverse set of foreign actors are targeting U.S. health and safety, critical infrastructure, industries, wealth, and government. State adversaries and their proxies are also trying to weaken and

displace U.S. economic and military power in their regions and across the globe.

Both state and nonstate actors pose multiple immediate threats to the Homeland and U.S. national interests. Terrorist and transnational criminal organizations are directly threatening our citizens. Cartels are largely responsible for the more than 52,000 U.S. deaths from synthetic opioids in the 12 months ending in October 2024 and helped facilitate the nearly three million illegal migrant arrivals in 2024, straining resources and putting U.S. communities at risk. A range of cyber and intelligence actors are targeting our wealth, critical infrastructure, telecom, and media. Nonstate groups are often enabled, both directly and indirectly, by state actors, such as China and India as sources of precursors and equipment for drug traffickers. State adversaries have weapons that can strike U.S. territory, or disable vital U.S. systems in space, for coercive aims or actual war. These threats reinforce each other, creating a vastly more complex and dangerous security environment.

Russia, China, Iran and North Korea—individually and collectively—are challenging U.S. interests in the world by attacking or threatening others in their regions, with both asymmetric and conventional hard power tactics, and promoting alternative systems to compete with the United States, primarily in trade, finance, and security. They seek to challenge the United States and other countries through deliberate campaigns to gain an advantage, while also trying to avoid direct war. Growing cooperation between and among these adversaries is increasing their fortitude against the United States, the potential for hostilities with any one of them to draw in another, and pressure on other global actors to choose sides.

This 2025 ATA report supports the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's commitment to keeping the U.S. Congress and American people informed of threats to the nation's security, representing the IC's dedication to monitoring, evaluating, and warning of threats of all types. In preparing this assessment, the National Intelligence Council worked closely with all IC components, the wider U.S. Government, and foreign and external partners and experts to provide the most timely, objective, and useful insights for strategic warning and U.S. decision advantage.

This 2025 Annual Threat Assessment details these myriad threats by actor or perpetrator, starting with nonstate actors and then presenting threats posed by major state actors.

[Read the Report Here](#)



Homeland Security

DHS, FBI, Major County Sheriffs of America and Partners Release Swatting Awareness Video for Law Enforcement

The DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE), together in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Protective Service, Major County Sheriffs of America, and many other of our state and local law enforcement partners, announced the release of a Swatting Awareness Video for Law Enforcement.

This video is the first in a series designed to increase law enforcement professionals' awareness of swatting events, how to recognize indicators, and mitigate their harmful effects. The videos aim to provide foundational knowledge about swatting incidents and strategies to ensure an appropriate response.

Swatting is a malicious act where individuals make false emergency calls to police or other emergency services, falsely reporting a severe, ongoing crisis at a specific location. This is increasingly impacting emergency services and helplines with the goal of provoking a significant law enforcement response.

The first video in the series can be found here: [Swatting: Awareness for Law Enforcement | Homeland Security](#)



Homeland Security

DHS and FBI Release Second Video in Transnational Repression Series for Law Enforcement

DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is sharing its second video in the roll call series for law enforcement on Transnational Repression. TNR occurs when foreign governments stalk, intimidate, or assault targeted persons across international borders, including within the United States. Occurrences of TNR are on the rise in communities across the United States and ensuring law enforcement has an awareness of TNR and how to address it, is vital.

The video released today highlights indicators and what to do if you suspect TNR, and can be found linked [here](#). Future videos are in development and will be released upon completion.





Mark Your Calendar: 2025 Roll Call of Heroes Release and 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil

The 2025 Roll Call of Heroes from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is set to be released to the public on April 2, 2025. The annual Roll Call of Heroes is a list of all the fallen law enforcement officers from the previous year, as well as past historical cases, and serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers across the nation. We invite you to mark your calendar for this significant event as we honor and remember those who have dedicated their lives to keeping our communities safe.

In addition to the Roll Call of Heroes release, the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil will take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday evening, May 13, 2025. This solemn ceremony is a time for reflection and unity as we pay tribute to the fallen officers and their families.



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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Collaborates with Championz Gin for Exclusive Hero's Edition

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) is proud to announce a special collaboration with Championz Gin to launch the Championz Gin Hero's Edition, a tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across the nation. 100% of profits—approximately \$20 per bottle—will be donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, supporting its mission to honor the fallen, tell the story of American law enforcement, and make it safer for those who serve.

Championz Gin, known as the “World’s Easiest Sipping Gin™,” has crafted this exclusive Hero’s Edition with a smooth and balanced profile, perfect for both gin enthusiasts and those new to the spirit. This limited-edition release represents a commitment to giving back to those who serve and protect our communities every day.

The Championz Gin Hero’s Edition is available now so it can be purchased to receive it in time for National Police Week. You can purchase the Gin [here](#).

The bottle features a special law enforcement officers label to customize and honor a hero in blue.

Articles We Read This Week



Justice Department proposes merging ATF with DEA, other major changes

The Justice Department has proposed merging the Drug Enforcement Administration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as part of a dramatic shift in the operations of the department's component agencies and headquarters divisions, according to a memo obtained by The Washington Post.

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Supreme Court upholds Biden rule requiring serial numbers and background checks for ghost guns

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld a Biden administration regulation on the nearly impossible-to-trace weapons called ghost guns, clearing the way for continued serial numbers, background checks and age verification requirements for buying the kits online.

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Sheriff rejects requests to use Las Vegas officers for immigration enforcement

Sheriff Kevin McMahon said Wednesday that he has turned down numerous requests from “various different federal agencies” to use the Metropolitan Police Department for immigration enforcement outside the agency’s limited role at the Clark County jail.

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FEMA set for elimination, Noem says, amid bipartisan House reform proposal

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said during Monday’s Cabinet meeting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency would be eliminated. At about the same time, in contrast, a bipartisan pair of lawmakers introduced legislation to separate FEMA from its parent department.

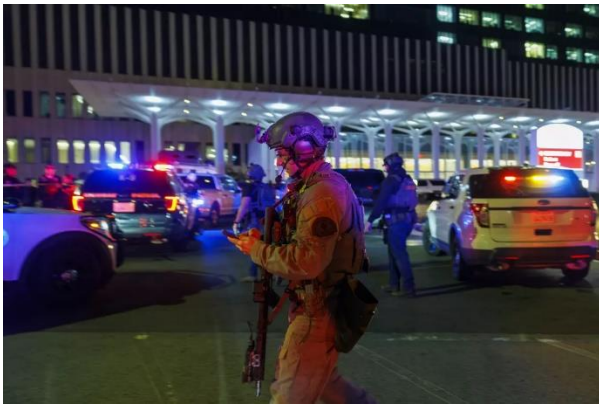
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Counter-terrorism efforts reduced by Trump cuts

Tens of millions of dollars slated for violence prevention have been cut or are frozen pending review as President Donald Trump’s Department of Government Efficiency steamrolls the national security sector. Barring action from Congress or the courts, counterterrorism professionals say, the White House appears poised to end the government’s backing of prevention work on urgent threats.

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‘Swatting’ calls spark panic, fear, massive police responses. Can California finally crack down?

Swatting is a growing problem across the state and country. But California law can make it challenging to hold people accountable for the chaos their threats cause. Although falsely reporting an emergency to 911 is a misdemeanor offense, lawmakers are seeking tougher penalties for threats that cause mass disruption and target vulnerable populations such as schoolchildren or hospital patients.

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US CONGRESS BUILDING IN WASHINGTON DC

FirstNet Authority reauthorization gets support from 19 key organizations

Nineteen key public-safety and government-oriented groups have expressed support for letter calling for Congress to reauthorize the FirstNet Authority before the federal organization overseeing the nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) is scheduled to sunset in less than two years.

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In new assessment, Trump team ranks fentanyl as a top threat to U.S.

Fentanyl and international drug gangs responsible for smuggling the deadly street drug rank among the top threats to U.S. national security. That's according to an assessment delivered on Tuesday by top Trump administration officials to members of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

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Upcoming Events

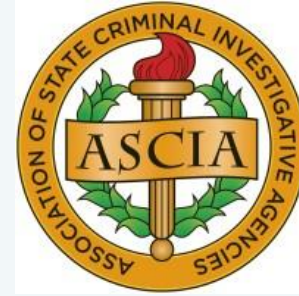


National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event 2025

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

[Learn More Here](#)



International Association of Chiefs of Police Technology Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 5th - 7th, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)

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