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Photo of the Week: President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump and Republican lawmakers celebrate the signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on the South Lawn of the White House. (Alex Brandon/Pool/Getty Images)

# Weekly Update and Analysis

## July 11, 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?

Following the July 4th holiday, the House decided to take the week off, while the Senate returned to business in Washington.

The Senate Appropriations Committee [advanced their first two government funding bills](#), Agriculture-FDA and Legislative Branch, with bipartisan support. However, progress on the Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) bill stalled amid tense debate over the location of the FBI's new headquarters. The panel initially approved the CJS bill with a 21-6 vote, but some members later attempted to retroactively change their votes after disagreements flared over the FBI headquarters issue. In response, Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins (R-Maine) recessed the committee until a deal could be reached.

One key provision in the Agriculture-FDA bill would [ban the sale of lab-made, intoxicating hemp-derived substances](#)—an effort to close a loophole in the 2018 Farm Bill that allowed unregulated products like Delta-9 THC vapes and edibles to flood the market.

In light of heightened safety concerns—particularly following the tragic killing of a Minnesota state legislator—congressional security has become a top priority. The Legislative Branch funding bill includes a \$50 million increase for the Capitol Police to bolster staffing and enhance protection, along with additional funding for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.

Meanwhile, House Republican leaders, including Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik, Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party Chairman John Moolenaar (R-MI), and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rick Crawford (R-AR), formally requested that the Office of the Director of National Intelligence [expedite a national security review of Chinese drone manufacturers](#). This move aligns with executive orders from President Trump promoting U.S. leadership in drone technology and provisions in the FY 2025 NDAA requiring restrictive measures against Chinese-based drone makers unless deemed safe.

Finally, the Department of Homeland Security [announced it would pause plans](#) to eliminate most positions in its Office of Intelligence and Analysis, following strong pushback from law enforcement associations and Jewish community groups.

## 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.

- [Stefanik, Moolenaar, Crawford Request National Security Review of Chinese Drone Manufacturers](#)
  - [Senate Advances FY 2026 Agriculture-FDA Spending Bill With Hemp Crackdown](#)
  - [Senate Panel Approves First Spending Bills](#)
- [Nextgov/FCW: "DHS intelligence office halts staff cuts after stakeholder backlash"](#)
  - [Bloomberg Government: DHS Plans More Layoffs After Supreme Court Ruling](#)
  - [Senate Appropriators Kick Off Markups Today — Here's What We're Watching](#)
  - [POLITICO: "Supreme Court green-lights Trump's order for mass firings across federal government"](#)

## Capitol Hill Briefing Highlights AI's Role in Public Safety



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The Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute, in partnership with the bipartisan Congressional AI Caucus, hosted a Capitol Hill briefing exploring how artificial intelligence (AI) is being effectively and responsibly applied across the public safety landscape. The event featured expert voices representing the Major County Sheriffs of America, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCI), American Correctional Association (ACA), National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), National Center for State Courts (NCSC), National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), and leading AI industry partner C3.ai.

The discussion focused on real-world AI applications in law enforcement, corrections, and the courts - alongside the governance frameworks and ethical guardrails guiding their implementation.

A central highlight was the [IJIS AI Playbook](#) - a comprehensive, practical framework designed to support the responsible deployment of AI in public safety. Attendees also experienced a live AI demo and heard case studies illustrating measurable impact in the field.

Stay tuned - BBM will share a recording of the briefing next week.

## Briefing Recording: Understanding the National Criminal Background Check System

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, recently hosted a 30-minute webinar exploring the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

### Why Watch This Webinar?

Whether you're a policymaker, public safety professional, or simply curious about how background checks work, this session breaks down the essentials of NICS—how it functions, who manages it, and how states are using federal funding to enhance its effectiveness.

### What You'll Learn:

- How NICS works to determine firearm eligibility in real time
- Who collects, manages, and updates the system's data
- How states are strengthening their contributions to NICS with federal support
- Key policy and operational challenges shaping its future

## Meet the Expert Panel:

Hear from leaders driving innovation and policy in justice information sharing:

- Derek Veitenheimer, Executive Director, SEARCH
- Becki Goggins, Director of Law & Policy, SEARCH
- Adam Dean, Deputy Commissioner, NY Division of Criminal Justice Services
- Erin Henry, Division Director, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
- Michelle Kleckler, Division Director, Michigan State Police
- Dane Silcox, Manager, Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

This [session](#) offers an inside look at how a vital national system operates.

[Watch the Webinar Here](#)

## 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](#)

## 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 on NIBIN

A Call for Continued Support of NIBIN: A Vital Tool in Combatting Violent Crime



The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA), and National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) urgently call for continued and expanded support of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

NIBIN is a cornerstone in the fight against gun violence and violent crime that local and state agencies rely on every day. By enabling rapid matching of shell casings from crime scenes across the entire country, NIBIN enhances our ability to solve crimes and prevent future violence. Since 1997, NIBIN has processed over 6.5 million pieces of ballistic evidence, generating over 1 million investigative leads that have connected crimes and identified criminals. This tool is indispensable in linking gun-related crimes across jurisdictions and disrupting violent criminal activity.

[Read the Full Statement Here](#)

# NIBIN

## BY THE NUMBERS



**1997**

ATF established the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network in 1997 to provide local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement partners with an automated ballistic imaging network. NIBIN is the only national network that allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms.

**7 MILLION**



7 million pieces of ballistic evidence are stored in NIBIN.



**ONE MILLION+**

More than 1 million NIBIN leads have been identified during its 25-year history.

**93 MILLION**

More than 93 million images are stored in NIBIN.



**376**

There were 376 NIBIN locations in fiscal year 2024.

**185,000+**



185,000+ investigative leads were generated by NIBIN in fiscal year 2024.



Data current as of June 2025

<https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/fact-sheet/2024-national-integrated-ballistic-information-network>

# 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](#)

## Joint Law Enforcement Statement: Preserve the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis



We write to follow up on our earlier outreach regarding reports that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may be considering changes to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A). While we understand that DHS is evaluating how best to structure its operations, we remain concerned about the potential impact on I&A's support to state, local, tribal, and territorial partners - particularly in the absence of a response to our previous letter or broader engagement with the field.

We fully recognize that I&A, like any organization, must adapt to meet evolving needs. We support efforts to enhance its effectiveness and ensure it is best positioned to serve its mission. At the same time, we believe that changes of this magnitude must be shaped through dialogue with those who rely on I&A every day - especially given its unique role in connecting the federal intelligence community with frontline public safety agencies.

For state and local stakeholders, I&A is not just another federal component; it is an essential partner in the shared mission of protecting our communities. Its embedded personnel, analytic products, and communication platforms are vital tools for

understanding and responding to threats in real time. When changes occur without input from the field, that partnership risks being weakened - along with the systems that support timely and effective threat response.

At a time when the threat environment is escalating - ranging from terrorism and transnational crime to cyberattacks on critical infrastructure - the need for strong, two-way coordination has never been more urgent. Decisions that affect I&A's operational capacity must be approached with transparency and collaboration, or we risk creating avoidable gaps in information sharing and coordination necessary for effective threat prevention.

We respectfully urge DHS to engage directly with state and local law enforcement leaders, fusion center directors, and national public safety associations before moving forward with any workforce or structural changes to I&A. Frontline input is essential to ensuring that any adjustments strengthen - not weaken - the capabilities that keep our communities safe.

We remain committed to constructive partnership, working together to preserve what is effective, addressing areas for improvement, and maintaining I&A's role as the link between federal intelligence and operational response. A strong homeland security enterprise depends on open communication, mutual trust, and collaboration across all levels of government. We stand ready to do our part.

[Download the Statement Here](#)

## Floor Activity



## Senate

### **S.1003 - Lulu's Law**

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order explicitly permitting the transmission of wireless emergency alerts to mobile phones in the event of a shark attack.

Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent.

## House of Representatives

The House of Representatives were out on recess this week.

## Congressional Hearings



## Hearings This Past Week

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**Surveillance, Sabotage, and Strikes: Industry Perspectives on How Drone Warfare Abroad Is Transforming Threats at Home** (POSTPONED)

Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)  
2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

**Making America the Crypto Capital of the World: Ensuring Digital Asset Policy Built for the 21st Century**(POSTPONED)

Oversight Subcommittee (House Ways and Means Committee)  
9:00 AM, 1100 LHOB

**Threats on the Horizon: Closing the C-UAS Authority Gap for State and Local Responders**(POSTPONED)

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)  
10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

**Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Exploitation: A New Era of Risk** (POSTPONED)

Crime and Federal Government Surveillance Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)  
10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

**Antisemitism in Higher Education: Examining the Role of Faculty, Funding, and Ideology** (POSTPONED)

House Education and Workforce Committee  
10:15 AM, 2175 RHOB

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

## Hearings Next Week

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**Surveillance, Sabotage, and Strikes: Industry Perspectives on How Drone Warfare Abroad Is Transforming Threats at Home**

Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)  
10:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**Antisemitism in Higher Education: Examining the Role of Faculty, Funding, and Ideology**

House Education and Workforce Committee  
10:15 AM, 2175 RHOB

**Beyond the Smash and Grab: Criminal Networks and Organized Theft**

Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
10:15 AM, 216SHOB

**Case by Case: Returning Parole To Its Proper Purpose**

Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)  
2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**How Leftist Nonprofit Networks Exploit Federal Tax Dollars to Advance a Radical Agenda**

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

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**Nominations Hearing : Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee  
10:00 AM, 253RSOB

**Appropriations Markup: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026", the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026", and the "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2026**

Senate Appropriations Committee  
9:30 AM, 106 Dirksen SOB

**An Inside Job: How NGOs Facilitated the Biden Border Crisis**

House Homeland Security Committee  
10:00AM, 310 CHOB

**Too Big to Prosecute?: Examining the AI Industry's Mass Ingestion of Copyrighted Works for AI Training**

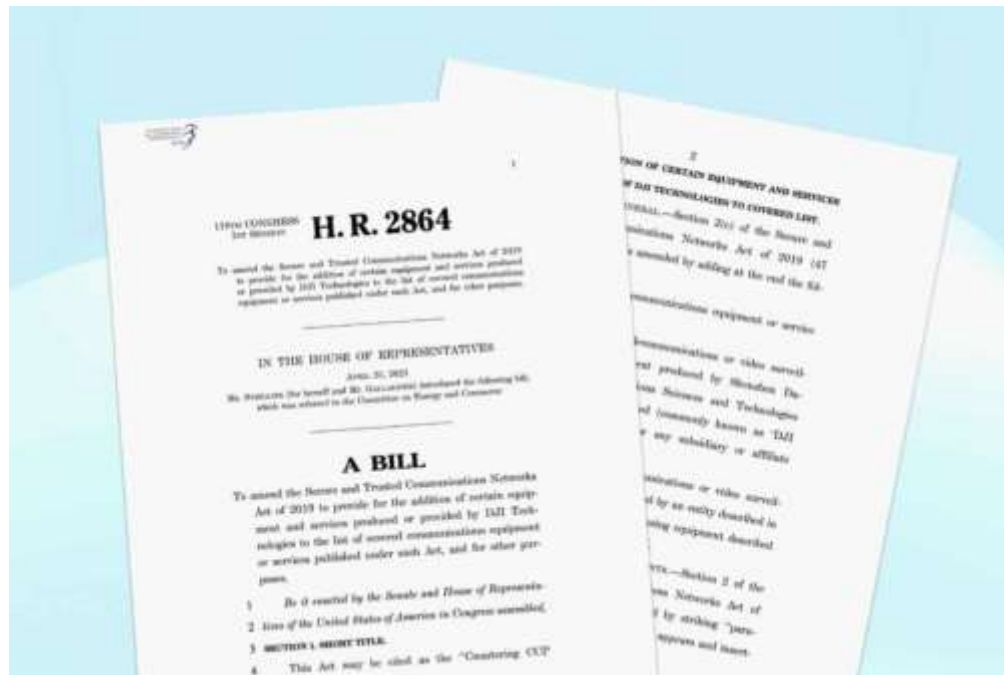
2:30PM, 226DSOB

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**Legislative Markup/ Nominations**

9:15, 216HSOB

## 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



### **Staying Safe Online: What Law Enforcement Needs to Know about Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Cyber Crimes, and the DHS Know2Protect Campaign**

The DHS Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) is pleased to announce the next webinar in the OSLLE webinar series, will be on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET. This webinar provides law enforcement with an overview of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) threats, outlines what DHS and our state and local partners are doing to investigate and combat these threats, and provide an overview of the DHS Know2Protect (K2P) Campaign and resources that are available to all help communities and kids stay safe. The webinar brings together subject matter experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Vermont Office of Attorney General / Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (VT-ICAC).

[Register Here](#)

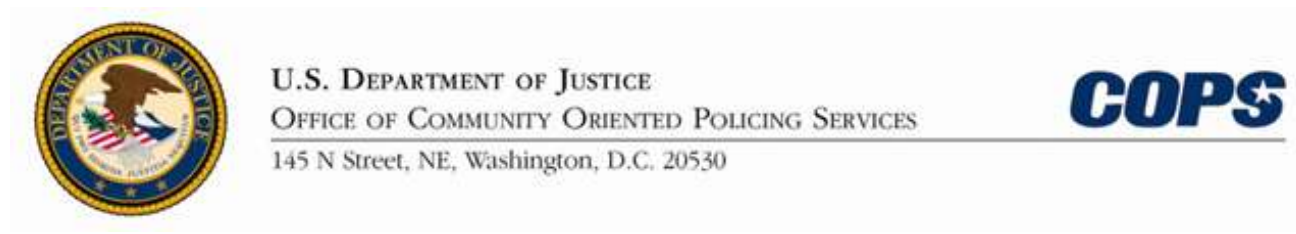
### **DHS I&A Analytic Seminar Series Continues**

The DHS I&A Specialized Analytic Seminar Series brings together a diverse range of federal, state, and local subject-matter experts (SMEs) and partner agencies/organizations to advance analytic capabilities. The series addresses specialized-threat topic areas and the associated patterns, trends, skills, and resources necessary to effectively monitor and evaluate potential threats in the analyst's area of responsibility. Participation in this program is targeted to intelligence and analytic professionals from state and major urban area fusion centers, as well as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Investigative Support Centers (ISC), Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) Centers, and major city/county intelligence units. The program covers invitational travel for state and local partners who present.

The 2025 series include the following sessions:

- Illicit Finance: July 23-24, 2025, Kansas City, MO

[Register Here](#)



### **Honor the Honorable: The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing**

The Department of Justice has launched Honor the Honorable: The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing. This award recognizes individual state, local, or tribal sworn, rank-and-file police officers, deputies, and troopers for exceptional efforts in criminal investigations, field operations and, exemplary community involvement that have proven effective in enforcing our laws.

The Department is requesting nominations for this Award. The nomination period is now open and will close on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. EDT. Detailed information regarding the nomination process for this award is now available at [www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award](http://www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award).

Nominations may be submitted by the potential recipient's supervisors, professional peers, or members of their local community. Nominations may include references and URL links to news sources and promotional or other materials that describe or substantiate the activity, program, or initiative for which the nominee(s) is being nominated.

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## NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

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### **2025 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Fatalities Report Reveals Law Enforcement Deaths have decreased by more than 50% over last year**

*The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund releases the 2025 mid-year fatalities report depicting firearms fatalities as the leading cause of law enforcement deaths so far this year.*

The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line-of-duty in the first half of 2025 decreased 53% compared to the same time period last year, according to preliminary data provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). **The NLEOMF data shows** that 42 federal, state, county, municipal, and officers from the U.S. Territories have died in the line-of-duty in the first half of 2025, representing a 53% decrease compared to the 89 officers who died in the first half of 2024.

#### **Firearms-Related Fatalities**

Firearms-related fatalities have claimed the lives of 22 officers in 2025 thus far, which represents a decrease of 21% from the 28 officers killed by gunfire in the first half of 2024 and was the leading cause of death.

#### **Traffic-Related Fatalities**

There were 13 traffic-related fatalities in the first half of 2025; this is a decrease of 50% compared to the first half of 2024, which had a total of 26.

#### **Other Causes and Fatalities**

The 'other' category contains a wide variety of health-related deaths and other line-of-duty fatalities. Seven officer deaths are listed in the "Other" category versus 35 for the same period last year, which represents an 80% decrease from last year.

### **Additional Demographics**

There were 39 male officers killed in the line-of-duty, and 3 female officers. The average age of the fallen officers is 43, with an average of 13 years of service. On average, officers left behind two children.

The statistics released in the mid-year report are based on preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and may not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2026.

### **The Engraving**

There are currently more than 24,000 names of officers killed in the line-of-duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, dating back to the first known death in 1786.

For a complete copy of the 2025 Mid-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report, go to: <https://nleomf.org/memorial/facts-figures/latest-fatality-reports/>

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## **COPS Office Releases New Critical Incident Preparedness Toolkit**

This self-assessment tool is designed to assist public safety and emergency response professionals, school administrators and security professionals, elected officials, and communities in considering potential active shooter scenarios and options for dealing with them. The tool proposes questions to determine an agency's preparedness status in seven categories, offers guidance to inform next steps, and recommends resources for improving policies and practices to reduce community potential for mass violence, swiftly respond to incidents, and enhance trauma and support services in their wake.

[Download the Toolkit Here](#)



### **Governor Pillen Praises State Patrol's Involvement In MS-13 Arrests**

LINCOLN, NE — Governor Jim Pillen released the following statement praising the Nebraska State Patrol's leading role in the investigation that led to yesterday's arrests of two violent, illegal alien MS-13 gang members in Omaha.

"We are now able to confirm publicly that yesterday's MS-13 arrests are the direct result of incredible work by our team at the Nebraska State Patrol. This is a great example of a strong state-federal partnership — and how valuable that communication and coordination is to keeping Nebraskans safe. I'm very proud of this work, and I've asked that the State Patrol continue its work to get these illegal, violent criminals off our streets and deported out of our county."

According to public statements, the Nebraska State Patrol's Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC Fusion Center) developed intelligence on the MS-13 gang member's presence in Omaha and shared that information with federal partners at the Department of Homeland Security, leading to the arrests.

The NIAC Fusion Center is a collaborative effort of federal, state, and local agencies working in partnership to detect, prevent, apprehend, and respond to criminal and/or terrorist activity.

Yesterday, Gov. Pillen also thanked ICE officials for their bravery in carrying out the arrests and President Trump for his Administration's emphasis on deporting criminal illegal aliens and securing our borders.

[Read more here.](#)

## Articles We Read This Week



### **DHS intelligence office halts staff cuts after stakeholder backlash**

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis has briefly paused plans to terminate most of its employees following pushback from law enforcement associations and Jewish community groups, according to two people familiar with the matter.

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### **Law enforcement groups oppose proposed anti-drug program cuts**

Law enforcement agencies and associations are pushing for Congress to reject a Trump administration proposal to cut funding for a program aimed at reducing drug trafficking and illicit drug production, as well as change where it is run in the government. The Trump administration's fiscal 2026 budget request proposes to move the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to the Justice Department, while also cutting its funding by about 34 percent.

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### **Why swatting and false emergency calls are more than just a nuisance**

The practice initially began within the online gaming community, where disputes between players led to retaliatory swatting. Over the past decade, the practice has broadened. Today, swatting is more likely to target politicians and political pundits, celebrities, journalists, religious communities, school administrators and even everyday citizens. As FBI officials emphasize, these are not harmless pranks — they are criminal acts that tie up public safety resources and place lives at risk.

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## **Sightseers ‘making things worse’ after deadly Texas floods — as illegal private drone strikes helicopter involved in search and recovery efforts**

Sightseers and unauthorized drone operators have hindered search and rescue efforts along the Guadalupe River in Texas, authorities said Monday as they urged outsiders to stay away from the areas ravaged by Friday’s flooding. On Monday afternoon, a helicopter assisting with emergency operations made an emergency landing after it was struck by a private drone flying over Kerr County, which is under an airspace restriction.

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## **More sheriffs partnering with ICE while metro Atlanta holds out**

At the beginning of the year, just five Georgia sheriffs were signed up for a controversial federal program known as 287(g), which allows local law enforcement officers to perform some of the functions of immigration agents. As of June 26, that number has grown to 24, with two additional Georgia sheriffs set to join the growing list when their pending applications are approved, according to officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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## **Virginia law allowing involuntary manslaughter charge for fentanyl dealers now in effect**

Tragedy turned to triumph for Faythe Silveira and Debra Frisk this July, when a new law cracking down on fentanyl dealers went into effect in Virginia. The two women spent the past year advocating for tougher fentanyl laws in Virginia. Now in effect is a law allowing prosecutors to charge dealers with involuntary manslaughter if they sell fentanyl-laced drugs.

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# Upcoming Events



2025 NSA Annual Conference

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
June 23-25, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



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

[Learn More Here](#)



49th Annual Training Conference

Hollywood, Florida  
August 8-12, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



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

Tysons Corner, Virginia  
September 9-10, 2025

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