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Photo of the Week: Govs. Tim Walz, J.B. Pritzker and Kathy Hochul testify before the House Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Weekly Update and Analysis

June 13, 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, Republican Senators released legislative text for the Homeland Security and Judiciary portions of their budget reconciliation bill. The Homeland Security text, released by Budget Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-SC), is designed to replace a plan from Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Rand Paul (R-KY). GOP colleagues criticized Paul's lower-cost plan as insufficient to fund the administration's immigration agenda, with Graham's proposal more closely aligning with House legislation. Senator Chuck Grassley's (R-IA) Judiciary section focuses heavily on enforcement personnel and operations, with comprehensive funding across multiple departments and agencies involved in immigration enforcement. [Read additional details of the proposals including the text and one pagers at our blog here.](#)

The FY 2026 government funding process is already lagging behind, as congressional appropriators are sidelined while Republicans focus their attention on advancing a reconciliation measure. Appropriators are grappling with several hurdles: no agreement on topline spending, stalled markups, and increasing pressure from the White House to cut already approved spending. Meanwhile, Democrats are under pressure from their base to resist further concessions. [Read more about funding developments here.](#)

House Republicans released their [draft fiscal year 2026 DHS appropriations](#) bill on Sunday. The DHS Appropriations Subcommittee advanced the measure during a markup on Monday, but a scheduled markup by the full House Appropriations Committee was ultimately postponed. Notably, the House appropriators are not moving

forward with the President's Budget Request recommendation to cut Homeland Security grant programs or impose a grant match requirement.

The House of Representatives passed the [**HALT Fentanyl Act**](#), which permanently places fentanyl- related substances as a class into schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. The measure passed the Senate in March and now goes to the President's desk for signature, where it is expected to be signed into law.

[**Rep. Mark Green \(R-Tenn.\) announced his plans to resign from Congress**](#) following passage of the reconciliation bill, creating a vacancy atop the powerful House Homeland Security Committee.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was active this week, voting unanimously to advance the bipartisan [**STOP CSAM Act**](#), which aims to combat the online spread of child sexual abuse material. The committee also approved President Trump's nominations for [**Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\) at the Department of Homeland Security, as well as two nominees for the position of Associate Attorney General.**](#)

Lastly, shortly after our newsletter was released last week, President Trump announced two executive orders aimed at expanding domestic drone manufacturing and enhancing counter-drone technologies and capabilities. Please read more about these executive orders below.

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>Senate GOP Releases Homeland and Judiciary Components of Budget Reconciliation Package</u>• <u>Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Bipartisan STOP CSAM Act</u>• <u>FY 2026 Spending Bills on Hold</u>• <u>House Passes HALT Fentanyl Act, Heads to President for Signature</u>• <u>Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Edlow's USCIS Nomination and Trump's Pick for Justice Department</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Secure Community Network Testifies Before Congress on Escalating Threats to Jewish Community</u>• <u>House Passes Resolution Condemning Rising Antisemitic Violence</u>• <u>Update on Budget Reconciliation and FY 2026 Spending Negotiations</u>• <u>High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program Briefing (RECORDING)</u> |
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- [House FY 26 Homeland Security Spending Bill Released](#)

- [GOP Eyes New Leadership for Homeland Security Panel After Rep. Mark Green Announces Resignation](#)

President Signs Executive Orders on Drones

This week, President Trump signed two executive orders related to drones, titled Unleashing American Drone Dominance and Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty.

Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty

This order establishes a federal task force to counter threats posed by unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), particularly those used by criminals, drug cartels, and foreign adversaries. It directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to finalize rules restricting drone flights over critical infrastructure, make drone-related flight restrictions publicly accessible for geofencing, and coordinate national security assessments. It authorizes federal enforcement of laws against unlawful drone use and requires recurring recommendations on strengthening criminal penalties for airspace violations. The order also ensures that federal grant programs can be used by state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) agencies to purchase drone detection and tracking equipment. Additionally, it mandates updates to federal guidance on drone mitigation technologies, provides real-time access to UAS remote ID data to appropriate authorities, and directs the development of guidance for private infrastructure operators. Finally, it calls for integrating counter-UAS efforts into Joint Terrorism Task Forces and advancing the establishment of a National Training Center for Counter-UAS operations.

[Read the full text and fact sheet here.](#)

Unleashing American Drone Dominance

This order directs federal agencies to accelerate the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System, expand domestic drone manufacturing. It also prioritizes the use of U.S.-made drones in federal procurement, and includes provisions intended to strengthen the drone supply chain against foreign risks, and promote the export of American-made UAS (among other items).

[Read the full text and fact sheet here.](#)

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

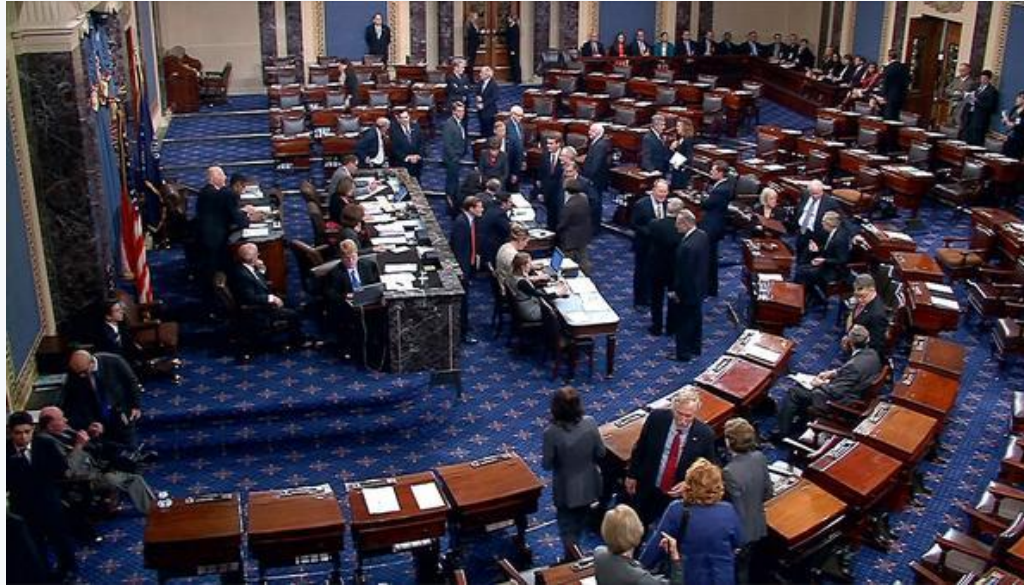
On June 9, law enforcement leaders from across the country participated in a 30-minute virtual briefing to discuss the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. The session emphasized the critical need for sustained resources and highlighted the importance of HIDTA's continued placement within the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Panelists, including Mike McDaniel (President, National HIDTA Directors Association and Director of Houston HIDTA), Dawn Mertz (Vice President, NHDA and Executive Director of Arizona HIDTA), Vic Brown (Director, Appalachia HIDTA), Chad Kasmar (Chief of Police, Tucson Police Department), Kieran Donahue (Sheriff, Canyon County, Idaho), and Ron Brooks (Past President, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition), shared detailed information on the HIDTA Program, including how it:

- Helps law enforcement agencies coordinate large-scale investigations,
- Supports real-time intelligence sharing across jurisdictions,
- Provides essential funding and resources to areas hardest hit by drug trafficking,
- Adapts to emerging drug threats and regional trends, and
- Enhances public safety through collaboration and innovation.

[Listen to the Briefing Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Brett Schumate to be an Assistant Attorney General- Confirmed 51-41

S.1136 - DETERRENCE Act

This bill would authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed or coordinated with foreign governments.

Passed Senate. (Unanimous Consent).

House of Representatives

H.R.2096 - Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act

This bill rescinds certain changes that were made in 2023 to District of Columbia (DC) law governing discipline of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers.

Passed House (235-178).

S.331 - HALT Fentanyl Act

This bill permanently places fentanyl-related substances as a class into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

Passed House (321-104). Passed Senate (3/14).

H.R.4 - Rescissions Act of 2025

This bill would rescind certain budget authority proposed by the President to Congress.

Passed House (214-212).

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Monday, June 9, 2025

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Markup of Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

Subcommittee on Homeland Security (Committee on Appropriations)
6:00 PM, H-140 Capitol

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Joint Hearing: "From Cartels to Coastlines: An Examination of U.S. Federal Efforts to Confront Illicit Maritime Activities in U.S. Waters"

Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security (Committee on Homeland Security)
Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement (Committee on Homeland Security)
10:00AM, 310 CHOB

Legislative Markup

Committee on the Judiciary

- H.R. 589, the FACE Act Repeal Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
 - H.R. 3492, the Protect Children's Innocence Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
 - H.R. 59, the Mens Rea Reform Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
 - H.R. 98, the End Endless Criminal Statutes Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
 - H.R. 2159, the Count the Crimes to Cut Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
 - H.R. 421, the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- 10:00AM, 2141 RHOB

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Scammers Exposed: Protecting Older Americans from Transnational Crime Networks

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
10:15, 226DSOB

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Unfit to Serve: How the Biden Cover-Up Endangered America and Undermined the Constitution

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
10:15, 226DSOB

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
10:15, 226DSOB

The Rise of Anti-Israel Extremist Groups and Their Threat to U.S. National Security

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence
(Committee on Homeland Security)
10:30AM, 310 CHOB

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Security to Model: Securing Artificial Intelligence to Strengthen Cybersecurity

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection (Committee on Homeland Security)
10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

A Hearing with Sanctuary State Governors

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
10:00 AM, HVC-210 Capitol

Fiscal Year 2026 Defense Appropriations Bill and Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill (DHS Bill Postponed)

Committee on Appropriations
9:00 AM, 2359 RHOB

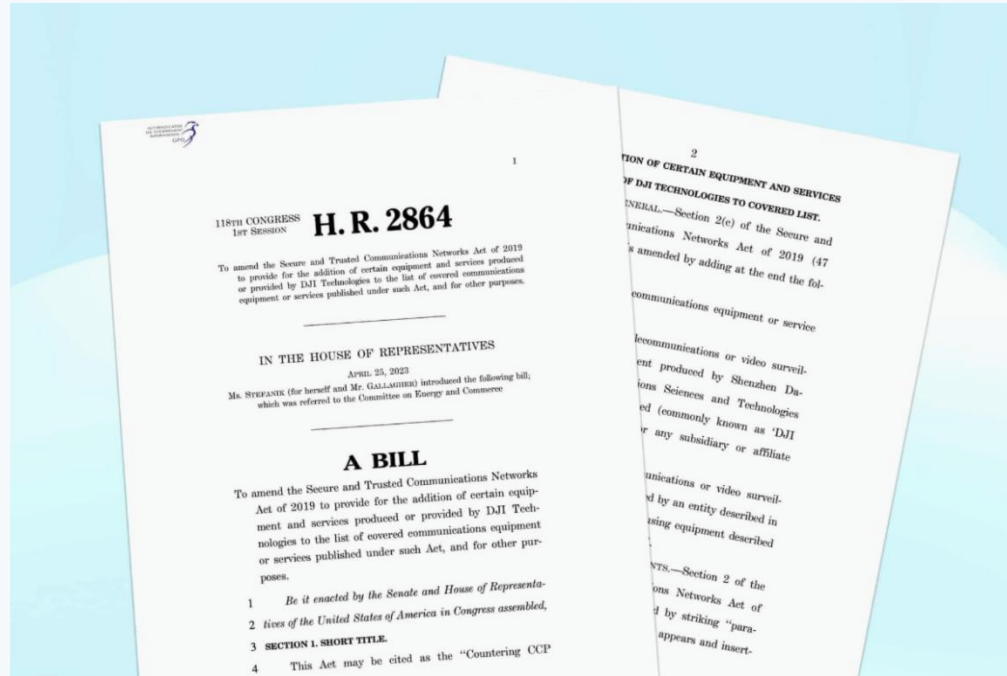
Legislative Markup

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

- **S.1829**, STOP CSAM Act of 2025

9:30 AM, 216 HSOB

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

JUNE						
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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



No more radio silence: How agencies are strengthening communication resilience

Chief Chris Moore explains why closing communication gaps, enhancing interoperability, and securing mobile platforms are critical to officer safety and rapid emergency response

In a critical incident, clear and immediate communication can be the difference between a successful response and operational failure. Yet, many agencies continue to face radio congestion, interoperability challenges and infrastructure vulnerabilities — all of which can delay response times and put officers at risk.

Law enforcement leaders are now looking beyond traditional radio systems, exploring hybrid communication strategies that combine LMR, LTE and broadband networks. This shift has already proven beneficial in large-scale disaster responses, high-density urban operation, and multi-agency investigations.

In this Q&A with Chief Chris Moore — a veteran law enforcement executive with over 34 years of public safety experience, including serving as Chief of Police in San Jose, the 10th largest city in the United States — we examine how agencies are eliminating communication blind spots, ensuring cross-jurisdictional coordination, and leveraging secure, encrypted mobile platforms to improve response times and officer safety.

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COPS

Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

Multiple DOJ COPS Grant Opportunities Now Open Grants

U.S. Department of Justice has invested over \$20 billion in community policing since Congress established our office in 1994. the leading community policing experts at the U.S. Department of Justice, we've invested over \$20 billion in community policing since Congress established our office in 1994. Grant opportunities include:

- Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program
- Community Policing Development (CPD) Law Enforcement Products and Resources
- Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation-Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities
- Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation-Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation
- Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)
- Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)
- Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies
- Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement - Curriculum Integration for Law Enforcement Academies and State-Level Training Commissions
- Blue Alert
- COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)
- COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF)
- COPS Hiring Program (CHP)
- School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

- Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

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SCN's Kerry Sleeper Testifies Before Congress on Escalating Threats to Jewish Community
Remarks Highlight Emerging Threat Data and Provide Clear Recommendations, Including the Establishment of a Cross-Functional Task Force for Real-Time Intelligence and Resource Sharing to Protect Jewish Institutions

“The urgent and escalating threat facing the Jewish community needs to be confronted now,” said Sleeper. “Protecting Jewish life must be a national priority, and that was emphasized today. SCN will continue to work closely with its federal, state, and local law enforcement and security partners to help ensure the safety and security of the Jewish community in America.”

In his prepared testimony, Sleeper stated that SCN analysts identified 500 Threats to Life (TTLs) last year, which were shared with the FBI for rapid mitigation. This year, that number is projected to exceed 700, representing a 40% increase. He also noted that in the week following the 21 May shooting outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., SCN analysts detected 6,000 violent threats targeting the Jewish community.

His testimony also called for laying the groundwork for a national security, intelligence, and information-sharing strategy, supported by law enforcement and partners at all levels, to protect the Jewish community through a coordinated approach to communal security. Sleeper urged the creation of a “clearly defined and comprehensive national strategy to protect the Jewish community from acts of targeted violence...managed by a task force with the specific focus of identifying and clarifying the threat regardless of its origin... and coordinating strike teams across the country to arrest individuals threatening the Jewish community with acts of targeted violence.”

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What it takes to combat gun related violence **By Ray Guidetti**

Gun-related violence remains one of the most persistent and complex challenges facing our communities. While headlines often highlight tragic outcomes, the solutions require more than reactive measures or isolated tactics. They demand a proactive, strategic, and relentless approach. Real progress happens when we organizations start building a system that works smarter, faster, and more collaboratively.

At the heart of effective violence reduction is a framework built on ten essential pillars - a practical guide for public safety professionals, policymakers, technologists, and community leaders. These pillars aren't just best practices - they are battle-tested principles grounded in real-world experience and common-sense strategy.

It starts with understanding why we do this work, because every bullet leaves behind a story of trauma, loss, and urgency.

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Articles We Read This Week



A Tricky Balance for L.A. Law Enforcement During Immigration Protests

Los Angeles law enforcement agencies have responded to demonstrations over federal immigration raids this weekend, but they have also tried to make clear that they themselves were not carrying out immigration sweeps. That has required a careful balance.

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244 arrested in Texas child exploitation sting

A statewide law enforcement operation aimed at combating online child exploitation led to the rescue of 109 children and 244 arrests, according to a joint announcement from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the FBI Dallas Division.

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New Orleans Considers Expanding Use of Facial Recognition Tech

A powerful tool for catching criminals in New Orleans isn't being used these days by local police. But after the New Year's Day attack on Bourbon Street and last month's jailbreak by 10 Orleans Parish detainees, some civic and elected leaders say it's time the city loosened the reins on the Police Department's use of facial recognition technology.

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ISP backs bill expanding its mission to investigate internet crimes against children

While Illinois State Police has long investigated child sex crimes, a new measure would explicitly name addressing internet crimes against children as a core mission of its criminal division.

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Bill Requiring Police Radio Access Passes

In a largely party line vote, the state Legislature has approved legislation that would protect access to emergency services radio broadcasts.

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Upcoming Events



2025 NSA Annual Conference

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
June 23-25, 2025

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ACA's 155th Congress of Correction

Denver, Colorado
August 21-26, 2025

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2025 Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas
September 22-24, 2025

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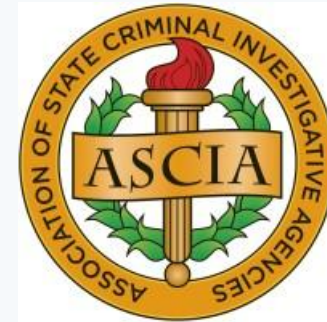
2025 Small and Rural Law
Enforcement Executives Association
Annual Conference

Lawrence, Kansas
July 27-29, 2025



MCCA 2025 Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 15-17, 2025



2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 16-18, 2025

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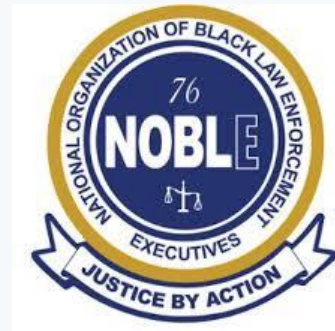
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2025 SEARCH Annual Membership Group Meetin
Virtual Event
July 29-31, 2025

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49th Annual Training Conference
Hollywood, Florida
August 8-12, 2025

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