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Photo of the Week: Fireworks light up the DC sky at the conclusion of the U.S Army's 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Weekly Update and Analysis

June 20, 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?

With the House out of session and the Senate convening for a brief three-day workweek, activity on Capitol Hill slowed ahead of the Juneteenth holiday break.

While in session, the Senate confirmed two key nominees: [Rodney Scott](#) as Head of Customs and Border Protection and [Olivia Trusty](#) as FCC Commissioner.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, negotiations intensified around the Republican-led reconciliation package. Majority Leader John Thune, Speaker Mike Johnson, and President Donald Trump are ramping up pressure on GOP Senators to pass the sweeping bill by the end of next week, with a goal of sending it to the President's desk by July 4.

The package includes over \$10 billion in funding for state and local law enforcement, targeting support for large-scale public events and enhanced immigration enforcement efforts. Senators are also weighing a house provision that seeks to ban state regulation of artificial intelligence for 10 years. Momentum is being shaped in real time by the Senate parliamentarian, who has begun issuing key rulings on which provisions can remain in the bill, decisions that are significantly impacting both cost estimates and political support.

A bipartisan group of Senators reintroduced the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act, which is intended to bolster prevention, treatment, and recovery services for Americans with substance use disorders and mental illness. The House passed its version of the SUPPORT Act earlier this month. Detailed information is available [here](#).

Looking ahead, both the House and Senate will return next week. A major focus will be appropriations hearings for FY 2026, including budget discussions for the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. Attorney General Bondi will testify before the House and Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittees and public safety groups continue to lift up their top priorities ahead of these discussions. For example, Law Enforcement Organizations have come together on [joint statements calling for the continued support of the National](#)

[Integrated Ballistic Information Network \(NIBIN\)](#) and the [Hight Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas \(HIDTA\) Program](#). Read the statement on NIBIN [here](#) and the statement of HIDTA [here](#). Public Safety Leaders participated in a congressional briefing this week to provide details on the importance of law enforcement tools like NIBIN, RapidDNA, and Drones. [You can watch the briefing 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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Briefing Recording: Law Enforcement Tools Transforming Public Safety

As Congress considers FY26 appropriations and future public safety strategies, this 30-minute briefing highlighted specific, proven technologies that are reducing violent crime, increasing efficiency, and saving lives in jurisdictions across the country.

Briefers included Drew Evans, Superintendent, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, President, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCI); Sheriff John Allen, Bernalillo County, New Mexico; Laura Sudkamp, Former Director, Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratories; and Ron Brooks, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), Past President, Partner, Brooks Bawden Moore.

Topics included:

National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)

o NIBIN is a critical tool law enforcement relies on to solve violent gun crimes. By matching shell casings across jurisdictions and among multiple crime scenes, NIBIN helps dismantle criminal networks, reduce cross-border gun flow, and prevent future violence.

Rapid DNA Technology

o Rapid DNA technology quickly analyzes DNA samples to deliver fast results that can speed investigations. At the border it can help rapidly confirm family relationships, helping to prevent human trafficking, protect children. and enhance security.

Drones for Public Safety

o Deployed in emergency response, search and rescue, crowd protection, and tactical operations, drones enhance situational awareness, boost efficiency, improve officer safety, and save lives.

[Watch Here](#)

Upcoming Webinar- Register Today



National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS)

Briefing

An Informational Briefing Hosted by

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

June 26, 2025
12:00 – 12:30 PM EDT
WEBINAR

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please join SEARCH for an informational briefing, where expert panelists will discuss National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for firearms transfers. Topics include:

- What is NICS and how does it relate to firearms disqualifiers?
- How are firearms background checks initiated?
- What records are checked?
- Who maintains records?
- What NICS resources for states are available from SEARCH?

Speakers will also—

- Provide details on how states have used USDOJ funding programs that support NICS, including the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) and the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP), to make system enhancements to support NICS checks, and
- Discuss successful strategies to ensure appropriate records are available for firearms eligibility decisions.

Presenters:

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

- Mr. Derek Veitenheimer, Executive Director
- Ms. Becki Goggins, Director of Law & Policy
- Mr. Adam Dean, SEARCH Board Member & Deputy Commissioner of Operations and Innovation, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
- Ms. Erin Henry, SEARCH Board Member & Division Director, Information Services Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
- Ms. Michelle Kleckler, SEARCH Board Member & Division Director, Criminal Justice Information Center, Michigan State Police
- Lt. Col. Larry C. Newton, Jr., Executive Director, Office of Technical Services/CJIS Systems Officer, Kentucky State Police

- Mr. Dane Silcox, SEARCH Board Member & Manager, Bureau of ID, Records, Crime Analysis Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

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- Mr. Ben Bawden, Partner
- Ms. Melissa Nee, Partner

Briefing Recording: 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.

[Watch Here](#)

Joint Law Enforcement Statement : Preserve HIDTA- Maintain Robust Funding and ONDCP Administration



The National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Directors' Association (NHDA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA), and National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) urge Congress to maintain funding for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program and preserve its administration under the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to ensure continued success in combating drug trafficking across the United States.

America faces complex and evolving drug trafficking challenges that span regional, state, and national boundaries. In response, Congress created the HIDTA Program to enhance collaboration across federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. The HIDTA Program strengthens public safety by disrupting illegal drug markets through coordinated law enforcement strategies.

Operating in 33 regions across all 50 states, HIDTA channels critical funding and resources to areas hardest hit by drug trafficking. Each HIDTA region is governed by an Executive Board of federal, state, and local law enforcement leaders, ensuring balanced representation and locally tailored strategies.

HIDTA's strength lies in its agency-neutral, intelligence-driven approach. It unites multiple law enforcement entities in joint investigations, intelligence sharing, and strategic operations – efforts that no single agency could execute

alone. This collaborative model has led to the dismantling of major trafficking networks and thousands of successful prosecutions. Beyond enforcement, HIDTA fosters innovation and flexibility, adapting quickly to new threats and regional trends in drug trafficking.

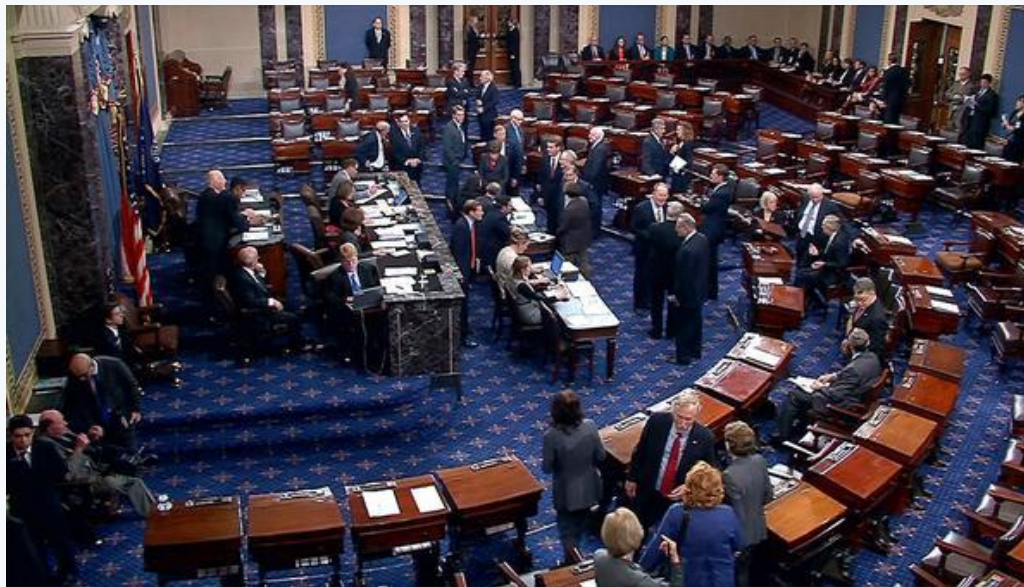
ONDCP is uniquely positioned to administer HIDTA due to its neutral oversight and ability to align the program with national drug control priorities. Unlike individual enforcement agencies, ONDCP does not promote a single department's interests – its sole focus is on effective coordination and strategy. Housing HIDTA within ONDCP ensures a balanced, coordinated response to drug threats and protects the integrity of its multi-agency structure.

The HIDTA Program is a proven model of successful interagency cooperation, delivering measurable results in the fight against drug trafficking. Its effectiveness depends on both continued resources and neutral, strategic oversight under ONDCP. Preserving this structure is essential to safeguarding American communities from the growing threats of drug trafficking organizations.

NHDA, MCSA, ASCIA, NFCA, IACP, NASDEA, and NNOAC stand ready to support efforts to ensure the continued success of this vital law enforcement program.

[Download the Statement Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Olivia Trusty to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30,2025- Confirmed 53-45

Confirmation of Olivia Trusty to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025- Confirmed 53-45

Confirmation of Rodney Scott to be Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Confirmed 51-46

S.Con.Res.15 - A concurrent resolution expressing support for America's law enforcement professionals.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, June 17, 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**

Hearings Next Week

Monday, June 23, 2025

**Budget Hearing – Fiscal Year 2026 Request for the
Department of Justice**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
2:00, 2362B RHOB

Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill

Legislative Branch Subcommittee (House
Appropriations Committee)
6:00, H-140Capitol

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
10:15, 226DSOB

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
10:15, 226DSOB

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Fiscal Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Courts

Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)
10:00, 2141 RHOB

Locking in the DOGE Cuts: Ending Waste, Fraud, and Abuse for Good

Delivering on Government Efficiency Subcommittee (House Oversight and Government Reform Committee)
10:00, HVC-210 C

Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Bill

House Appropriations Committee
10:00, 2359 RHOB

Protecting America from the Cartels

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15, 216HSOB

Rising Threat: America's Battle Against Antisemitic Terror

Oversight Subcommittee, (House Judiciary Committee)
2:00, 2141RHOB

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Algorithms and Authoritarians: Why U.S. AI Must Lead

House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
9:00, HVC210

Legislative Markup (S.836, Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act)

10:00, 253 RSOB

Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Justice Budget

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

10:00, 138 DSOB

Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee

10:15, 538 DSOB

The National Guard State Partnership Program: Strengthening U.S. Security, One Partnership at a Time

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

2:00, HVC 210-C

Restoring Integrity and Security to the Visa Process

Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)

2:00, 2141 RHOB

Hearing to Examine the President's Special Message of June 3, 2025

Senate Appropriations Committee

2:30, 106 DSOB

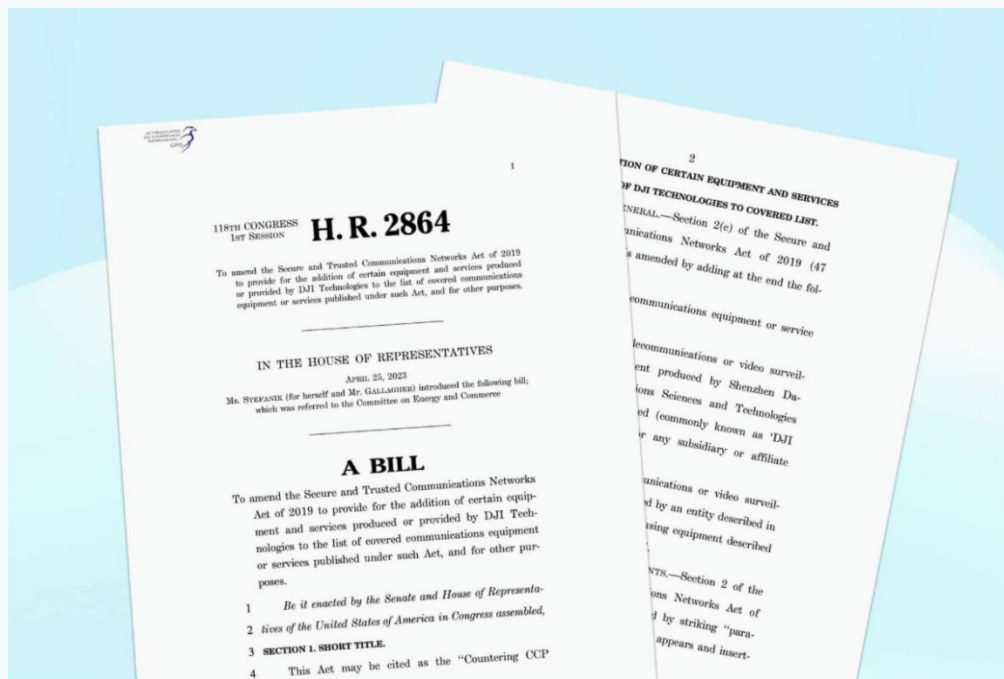
Thursday, June 26, 2025

Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Bill

House Appropriations Committee

10:00, 2359 RHOB

New Bill Introductions



BBM has compiled a list of this week's newly introduced legislation relevant to Justice, Public Safety, and Homeland Security in the 119th Congress.

You can download the information as an Excel spreadsheet by clicking [below](#).

[Newly Introduced Legislation](#)

Congressional Calendar

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House and Senate
in Session



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

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

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News

Swatting: Considerations for Decision Makers



DHS/FBI/MCSA/NSA and Partners Release Swatting Awareness Video for Law Enforcement

The DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) is excited to announce the release of **Swatting: Considerations for Decision Makers**. Together in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Protective Service, Major County Sheriffs of America, National Sheriffs Association, and many other of our state and local law enforcement partners, this video is the second in the *Swatting Awareness Video for Law Enforcement* series.

Designed to educate law enforcement and subcommunities about swatting incidents and how to mitigate their harmful events through the series, this video is tailored to command staff and other decision makers in law enforcement agencies. Swatting is a malicious act that involves false crisis reports to emergency services. This video addresses swatting indicators, considerations, and steps that decision makers can take following the receipt

of potential swatting calls to mitigate their impact. The second video in the series can be found here: **Swatting: Considerations for Decision Makers | Homeland Security**



Only a Few Days Left to Apply for COPS Office Funding Opportunities

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act

The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program will fund the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers and their families through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

The FY25 LEMHWA program has one funding opportunity:

- LEMHWA Implementation Projects

There is up to \$8.8 million in funding available through the LEMHWA Implementation Projects funding opportunity.

Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is *Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET.*

Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is *Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET.*

Please click **here** for more information on the FY2025 LEMHWA funding opportunity.

Safer Outcomes

The Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement program seeks to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training.

The FY25 Safer Outcomes program has two funding opportunities, interested applicants should ensure that they apply under the funding opportunity that meets their eligibility and intent.

- 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

There is up to \$18 million in funding available through the FY 2025 Safer Outcomes program. Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is *Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is *Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Please click [here](#) for more information on the FY2025 Safer Outcomes funding opportunity.

Community Policing Development (CPD)

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to provide guidance on promising practices, develop and test innovative strategies; build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities and a positive image of policing.

CPD Law Enforcement Products and Resources

The FY 2025 CPD Law Enforcement Products and Resources program will fund projects that will develop products and resources for national distribution and offer creative ideas to uplift the image of the law enforcement profession, advance crime fighting, or support community policing efforts through community engagement, problem solving or organizational change. High priority areas of focus may include (but are not limited to) topics such as violent crime prevention, immigration issues and border security, child trafficking, street gangs, recruitment and hiring, gun violence and the enforcement of gun laws, opioids and drug market interruption, law enforcement taskforce engagement, homelessness and squatting, nuisance abatement and other crime and disorder problems. This funding opportunity is open to all for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. There is up to \$8 million in funding available through the FY 2025 CPD Law Enforcement Products and Resources program.

Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is *Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*.

Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is *Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*.

Please click [here](#) for more information on the FY2025 CPD Law Enforcement Products and Resources funding opportunity.

CPD Accreditation

The FY25 Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation program funds will be used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities.

The Accreditation program awards funding for law enforcement agencies to complete the process of accreditation, as well as the work of national and state accreditation bodies that support accreditation. To obtain accreditation, a law enforcement agency must ensure all policies and procedures are of the highest standards and in compliance with those defined by the accreditation entity. The community benefits when it is assured its law enforcement personnel are following best practice policies and procedures to provide efficient, effective, and fair policing.

The FY25 CPD Accreditation has two open funding opportunities:

- FY25 Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities
- FY25 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation

There is up to \$4 million in funding available through the FY 2025 Accreditation CPD program. Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is *Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is *Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Please click [here](#) for more information on the FY2025 CPD Accreditation funding opportunity.

CPD Microgrants

The FY25 Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants program provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to implement novel or innovative projects that work to solve problems in the agency or community, to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes in support of community policing.

Under this funding opportunity, the COPS Office will fund projects in the following subcategories:

- Uplifting the Image of the Law Enforcement Profession
- Violent Crime Prevention
- Officer Recruitment, Hiring and Retention
- Immigration and Border Security
- Opioid and Drug Market Interruption
- Homelessness and Squatting
- Open Topic Area

There is approximately \$8.8 million in funding available through the FY 2025 Microgrants CPD program. Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is *Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is *Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:59 p.m. ET*. Please click [here](#) for more information on the FY2025 CPD Microgrants funding opportunity.



On May 30, the White House published the President's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget request, after releasing a preview of the plan in early May.¹ The President's Budget, submitted to Congress on an annual basis, is the White House's proposed blueprint for federal government funding in the coming fiscal year.² The final federal appropriations bill enacted by Congress is typically the product of significant deliberations on the Hill, and may deviate substantially from the recommendations put forth by the administration. Nonetheless, the President's Budget is a reflection of the White House's goals and ideals, and provides valuable insights into an administration's priorities across the executive branch.

The President's FY 2026 Budget is the first in-depth look at the new administration's vision for the public safety and justice grant funding administered by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The proposal offers a window into the administration's objectives for next year's grants, while also signaling what stakeholders can expect from forthcoming FY 2025 notices of funding opportunity from DOJ's Office of Justice Programs.

Key Takeaways From CCJ's Analysis

- The President's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget proposes an \$850 million reduction in Justice Department grantmaking funds, a roughly 15% decrease from FY 2025 levels.
- The President's Budget would eliminate several core DOJ grant programs, including the Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and Body Worn Camera Partnership Program.
- The White House proposes reduced funding for school safety grants, youth mentoring programs, assistance for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and other safety and justice initiatives.
- Funding for certain law enforcement grants, such as Project Safe Neighborhoods and the COPS Hiring Program, would increase under the proposal.
- The budget proposes a reorganization of DOJ's grantmaking offices and includes amendments to federal statute that would facilitate the consolidation of the Office on Violence Against Women, the COPS Office, and the Office of Tribal Justice into the Office of Justice Programs.
- DOJ has substantial flexibility to shape the implementation of most grant programs. Thus FY 2025 and FY 2026 grants may look substantially different from prior years, even in cases where funding levels remain similar.
- New conditions for DOJ grants, including requirements related to federal immigration enforcement, could significantly reshape which jurisdictions receive federal assistance.

[Read CCJ'S Full Analysis Here](#)



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUSEUM

at the Motorola Solutions Foundation Building

National Law Enforcement Museum Hosts Panel on Community Impact and Police Response to Hate Crimes

WHAT: The National Law Enforcement Museum will present a virtual panel discussion titled Tragedy and Transformation: Law Enforcement Response to Hate Crime Events. The conversation will focus on how agencies have addressed incidents involving hate-motivated violence, with an emphasis on coordination, communication, and community engagement during and after these events.

WHO: Moderator - Anna Muckenfuss: Director of Programs, National Law Enforcement Museum

Panelists - Robert W. Fieseler: Investigative Journalist, Peter J. Forcelli: ATF Deputy Assistant Director (ret.), Homicide Detective, NYPD, Frank Perez: Executive Director, LGBTQ+ Archives Project of Louisiana

WHEN: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. Eastern

WHERE: Virtual Attendance

Participants can register for free [here](#) - event will be live-streamed

WHY: This virtual program will focus on law enforcement's role in responding to two incidents that had a lasting effect on the LGBTQ+ community: the 1973 fire at the Upstairs Lounge in New Orleans and the 2016 mass shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. The panel will explore the differences in how each event was handled, including emergency procedures, agency coordination, and public communication. Panelists will also examine the broader impact these events had on community trust and how law enforcement practices have changed in response—particularly in areas such as officer training, community outreach, and access to mental health support.



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

NSA Appoints Justin Smith as Executive Director and CEO

" National Sheriffs' Association is excited to announce the appointment of former sheriff Justin Smith as its new Executive Director and CEO. Smith will take over for Jonathan Thompson, who will be retiring at the end of 2025 after serving in the role for 11 years.

Justin Smith brings an impressive 36 years of combined law enforcement and public safety experience to the table. After serving in the office for over 20 years, Justin was elected as Larimer County's 27th sheriff and took office in 2011. He served a total of three terms (12 years) as sheriff until he was term-limited in 2023. "

[Read the Full Announcement Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



Louisiana signs law allowing police to shoot down unlawful drones

Louisiana has become the first state to authorize law enforcement officers to intercept and disable drones that pose threats to public safety under a new law signed by Gov. Jeff Landry.

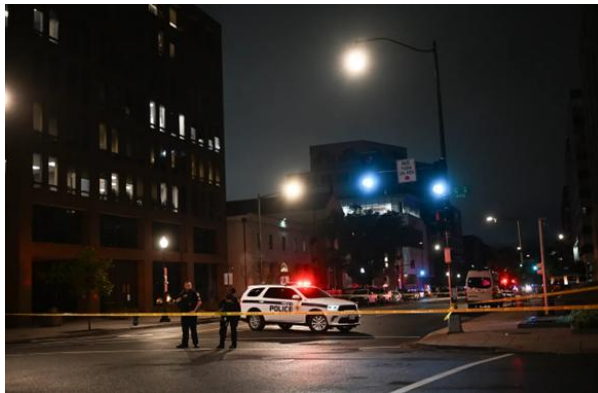
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Lagging 9-1-1 Upgrade Puts Public Safety at Risk

Bringing the nation's 9-1-1 system into the digital age is moving forward but slowly, according to a report released Tuesday by a public safety and emergency communications company. In its 2025 State of the 9-1-1 Report, Longmont, Colo.-based Intrado Life & Safety noted that the transition from legacy to next-generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) is well underway in the United States, but implementation has been gradual. Only a portion of the country is covered by at least some features of NG9-1-1 service.

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As 'lone actor' attacks rise, Trump cuts program aimed at spotting them

Just as politically motivated attacks by "lone actors" surge across the country, the administration of President Donald Trump is dismantling the very office that oversees efforts to identify and stop such violent extremists before they strike.

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New Orleans pushes to legalize police use of 'facial surveillance'

New Orleans is considering easing restrictions on the police use of facial recognition, weeks after The Washington Post reported that police there secretly relied on a network of AI-powered surveillance cameras to identify suspects on the street and arrest them.

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Cities sue DHS over frozen anti-terrorism funds

Five major U.S. cities are suing the Trump administration over funding to prevent nuclear attacks and terrorism that they argue has been illegally withheld by the Department of Homeland Security. The lawsuit filed by Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver and Boston alleges that the administration has not reimbursed cities for relevant security expenses since February and has failed to award funding for 2025.

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More U.S. Officials Face Threats as Fears Grow Over Political Violence

Officials in at least three states said on Monday that they were investigating or prosecuting people for making threats against politicians, a day after the police in Minnesota arrested and charged a man over the assassination of a state lawmaker.

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Opinion: America's drone 9/11 is coming — and just like on 9/11, we aren't ready

It is the responsibility of the federal government to envision and prepare for this worst-case scenario. Innovative solutions are needed, whether to create an impenetrable dome, new jamming technology or high-tech weaponry to shoot drones out of the sky. Only businesses and certain parts of the military have this kind of know-how, and only FEMA can build the public-private ventures we will need to get it done.

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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

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas
September 22-24, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



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

[Learn More Here](#)



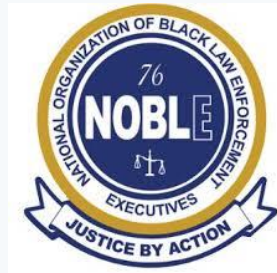
2025 SEARCH Annual Membership
Group Meeting

Virtual Event

July 29-31, 2025

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49th Annual Training Conference

Hollywood, Florida
August 8-12, 2025

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Justice, Public Safety, and Security
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit

Tysons Corner, Virginia
September 9-10, 2025

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