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*Photo of the Week: President Trump holds Oval Office Press Conference on Elon Musk's last day as a special government employee overseeing The US DOGE Service.*

# Weekly Update and Analysis

## May 30, 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?

Both the House and Senate were out of session this week. When members return, attention will shift to the Senate as it prepares to consider the Republican reconciliation bill, titled the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune have expressed their goal of sending the reconciliation bill to President Trump by July 4th. However, differing parliamentary rulings on what provisions can be included, along with calls for deeper spending cuts, may lead to significant differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

At the same time, [Congress is beginning work on funding for fiscal year 2026](#). The White House has not yet submitted a full budget proposal for FY2026 but has released a "skinny" budget. This preliminary document outlines plans to reduce non-defense discretionary spending by \$163 billion while increasing defense funding.

Despite the absence of a full budget proposal, the House Appropriations Committee is moving forward. Subcommittee markups of FY2026 spending bills are scheduled to begin late next week. Initial markups will occur in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Agriculture subcommittees on Thursday. These will be followed the next week by markups in the Homeland Security subcommittee and selected portions of the Defense bill.

In other developments, the Department of Homeland Security [published a list of so-called "sanctuary jurisdictions"](#) as directed by President Trump's executive order. The list categorizes jurisdictions by city, county, and state. Accompanying statements demand that these jurisdictions review and revise their policies to comply with federal immigration laws.

President Trump also made several key personnel decisions this week, nominating a key DOJ official to the federal appeals court and [shaking up leadership at Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#). The President nominated [Emil Bove to the United States Court of Appeals](#) for the Third Circuit. Bove is currently serving as the acting deputy attorney general until the Senate confirms Deputy Attorney General nominee Blanche. Kenneth Genalo will no longer lead Enforcement and Removal Operations, the ICE branch tasked with carrying out arrests and deportations. Genalo, a longtime ICE official, is retiring and plans to advise agency leaders as a

special government employee, officials said. Meanwhile, Robert Hammer, the head of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations office, was reassigned to another post within the agency.

## 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.

- [ICE Announces Leadership Restructuring](#)
  - [DHS Announcement on Sanctuary Jurisdictions](#)
  - [The Hill: "Trump nominates Emil Bove as federal appeals judge"](#)
  - [POLITICO: "White House plans — at last— to send some DOGE cuts to Hill"](#)
- [Drones: Confronting Threats & Supporting Public Safety](#)
  - [FY2026 Spending Negotiations Kick Off](#)
  - [POLITICO: "Dems tee up House Oversight leadership election"](#)
  - [Bloomberg Government: "HHS to Begin Auditing States Funding Health Care for Immigrants"](#)

## Drones: Confronting Threats & Supporting Public Safety

Drones are reshaping both criminal activity and public safety response – prompting attention from lawmakers. As unmanned aerial systems (UAS) become tools for smuggling, surveillance, and disruption, lawmakers are seeking ways to strengthen security while enabling law enforcement and first responders to harness drones for good.

Below please find details on recent Congressional action on this issue, as well as examples on how these technologies are being used for legitimate public safety purposes.

### A Growing Security Priority

Over two days in May 2025, Congress examined escalating security challenges posed by malicious drone activity. The [Senate Judiciary Committee on May 20](#) heard how cartels and criminal networks use drones to smuggle drugs, weapons, and cell phones into correctional facilities and across borders. Ricky Dixon, President of the American Correctional Association, highlighted that jails and prisons witness frequent drone drops over perimeter fences but lack legal authority to counter these threats.

The following day, the [House Homeland Security Subcommittee](#) addressed drone security at major public events, with officials including Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes expressing concerns about protecting the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup, 2026 World Cup, and 2028 Olympics from potential drone misuse. The hearings revealed a critical gap in current law enforcement capabilities. Federal restrictions prevent most state and local agencies from taking direct action against drone threats, even as these unmanned aircraft disrupt emergency operations, conduct unauthorized surveillance of officers, and interfere with law enforcement responses.

Public safety leaders are calling for Congress to expand counter-UAS authorities to state and local law enforcement, invest in drone detection technology, and update existing laws to better protect communities and high-profile events from these evolving security threats.

### **Drones as Public Safety Tools**

While countering threats remains a critical priority, drones are increasingly becoming indispensable tools in legitimate public safety operations nationwide. The following examples illustrate their wide-ranging impact:

- [Oklahoma City Train Rescue](#): Oklahoma City Police used drone technology to quickly locate a man struck by a train in an otherwise inaccessible area along the tracks. The drone provided real-time visual assessment of critical injuries, enabling faster response and preparation that helped save the victim's life.
- [Albuquerque Child Safety Incident](#): Bernalillo County Sheriff's deputies used drone surveillance to safely monitor and coordinate the disarming of two young children holding a loaded handgun. The aerial technology allowed law enforcement to handle the dangerous situation without anyone getting hurt.
- [Las Vegas Rescued Hiker](#): Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Drone as First Responder Unit located a stranded 17-year-old hiker on Lone Mountain and provided precise coordinates to ground teams. The drone's spotlight maintained continuous illumination for four hours during the night rescue, ensuring safe operations.
- [Wichita Fleeing Suspect](#): Wichita Police Department used drone technology to successfully apprehend a fleeing suspect. The department showcased their commitment to using advanced technology to enhance public safety operations and officer effectiveness.
- [Pasco County Operations](#): Pasco County Sheriff's Office used thermal imaging drones to locate a missing child and abductor hiding under a woodpile after 40-50 officers couldn't find them. Their drone program handled 2,400 drone deployments in 2024, including hurricane response operations for search and rescue during Helene and Milton.
- [NYPD Flotation Dropper](#): NYC deployed over 40 drones across 14 miles of shoreline equipped with automatic inflating flotation devices for drowning emergencies. The drones communicate with distressed swimmers in



real-time and drop life-saving equipment until lifeguards arrive, coordinating between NYPD, FDNY, and Emergency Management.

### Looking Ahead

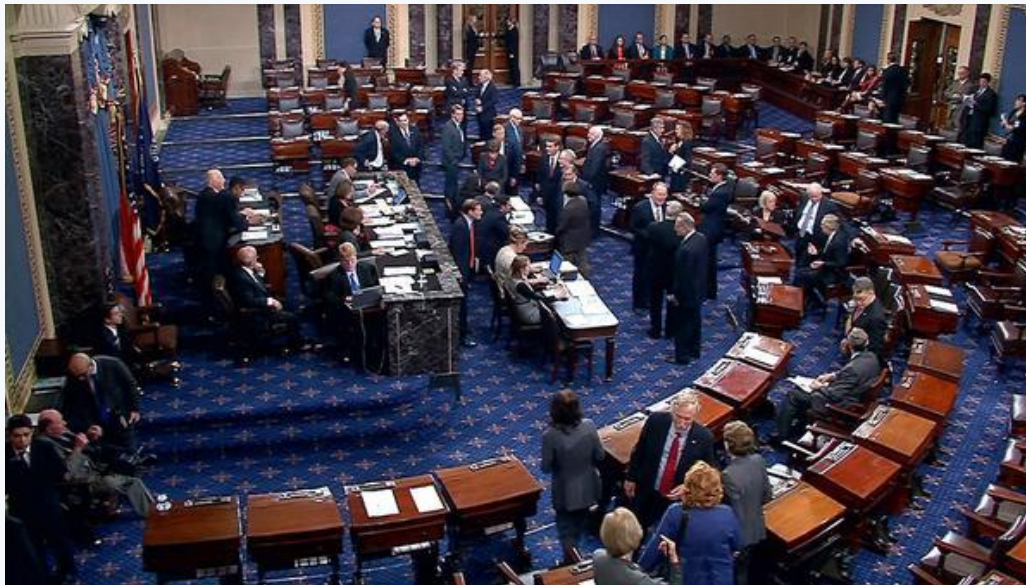
As lawmakers continue to address these challenges, the goal remains clear: harness the benefits of drone technology for public safety while building effective defenses against those who would use it for harm.

For more information on drone policy developments, make sure to subscribe to the BBM Blog.

BBM is closely tracking and working this issue. We will keep you updated as more details are released.

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## Floor Activity



### Senate

The Senate was not in session this week.

### House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

# Congressional Hearings



## Hearings This Past Week

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

**Field Hearing: “Innovation Nation: Leveraging Technology to Secure Cyberspace and Streamline Compliance**

House Committee on Homeland Security  
2:00 PM, The Hoover Institution at Stanford University, 426 Galvez Mall, Stanford, CA 94305

## Hearings Next Week

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

**District Judges v. Trump**

Constitution Subcommittee (Senate Committee on the Judiciary)  
2:30 PM, 226 DSOB

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: From Blueprint to a Functional Framework**

House Financial Services Committee  
10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

**Dismantling Transnational Criminal Organizations in the Americas**

Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
10:00 AM, 419 DSOB

**Budget Hearing for Department of Commerce FY 26**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)  
10:00 AM, 192 DSOB

**Nominations**

Senate Judiciary Committee  
10:15 AM, 216HSOB

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

**Foreign Influence on American's Data Through the CLOUD Act**

House Judiciary Committee  
10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

**"Among Us: Evaluating Sleeper Cell Activity and Other Subversion and Sabotage Threats"**

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)  
2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**Nominations- CISA, National Cyber Director**

Senate Homeland Security Committee  
9:30 AM, 342 DSOB

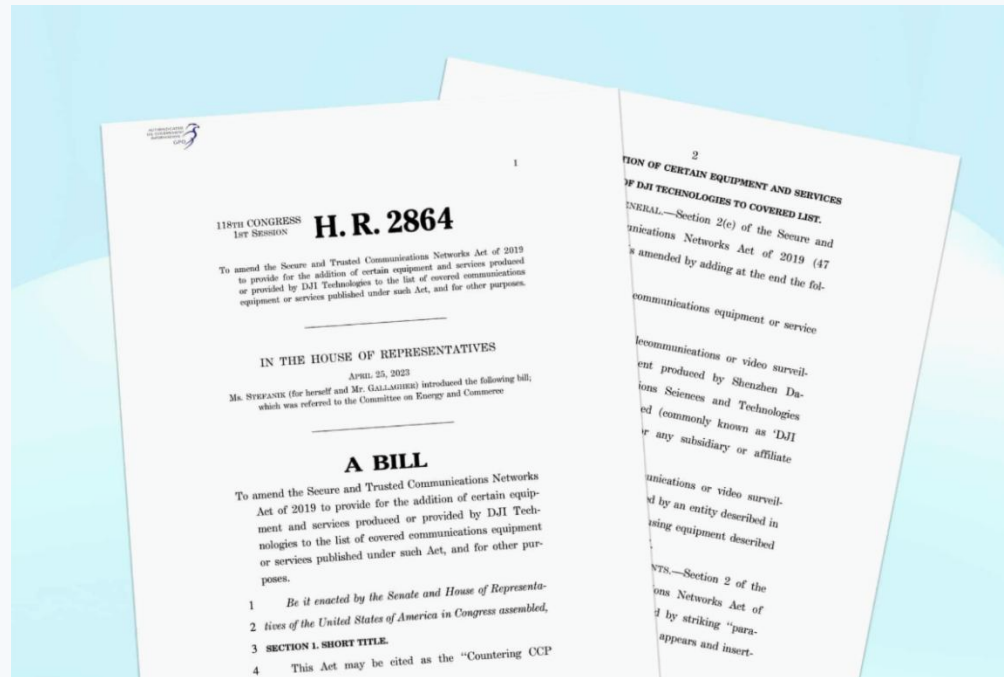
**The Federal Government in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**

House Oversight and Government Committee  
10:00 AM, 210HVC

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

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)  
11:00 AM, 239 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



House in Session  
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Senate in Session  
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Federal Holidays

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

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**Community and Client News**



# Homeland Security

## DHS Releases Sanctuary Jurisdiction List

From the Press Release:

" Sanctuary jurisdictions undermine the rule of law and endanger the lives of Americans and Law Enforcement

Executive Order 14287: Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens requires that a list of states and local jurisdictions that obstruct the enforcement of Federal immigration laws (sanctuary jurisdictions) be published. Sanctuary jurisdictions including cities, counties, and states that are deliberately and shamefully obstructing the enforcement of federal immigration laws endangering American communities. Sanctuary cities protect dangerous criminal aliens from facing consequences and put law enforcement in peril.

The list below was created to identify sanctuary jurisdictions, which are determined by factors like compliance with federal law enforcement, information restrictions, and legal protections for illegal aliens.

Each jurisdiction listed will receive formal notification of its non-compliance with Federal statutes. DHS demands that these jurisdictions immediately review and revise their policies to align with Federal immigration laws and renew their obligation to protect American citizens, not dangerous illegal aliens.

Note that the list can be reviewed and changed at any time and will be updated regularly. No one should act on this information without conducting their own evaluation of the information. "

[View the List Here](#)



### **OSLLE Webinar Series: Countering-Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Additional Viewing Opportunities**

The DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) is pleased to announce two viewing opportunities for the Countering-Unmanned Aircraft Systems webinar from last month. The webinar provides an overview of the evolving threats to communities posed by unmanned aircraft systems, with insights on combatting these increasingly sophisticated aerial platforms. The webinar includes briefings from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Virginia State Police, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Click on the below links to register with your official email. Once confirmed, you will receive a calendar invite with link to the webinar.

1. [Thursday, June 5 at 2pm Eastern](#)
  2. [Thursday, June 12 at 2pm Eastern](#)
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## WEBINAR

# Overview of the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard

### **Upcoming Webinar: Overview of the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard**

The University of Chicago Crime Lab invites you to a webinar on Wednesday, June 4th, from 1:00pm – 2:00pm CT, where we will explore the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard—a publicly available tool launched to support efforts to reduce gun violence through transparent, real-time data.

This event will provide an in-depth look at how the dashboard brings together key data on shootings and homicides to help community organizations, policymakers, and other stakeholders make data-informed decisions and better target resources.

We invite you to join us for this important discussion on how data can drive progress in reducing violence and improving public safety in Chicago. The conversation will also highlight opportunities for other cities to make similar datasets and tools publicly available.

#### Details

Date: Wednesday, June 4th  
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CT

#### Speakers

The webinar will feature insights from dashboard experts, CVI leaders, and community partners, including:  
Garien Gatewood, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety, City of Chicago  
Eric Balas, Senior Data Analyst, Metropolitan Family Services  
Maritza Moran, Data Analyst, Metropolitan Family Services  
Javier Lopez, Analytics Manager, Crime Lab  
Moderator: Katie Hill, Executive Director, Crime Lab

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### **Drones Delivering Illegal Drugs, Phones, Ammunition and More to Local Prison in Martin County, Florida**

According to Martin County Sheriff John Budensiek, his department was asked for help after the warden at the Martin Correctional Institution said they found illegal drugs, cell phones and even live rounds of ammunition on prison grounds.



"He came to one of our meetings and Intel briefing and was explaining that they're having recurring problems of drones flying in and over their prison system and dropping cell phones, tobacco, fentanyl, crystal methamphetamine and most concerning to them, they found some live rounds of ammunition in the prison," Budensiek said.

Prison staff said issues involving drone activity and contraband had happened roughly eight times in a period of two weeks.





## NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

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### **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Presents 2025 Board Award Winners**

The Board of Directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), whose mission is to honor the fallen, tell the story of American law enforcement, and make it safer for those who serve, presented the winners of their annual awards in the categories of Distinguished Service, Lifetime Achievement, and Excellence in Media.

The awards were formally presented to the winners at a special reception on the National Mall in advance of the NLEOMF 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil, which honored the 24,412 officers killed in the line of duty whose names are engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at 444 E St. NW in Washington, DC.

During the vigil, which was attended by thousands of members of the law enforcement community, survivors of the fallen, and the general public, the 345 officers whose names were most recently engraved on the Memorial in April were specifically recognized as their names were read aloud by national law enforcement and federal leaders.

The NLEOMF Board Awards program recognizes exceptional achievements in the law enforcement profession as well as brings awareness to both law enforcement professionals and the general public about extraordinary law enforcement achievements.

“Our national awards program is essential to creating public awareness of important law enforcement accomplishments that lead to greater engagement between the law enforcement profession and the communities they serve,” said Lori Sharpe Day, Chair of the Board of NLEOMF.

The 2024 winners are:

**Lifetime Achievement Award: Chief Tom Manger**  
**John Ashcroft Distinguished Service Award: Craig Floyd**  
**Excellence in Media Award: Lexipol / Police1 Magazine**

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**U.S. Department of Justice**  
**Office of the Inspector General**

### **DOJ OIG Releases Report on the COPS Hiring Program**

Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced the release of a report on the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The CHP is a competitive award program that provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to hire or rehire career law enforcement officers to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

The DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) found that CHP recipients struggle to hire or retain officers, both of which are CHP program requirements. Additionally, some CHP applicants submitted inaccurate or insufficiently supported information in their applications, and the COPS Office's system of data validation did not consistently identify and flag these errors for additional review.

The OIG's findings included the following:

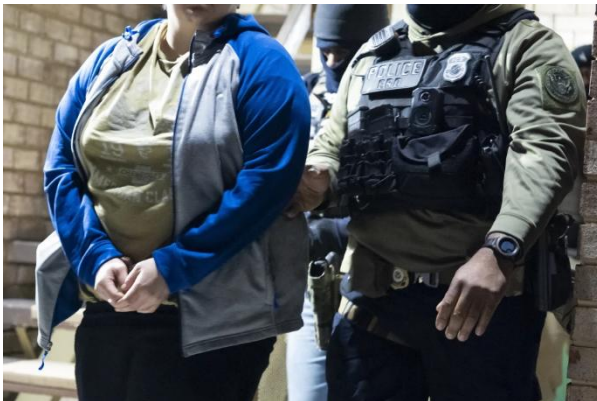
- The COPS Office Would Benefit From Evaluating the Current State of the CHP. Hiring community policing officers is the fundamental metric of success for the CHP, but 60 percent of CHP recipients who responded to an OIG survey indicated that hiring was a challenge. We also found that CHP applications have declined and that program costs have shifted to CHP recipients since FY 2012. We believe that it would be beneficial for the COPS Office to initiate a review of these issues and the potential impact they may have on the continued success of the CHP.

- The COPS Office Should Strengthen its Review of CHP Application Data. The OIG found that the COPS Office made FY 2021 and 2022 CHP awards in accordance with statutory requirements to ensure a national distribution of funds, and we did not identify material concerns with the COPS Office's monitoring of CHP awards. However, some CHP applicants submitted inaccurate or insufficiently supported information, and the COPS Office's automated system of data validation did not consistently identify and flag errors for review. Also, the COPS Office's current data validation process does not identify erroneous information submitted by smaller agencies.

The DOJ OIG made four recommendations to improve the COPS Office's management of the COPS Hiring Program. The COPS Office concurred with all four recommendations.

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## Articles We Read This Week



### **Trump administration increases pressure on 'sanctuary jurisdictions' with public listing**

The Department of Homeland Security is putting more than 500 "sanctuary jurisdictions" across the country on notice that the Trump administration views them as obstructing immigration enforcement as it attempts to increase pressure on communities it believes are standing in the way of the president's mass deportations agenda.

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## **DHS, FBI warn large-scale events could be target for violence**

The Department of Homeland Security and FBI are warning that large-scale events are prime targets for violence, highlighting the potential for violence at events this summer. However, the DHS and FBI did not indicate there are any known threats in a joint intelligence bulletin sent to law enforcement on May 23.

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## **Police chiefs weigh in on state of policing 5 years after murder of George Floyd**

The calls for change were loud across the country following the murder of George Floyd. Many are calling for police accountability and transparency. In 2022, WCCO brought together police chiefs for a candid conversation about policing and use of force as part of a WCCO special. Jennifer Mayerle sat down with the departments recently to talk about the State of Policing, five years after the events of 2020.

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## **Trump administration sues 4 New Jersey cities over 'sanctuary' policies**

The Trump administration sued four New Jersey cities over their so-called sanctuary city policies aimed at prohibiting police from cooperating with immigration officials, saying the local governments are standing in the way of federal enforcement.

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## 5 years after anti-police protests, initiatives for officer mental health have traction

Among the states leading officer wellness initiatives are New York, New Jersey, California and Texas, where larger public safety agencies have created dedicated wellness units and state legislatures have mandated and funded wellness initiatives for first-responders. Georgia is also among the more forward-thinking states, Carrier says.

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## Intelligence center's expanded effort to track, prevent gun violence in Chicago deemed a success

The Crime Gun Intelligence Center, or CGIC, was expanded to further the side-by-side alliance between more than a dozen agencies all working to prevent and solve gun violence, and the ABC7 I-Team was invited back to Chicago's CGIC for exclusive conversations with authorities about the center's progress.

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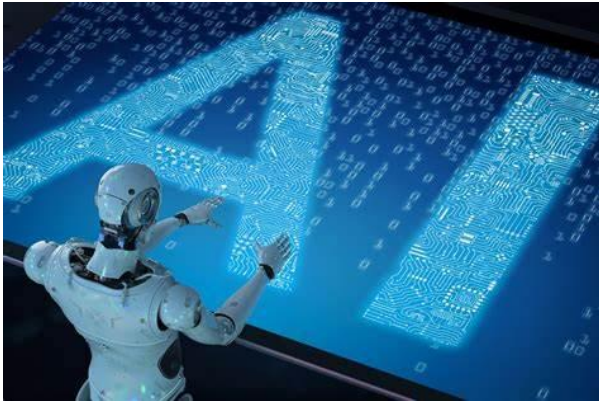


## Nets and high-tech hijackings: Anti-drone systems offer new ways to counter rising threats

Cheap and easily modified, unmanned aerial vehicles have become a part of daily life as well as a tool for governments and bad actors alike — used for intelligence gathering, surveillance, sabotage, terrorism and more. Concerns about their misuse have spurred a technological scramble for ways to stop the devices in midair.



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## **GOP push to ban state AI laws ignites debate**

House Republicans pushed forward this week with a bid to ban state regulation of artificial intelligence (AI), sparking debate among the tech community and lawmakers over its implications for the emerging tech. The proposal passed the House on Thursday morning as part of a sweeping tax and spending bill. Now, it faces an uphill battle in the Senate in the wake of procedural rules and potential resistance from some GOP senators.

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## **Why ‘wrench attacks’ on wealthy crypto holders are on the rise**

The alleged attempted robbery is known as a “wrench attack.” It’s a name popularized by an online comic that mocked how easily high-tech security can be undone by hitting someone with a wrench until they give up passwords. Wrench attacks are on the rise thanks in part to cryptocurrency’s move into mainstream finance, Phil Ariss of the crypto tracing firm TRM Labs said in a recent blog post.

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## **California law enforcement ramps up fight against cartel-linked fentanyl trafficking**

Top law enforcement officials from across California gathered in Sacramento to strategize the next steps in combatting cartel-level fentanyl distribution networks operating in the state.

The FBI, DEA, California Attorney General, local sheriffs and prosecutors discussed recent seizures and the next steps in the fight against fentanyl.

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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

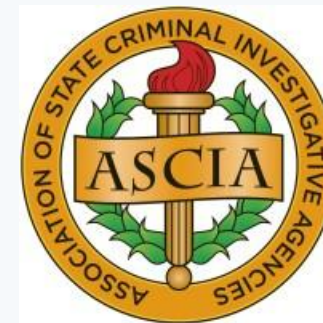
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2025 Annual Conference

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

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MCCA 2025 Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado  
October 15-17, 2025

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2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Denver, Colorado  
October 16-18, 2025

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2025 SEARCH Annual Membership Group Meeting

Virtual Event  
July 29-31, 2025

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