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Photo of the week: DHS Secretary Kristi Noem Addresses the National Fusion Center Association's Annual Training Event in Washington D.C.

Weekly Update and Analysis

April 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?

The House and Senate were out on recess last week. Both chambers return today for a pivotal stretch leading up to Memorial Day.

The major news from last week came from the Department of Justice, which abruptly terminated at least 365 grants from the Office of Justice Programs. About \$535 million was cut from programs run by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, which supports many local police departments and correctional facilities, according to data cited by Reuters. An additional \$136 million was cut from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and nearly \$59 million in research grants funded by the National Institute of Justice were also terminated, the data shows. Funding for hate crime tracking and community-based gun crime intervention strategies was also impacted, according to The Washington Post. The sudden termination of these grants has sparked significant concern among nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups. Attorney General Bondi defended the actions, writing on X, "The Department of Justice has started cutting millions of dollars in wasteful grants... more to come." For more details, you can read our [blog here](#).

Tomorrow, House Republicans will begin marking up their massive reconciliation bill. Speaker Johnson has pledged to get a reconciliation bill to President Trump's desk by Memorial Day.

The House Homeland Security Committee has released its draft portion of the bill, which focuses heavily on strengthening U.S. border infrastructure—including funding for hiring and retaining Border Patrol agents and customs officers, expanding border wall construction, and upgrading surveillance and enforcement technology. You can read the [bill and key highlights here](#).

At the White House, President Trump is expected to [sign an executive order](#) this evening at 5 PM, directing his administration to draw up a list of sanctuary cities that are not complying with federal immigration laws, as part of an effort to crack down on local governments that are not cooperating with his actions. Trump will also sign another executive order on Monday aimed at “strengthening and unleashing America’s law enforcement to pursue criminals and protect innocent citizens,” according to Press Secretary Leavitt.

Other items this week include a full committee markup on the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act and a nomination hearing for Rodney Scott to be Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

Looking ahead to May 12, the House will enter "Police Week," aligning with National Police Week. Lawmakers are set to consider three bills: the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act (H.R. 2240), the LEOSA Reform Act (H.R. 2243), and the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act (H.R. 2255). [You can read full bill summaries and additional details here](#). During the week, thousands of state and local law enforcement officers travel to the capital to participate in memorial ceremonies, events, and advocacy efforts. Officers and police leaders meet directly with policymakers on Capitol Hill and in federal agencies to discuss public safety priorities, seek support for law enforcement initiatives, and advocate for legislation that strengthens the profession and addresses community needs.

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.

- [The Hill: “Where do efforts to legalize, reschedule marijuana stand?”](#)
- [New BBM Podcast – An Interview with the IJIS Institute](#)
- [DEA’s National Take Back Day Returns April 26 to Help Prevent Prescription Drug Misuse](#)
- [ICYMI: POLITICO – “Senator Dick Durbin, No. 2 Democratic leader, is retiring”](#)
- [Crapo Announces CBP Commissioner Nomination Hearing](#)

- [William “Billy” Marshall III Appointed as New BOP Director](#)
- [ICYMI: Reuters: “US cancels hundreds of grants for police, crime victims, Justice Dept documents show”](#)
- [The Hill: “Judge finds Trump’s ‘sanctuary city’ order likely unconstitutional”](#)
- [House Homeland Security Committee’s Portion of Tax and Policy Package Released](#)

- [What's Ahead in the House: Reconciliation, Rescissions, and Police Week](#)

New BBM Podcast

We're back (it's been a minute!) with a new episode of the BBM Podcast, and this one's packed with insights on the future of justice and public safety technology.

Joining us are Maria Cardiellos and Ashwini Jarral from the IJIS Institute — a collaborative network that's been at the forefront of improving information sharing in justice and public safety for nearly 25 years.

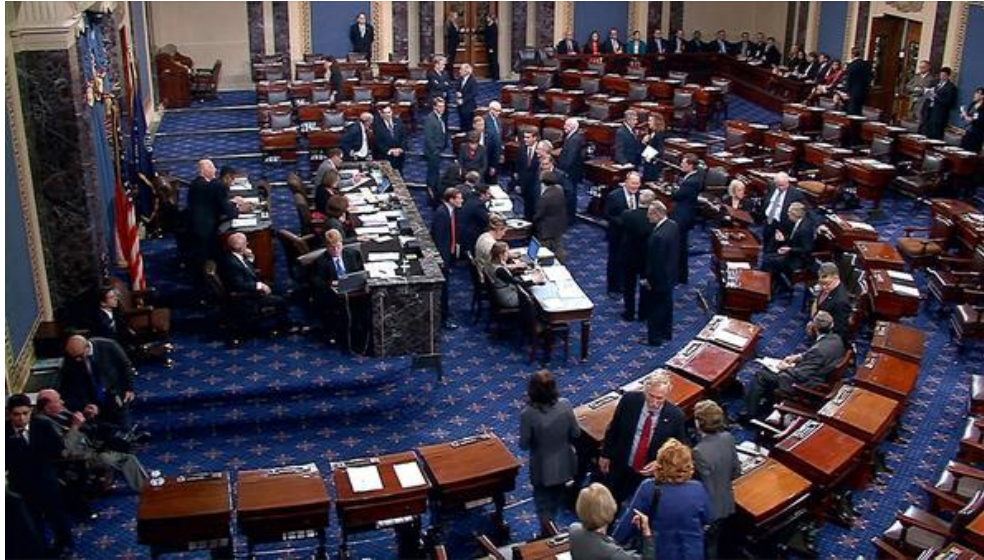
In this episode, we dig into:

- What IJIS is and how it's shaping national data-sharing standards
- How agencies are tackling big issues like ethical AI, targeted violence, and digital transformation
- The tools IJIS is building — including a must-see AI Playbook that is intended to guide responsible and effective implementation of AI in public safety

Maria and Ashwini also talk about what they're hearing from the field, what they want policymakers to know, and why thoughtful tech conversations are more important than ever.

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Floor Activity



Senate

The Senate was out on recess and have returned today.

House of Representatives

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Congressional Hearings



Hearings Last Week

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Hearings This Week

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

[Regulatory Overreach: The Price Tag on American Prosperity](#)

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions
(House Financial Services Committee)

10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

- H.R. 1181, the Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act Bill
Text [\[PDF\]](#)

**House Homeland Security Markup: Committee
Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H.
Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the
Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

House Homeland Security Committee

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

**Full Committee Markup: House Energy and
Commerce H.R. 2483, SUPPORT for Patients and
Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 Bill
Text [PDF]**

10:00 AM, 2123 RHOB

**Securing the Skies: Addressing Unauthorized
Drone Activity Over U.S. Military Installations**

Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs
(House Oversight and Government Reform
Committee)

2:00 PM, HVC-210 Capitol

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

**Business Meeting to Consider S. 588, Antisemitism
Awareness Act of 2025 and S. 163, Protecting
Students on Campus Act of 2025**

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Committee

10:00 AM, 430 DSOB

Hearing to Consider the Nomination of Rodney Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, vice Chris Magnus

Senate Finance Committee

10:00 AM, 215 DSOB

Global Networks at Risk: Securing the Future of Telecommunications Infrastructure

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
(House Energy and Commerce Committee)

10:00 AM, 2322 RHOB

Business Meeting

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Committee

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

- S. 725, Enhancing First Response Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)

Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee

10:15 AM, 226 DSOB

Hearings to examine the rise of Antisemitism and supporting older Americans

Senate Aging Committee

3:30 PM, 216 SHOB

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

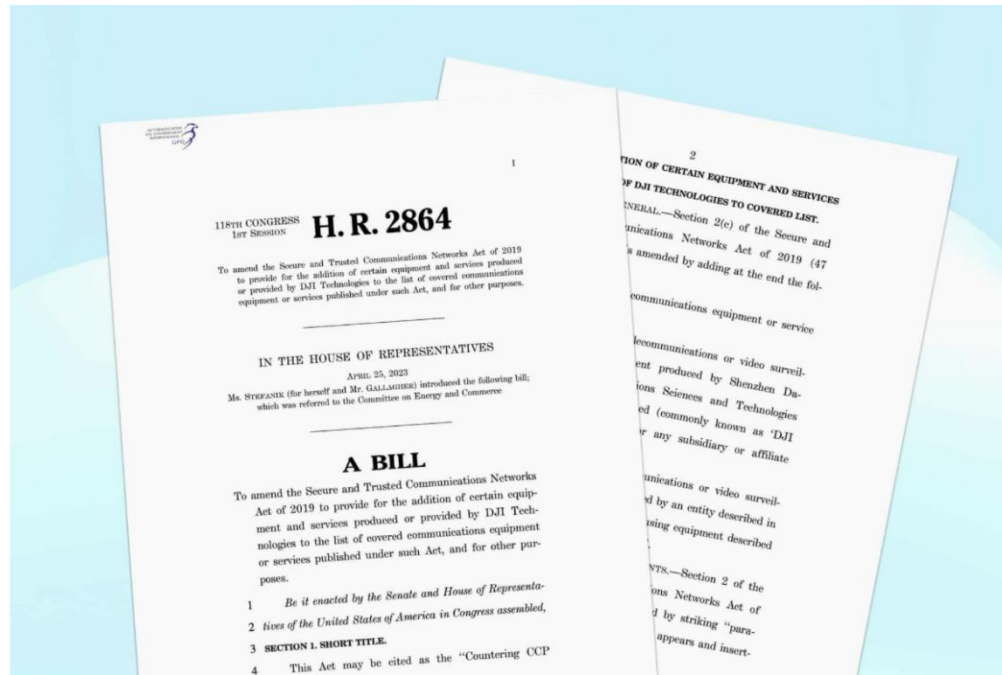
10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Nomination Hearing - Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

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](#).

Congressional Calendar

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



House and Senate
in Session



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

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

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



Strengthening Information Sharing: Highlights from the 2025 NFCA Annual Training Event



The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) successfully concluded its 2025 Annual Training Event last week at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., bringing together hundreds of leaders from fusion centers, law

enforcement, intelligence, and private sector partners to strengthen the national network's capabilities in threat analysis and information sharing.

Held from April 21 to 25, the event provided a platform for participants to address emerging threats, share success stories and collaborate on innovative solutions to today's complex threat environment.

Keynote addresses from FBI Director Kash Patel and DHS Secretary Kristi Noem emphasized the federal government's commitment to strengthening the fusion center network and the fusion centers critical role in safeguarding communities nationwide.

Throughout the week, breakout sessions covered a wide array of critical topics, including:

- Tradecraft sessions on identifying human trafficking, countering transnational repression, and integrating artificial intelligence into threat analysis.
- Legal sessions addressing privacy protections, public records management, and the challenges of AI use in law enforcement.
- Outreach sessions highlighting public-private collaboration models.
- Technology sessions focusing on innovative threat monitoring tools and best practices for information exchange.

During this year's award ceremony, the NFCA honored our friend and colleague, Josh Ledden, by naming its Collaborative Effort Award in his memory. For over eight years, Josh served as a trusted advisor and passionate advocate for the national network of fusion centers. He was deeply committed to the mission of information sharing and recognized the vital role fusion centers play in safeguarding our communities. Josh's tireless efforts and enduring dedication will now be commemorated for years to come through this award, ensuring his legacy continues to inspire collaboration and excellence across the network.



The Josh Ledden Best Collaborative Effort Award

Candidates for this award have demonstrated exceptional collaborative efforts. These particular efforts have significantly contributed to the mission of a Network center and/or improved the security posture of the jurisdiction or the Nation. Nominees can be any combination of individuals, groups, teams, organizations, National Network fusion centers, or units contained within Network fusion centers.



For more information about the National Fusion Center Association and upcoming events, please visit www.nfcausa.org.



Homeland Security

Countering-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Webinar Hosted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for State and Local Law Enforcement

This webinar on Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) convenes experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and state law enforcement to assess the evolving threats unmanned aircraft pose to national security. It will also address the development of C-UAS programs and the challenges state and local agencies face due to existing federal limitations. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of C-UAS, explore strategies for securing legislative support through effective messaging, and identify practical steps to advance C-UAS implementation.

This webinar is for law enforcement professionals and those who support law enforcement. If this webinar would be beneficial, please distribute it widely to colleagues who may have an interest.

Details

Wed, Apr 30

**2:00 PM - 3:45 PM EDT
Online event**

Speakers

DJ Smith

Unmanned Aerial & C-UAS Systems Program Coordinator
High Tech Crimes Division
Virginia Department of State Police

Jason L. Day

Director, UAS Program
Aviation Operations Division
Texas Department of Public Safety

Haylie Castor

Intelligence Analyst, Office of Intelligence & Analysis
Counterterrorism Center
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Mary Rupert

Analyst, C-UAS Program Management Office
Counterterrorism & Threat Prevention (CTTP)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Steven Willoughby

Director, C-UAS Program Management Office
Counterterrorism & Threat Prevention (CTTP)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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FirstNet Expands Public Safety's Dedicated Connectivity with 1,000 New Sites Nationwide

"AT&T, in partnership with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority), expanded public safety's dedicated lane of connectivity – Band 14 – with 1,000 new cell sites. These new sites are part of our 10-year investment initiative with the FirstNet Authority to evolve America's public safety network and expand its dedicated Band 14 spectrum to more public safety-centric locations. The U.S. government set aside this high-quality spectrum specifically for FirstNet because unlike commercial networks, FirstNet is built to public safety's strict specifications and requirements.

We have a commitment unlike any other to deliver for public safety – and we delivered these sites 9 months ahead of schedule. These new sites further support first responders' missions across 46 states and the District of Columbia, with more than two-thirds focused in rural and tribal areas. In addition, the vast majority enhance coverage for key public safety locations like fire stations, police departments, courthouses, and hospitals."

[Read More Here](#)



When Strength Meets Precision
How Task Forces Hit the Bullseye

The last few days marks the 45th anniversary of one of the most important innovations in counter terrorism: the creation of the first Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), launched in 1980 by the NYPD and FBI. History would show that the JTTF model shattered the old way of operating in silos and proved that when agencies align their strengths, share intelligence, and move as one, they can outpace even the deadliest threats.

Serving on the Newark JTTF in the wake of 9/11 taught me lessons no classroom ever could. On the ground, I watched federal, state, and local agencies fuse perspectives, share capabilities, and outthink threats no single agency could handle alone. But the deeper leadership lesson was clear: no matter your badge or title, no one sees the full battlefield alone. Success demands dropping egos, trusting partners, and moving as a unified front. In critical moments, collaboration isn't optional - it's survival.

Interestingly, the JTTF model grew out of an earlier NYPD-FBI task force created to tackle a surge in bank robberies. But even before that, the 1970s saw the birth of federal drug task forces, leading to the DEA's creation in 1973 and the launch of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) by 1982. Around the same time, ATF formed its first task force in Philadelphia to battle a wave of arsons - a model that quickly expanded to target violent crime and organized criminal networks across the country.

Each of these early efforts carried the same truth: complex threats demand collective action. The JTTF didn't just build on that foundation - it elevated it, proving that when partnerships are real, when information flows freely, and when the mission comes before ego, there's no limit to what a unified team can accomplish. (I can still hear former ATF Director Tom Brandon's voice: "ATF - no better partner!")

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Articles We Read This Week



Trump can't withhold funds from 'sanctuary' cities, federal judge says

A federal judge on Thursday blocked the Trump administration from pulling federal funds from San Francisco, Santa Clara County, and 14 other cities and counties it deems "sanctuary jurisdictions," handing another legal blow to President Donald Trump's crackdown on immigration.

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DOJ cancels grants for gun-violence and addiction prevention, victim advocacy

The Justice Department has abruptly canceled hundreds of grants to community organizations and local governments, including funding for gun-violence prevention programs and crime-victim advocacy — cuts Attorney General Pam Bondi defended Wednesday as the elimination of millions of dollars in “wasteful” spending.

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Organizations wrestle with Justice Department grant cuts

Nonprofits across the nation are grappling with the Trump administration’s decision to terminate a swath of Justice Department grants this week, as critics say the ripple effects are sure to harm public safety. Organizations and their supporters have slammed the move and report that grant funding was terminated immediately, a development that comes as uncertainty persists over how the new administration might reshape the department’s grant-making programs.

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ICE partnerships with local law enforcement triple as Trump continues deportation crackdown

As President Trump aims to carry out what he's called "the largest mass deportation in history," U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been rapidly expanding a program that deputizes local law enforcement to perform immigration enforcement duties. As of Thursday afternoon, April 17, there were 456 active 287(g) agreements, or partnerships between ICE and local agencies — more than three times as many as there were in December 2024, according to data on ICE's website. An additional 63 agreements were still pending.

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Trump is shifting cybersecurity to the states, but many aren't prepared

Spanning health care facilities to court systems, states and local communities are facing a rise in cyberthreats. They include threats to critical infrastructure, increased activity from foreign actors, continued ransomware attacks and more, according to a recent report from the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. But President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order shifting some of the responsibility from the federal government to states and localities to improve their infrastructure to address risks, including cybercrimes.

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Critics see 'monumental shift' in Trump remaking of DOJ civil rights division

The Trump administration has shifted staff and undertaken a series of policy changes at the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division that current and former staff say strike at the heart of its mission.

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San Francisco Police's new surveillance hub being credited with 20% drop in crime

Tucked away in the bowels of San Francisco's Hall of Justice lies a crime-fighting nerve center bringing the city's police force into the age of changing technology. The San Francisco Police Department said its new Real Time Investigation Center — also known as RTIC — has assisted in more than 500 arrests since its launch, with officials pointing to the facility as a game-changer in reducing crime across the city.

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Upcoming Events



2025 Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Spring Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi

April 27- April 30, 2025

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International Association of Chiefs of Police Technology Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 5th - 7th, 2025

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