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Happy 4th of July from Brooks Bawden Moore! us

As we celebrate Independence Day, our team at Brooks Bawden Moore reflects on the values that unite us: freedom, opportunity, and service.

On this day, let's remember that our independence is made possible by the courage and commitment of so many. We are honored to support public safety professionals and solution providers across the country, working together to build a safer and stronger America.

Wishing our clients, colleagues, and friends a safe and joyful holiday filled with family, community, and celebration.

Enjoy the fireworks, stay safe, and happy birthday, America!

## Weekly Update and Analysis

### July 3, 2025

Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlights congressional, administrative, and regulatory activity related to justice, public safety, and homeland security. Feel free to reach out to us if you would like to discuss any items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

## What Happened This Week?

The House is poised to pass President Trump's sweeping \$4.5 trillion [budget reconciliation package](#)—the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”—which includes major policy priorities on immigration, taxes, energy, and health care. The Senate [narrowly passed in a 51-50 vote](#), with Vice President JD Vance casting the tie-breaking vote, and the House is poised to vote imminently.

The legislation allocates over \$131 billion for Homeland Security, including \$64.7 billion for Customs and Border Protection and nearly \$30 billion for ICE, along with funds for border wall construction, personnel, detention, technology upgrades, and grants for state and local law enforcement. Judiciary provisions provide over \$45 billion for immigration enforcement, funding for immigration judges and DOJ prosecutions, and a \$3.5 billion fund to reimburse states for immigration-related costs since 2021. It also makes the 2017 tax cuts permanent, imposes deep Medicaid cuts, rolls back clean energy tax credits, raises the debt limit by \$5 trillion, and establishes new immigration fees. The bill extends FCC auction authority and, following Senate action, removed a provision that

would have blocked states from [regulating AI](#) if they accepted federal broadband funds. Click [here](#) of a detailed summary of the Judiciary and Homeland provisions.

Congress is intensifying focus on emerging drone threats, with a [House Homeland Security hearing scheduled for July 9](#) to assess U.S. drone defense capabilities, legal authority gaps, and pending expiration of key federal counter-drone powers ahead of major events like the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics.

[Senate appropriators](#) will begin marking up fiscal year 2026 funding bills starting July 10, focusing on Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, and Congressional operations, while the House plans its Commerce-Justice-Science subcommittee markup on July 7 and full committee vote on [July 10](#). Both chambers are behind schedule and face the risk of needing another stopgap funding measure to prevent a government shutdown in October.

Last week, the [Supreme Court issued eleven major rulings](#) impacting immigration, criminal justice, digital access, and separation of powers. Notable decisions include Trump v. CASA, Inc., which curtailed the use of nationwide injunctions against executive actions; Gutierrez v. Saenz, allowing inmates to challenge DNA testing procedures; and FCC v. Consumer's Research, upholding FCC authority under the nondelegation doctrine. Other rulings clarified immigration appeal deadlines, resentencing under the First Step Act, age verification for online adult content, and prisoners' rights to sue officials for abuse. These decisions collectively shape key legal standards across immigration, constitutional authority, and civil rights.

Additionally, FCC is delaying enforcement of parts of its [2024 order on prison and jail phone rates](#) due to unintended consequences, such as reduced service availability and public safety concerns. The waiver extends current rate rules until April 2027, allowing time to address implementation challenges while ensuring continued communication access for incarcerated individuals.

Finally, the [U.S. Department of Governmental Enterprises \(DOGE\) lost control over Grants.gov](#) after centralizing authority over the \$500 billion federal grants system, disrupting agency independence. Due to concerns about delays and potential illegal fund impoundment, officials were ordered to bypass DOGE and resume normal grant-making procedures.

## 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.

- [Senate GOP Tax Bill Nears Critical Juncture – BBM Is Closely Tracking Developments](#)
  - [ICYMI – Washington Post: “DOGE loses control over government grants website, freeing up billions”](#)
  - [JURIST News: “21 US states sue Trump administration over federal funding cuts”](#)
  - [Trump’s \\$4.5 Trillion Tax and Spending Bill Advances in Senate \(Summary of Key Public Safety Provisions\)](#)
  - [Senators Strike Deal to Pause State AI Laws for Five Years](#)
  - [FCC: “Carr Acts to Address Unintended Consequences of 2024 IPCS Order”](#)
  - [Senate Removes Tax Bill Provision Limiting State AI Regulation](#)
- [Senate Appropriators Schedule Action for Next Week](#)
  - [Senate Narrowly Passes “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”](#)
  - [Senate Passed Budget Reconciliation Measure – Public Safety Highlights](#)
  - [AI in Public Safety – From Policy to Practice Briefing](#)
  - [Congress Continues to Focus on Rising Drone Threats With Hearing Scheduled Next Week](#)
  - [House Set to Pass Budget Reconciliation Measure – Details on Judiciary and Homeland Provisions](#)
  - [Key Supreme Court Rulings](#)
  - [Senate Sets July 10 Mark-Ups for First Government Funding Bills](#)

## Upcoming Capitol Hill Briefing

AI in Public Safety - From Policy to Practice

Hosted by IJIS in Conjunction with the Bipartisan AI Caucus

Friday, July 11, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2325

**RSVP HERE**

Chick-fil-A will be served!

## Join the Conversation on Responsible AI Implementation in Public Safety

The Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute, in partnership with the bipartisan Congressional AI Caucus, invites you to a briefing on the effective application of artificial intelligence in public safety sectors.

During the briefing, you will hear how public safety practitioners are using AI effectively to serve their communities and what guardrails are in place to ensure accountability.

This session features the **IJIS AI Playbook** - a comprehensive framework for responsible AI implementation - plus real-world case studies and a live demo of how AI can streamline public safety processes.

### Featured Speakers

- Maria Cardiellos, Executive Director, IJIS Institute
- Ashwini Jarral, Director, IJIS Institute
- Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff (representing Major County Sheriffs of America)
- Rich Littlehale, Assistant Director for Technology and Innovation, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (representing Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies)
- Steve Harpe, Oklahoma Department of Corrections (representing American Correctional Association)
- Robert Leazenby, Associate Vice President, National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)
- Diane Robinson, Principal Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts (NCSC)
- Fallon McNulty, Executive Director, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline
- Grant Guttschow, Director of Product, C3.ai

### What You'll Learn

- Real-world AI use cases across law enforcement, corrections, courts, and more
- Established governance frameworks and ethical guardrails
- Best practices for balancing innovation with accountability
- Practical insights from the **IJIS AI Playbook**

This is a must-attend event to engage with public safety leaders and practitioners who are navigating AI implementation, providing valuable context for policy development and oversight.

[RSVP HERE](#)

## **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 (ASCIA); 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**

**House of Representatives**

[H.R.1 - One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)

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This bill reduces taxes, reduces or increases spending for various federal programs, increases the statutory debt limit, and otherwise addresses agencies and programs throughout the federal government.

Passed 50-50 with Vice President voting in the affirmative.

The House is expected to pass the bill.

## Congressional Hearings



## Hearings This Past Week

**Monday, July 30, 2025**

### Nominations

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Sean Cairncross, to serve as National Cyber Director, Executive Office of the President (roll call: 11-1)
- Robert Law, to serve as Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (roll call: 8-4)
- James Percival, to serve as General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (roll call: 8-4)
- Kevin Rhodes, to serve as Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget (roll call: 8-4)
- James Woodruff II, to serve as Member, Merit Systems Protection Board (roll call: 8-4)

## Hearings Next Week

**Tuesday, July 8, 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)  
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

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

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

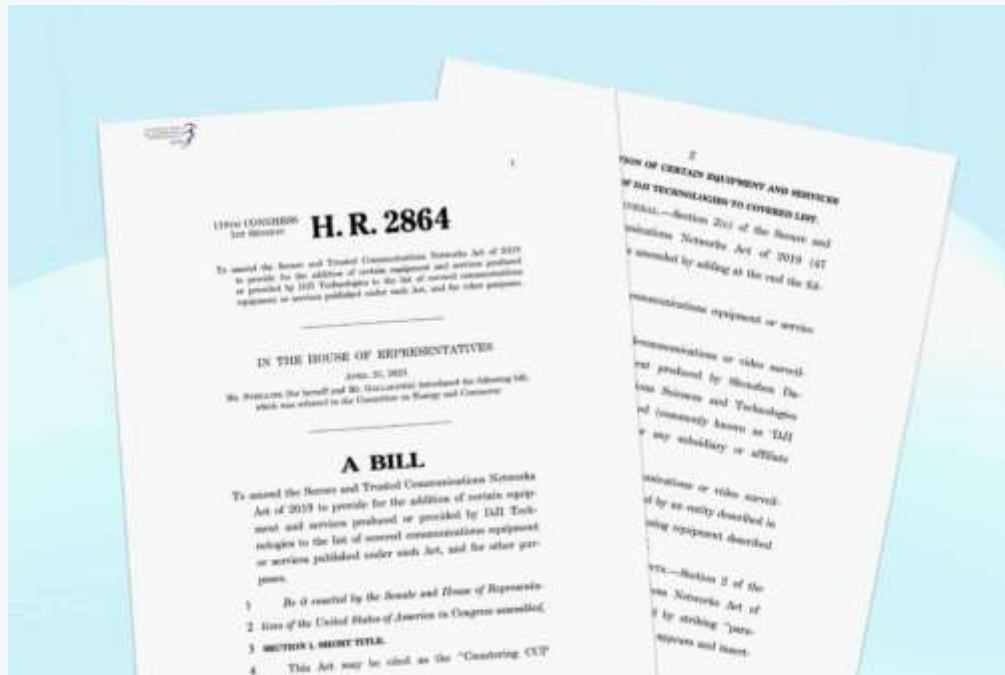
### Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Exploitation: A New Era of Risk

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

House Education and Workforce Committee

## 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  
Only



Senate in Session  
Only



Federal Holidays

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

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### **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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**CISA**  
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### **CISA Urges Organizations to Stay Vigilant in the Current Geopolitical Environment**

CISA, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3), and the National Security Agency (NSA), released a **fact sheet** urging organizations to remain vigilant against potential targeted cyber operations by Iranian state-sponsored or affiliated threat actors.

Despite a declared ceasefire and ongoing negotiations towards a permanent solution, Iranian-affiliated cyber actors and hacktivist groups may still conduct malicious cyber activity.

Over the past several months, there has been increased activity from hacktivists and government-affiliated actors, which may escalate due to recent events. These cyber actors often exploit targets of opportunity based on the use of unpatched or outdated software with known Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures or the use of default or common passwords on internet-connected accounts and devices.

At this time, we have not seen indications of a coordinated campaign of malicious cyber activity in the U.S. that can be attributed to Iran. CISA, FBI, DC3, and NSA strongly urge critical infrastructure asset owners and operators to implement the mitigations recommended in the joint Fact Sheet, which include:

- Identifying and disconnecting operational technology and industrial control systems devices from the public internet,
- Protecting devices and accounts with strong, unique passwords,
- Applying the latest software patches, and

- Implementing phishing-resistant multifactor authentication for access to OT networks.

Review the joint **Fact Sheet: Iranian Cyber Actors May Target Vulnerable U.S. Networks and Entities of Interest** and act now to understand the Iranian state-backed cyber threat, assess and mitigate cybersecurity weaknesses, and review and update incident response plans to strengthen your network against malicious cyber actors.

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**Trump admin faces multi-front pushback on reported plans to cut most of DHS intel bureau**

Jewish community and law enforcement organizations have asked the Trump administration's top security chiefs to preserve the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis after Nextgov/FCW reported its plans to severely reduce its workforce.

The Trump administration's plans to terminate most employees inside the Department of Homeland Security's main intelligence office are facing a flurry of pushback from members of Congress and stakeholder organizations, including members of the law enforcement community, according to letters first seen by *Nextgov/FCW*.

The DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis is planning to reduce its staffing by around 75%, cutting its workforce from some 1,000 full-time employees to 275, Nextgov/FCW **first reported** Tuesday, citing multiple people familiar with the matter.

The unit is one of 18 agencies in the U.S. intelligence community and one of two housed under DHS. The expected reductions have drawn major concerns from organizations that have long relied on I&A to disseminate timely threat information to local law enforcement leaders and other community groups.

The written concerns also come as DHS has issued recent notices warning of a **heightened threat environment** stemming from recent U.S. military engagements with Iran, as well as a late June DHS and FBI **bulletin** warning of potential terror attacks leading into the July 4 holiday.

Lawmakers from both the House and Senate told DHS Secretary Kristi Noem and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard to not take "this drastic and unilateral step and instead to consult with Congress about alternative ways to make I&A as effective and efficient as possible," according to a **Wednesday missive**.

"At a time when DHS is rightly warning about an elevated threat environment from terrorists and cartels, we should be focused on plugging security gaps rather than senselessly creating new ones," wrote Reps. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and Jim Himes, D-Conn., and Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., the respective minority leaders on the House Homeland Security Committee, House Intelligence Committee and Senate Homeland Security Committee.

Three Jewish organizations also said that any moves to severely shed the I&A office could put the Jewish community in danger.

I&A's role "has never been more important" amid **recent attacks** that targeted the Jewish community on American soil, said **the letter**, which was undersigned by the Anti-Defamation League, Secure Community Network and American Jewish Committee.

“It is with that backdrop that we are deeply concerned that any wholesale changes to the operations of I&A will have an adverse effect on countering antisemitism and ensuring the safety of the Jewish community in the United States,” said their letter, addressed to the Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate’s homeland security and intelligence panels.

“As Jewish organizations committed to working with our law enforcement partners and protecting our community from rising threats, we rely on I&A to provide accurate and timely updates on behalf of the intelligence community to inform efforts for our community’s safety and security,” it adds. “We strongly urge you to continue to support I&A’s authorized mission and ensure any changes will not put our communities at further risk.”

A slew of state and local law enforcement associations also expressed concerns in a separate **Wednesday notice**.

“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,” it reads. “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.”

The message was signed by the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs of America and the National Fusion Center Association.

It adds: “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.”

I&A was formed in the early days of the Department of Homeland Security when officials sought to better coordinate responses between the intelligence community and state and local law enforcement. In recent years, the intelligence bureau has faced a litany of scrutiny over allegations of unchecked **domestic surveillance** and **ineffectiveness**.

But the planned I&A reductions appear to be more fueled by broader Trump White House priorities to decrease the overall size of the federal government and reduce perceived bloat and spending waste.

“Under President Trump’s leadership, we focused on getting the Department of Homeland Security back to its core mission of prioritizing American safety and enforcing our laws,” a DHS spokesperson said in a statement. “DHS component leads have identified redundant positions and non-critical programs within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.”

The statement adds: “The Department is actively working to identify other wasteful positions and programs that do not align with DHS’s mission to prioritize American safety and enforce our laws.”

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence — Gabbard’s office that oversees the U.S. government’s intelligence policy and programs — did not return a request for comment.

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**Massachusetts State Police Launches ‘Excellence Initiative’ To Enhance Operational Effectiveness, Strengthen Community Trust and Promote Public Safety**

**Framingham** — Today, the Massachusetts State Police announced a comprehensive strategy to enhance operational effectiveness, expand community engagement, and reinforce its core mission of public safety. Established under the direction of Colonel Geoffrey Noble, the “Excellence Initiative” underscores the Department’s

unwavering commitment to upholding its values of integrity and professionalism, ensuring operational excellence and accountability, fostering community engagement and public trust, and investing in innovative solutions that advance the highest standards of public service.

“Massachusetts State Troopers dedicate themselves to protecting and serving communities across Massachusetts every day. We owe it to them and the communities they serve to ensure they have the resources, training, and leadership needed to succeed,” said **Governor Maura Healey**. “I applaud Colonel Noble and his team for developing this strategy to ensure integrity and professionalism across the department, which is essential for enhancing public trust and public safety.”

“This strategic plan reflects a strong commitment to public safety and public trust. I commend Colonel Noble and his command staff for advancing initiatives dedicated to enhancing operational excellence and providing a forward-looking framework to support its members, strengthen community bonds, and shape the future of the organization,” said **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll**.

“This ambitious plan marks a new era for the nation’s oldest statewide law enforcement agency, building on more than a century of service with a renewed focus on operational effectiveness, advanced training, community engagement and public trust,” said **Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy**. “This plan is driven by the tremendous courage and dedication of our Troopers. Their commitment, professionalism and bravery are what will make this plan possible.”

“I began my tenure with the MSP by conducting a comprehensive review of the Department and holding listening sessions statewide with Department members and our stakeholders. These conversations, combined with a thorough assessment of our operations, made clear where focused action was needed to advance our mission and deliver the highest standards of public safety,” said **Colonel Geoffrey Noble, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police**. “This work resulted in four key priority areas that are driving the strategies to strengthen the MSP, support our members, and enhance the safety and trust of the communities we serve.”

Colonel Noble has identified four priority areas: strengthening organizational health and operational excellence; enhancing accountability to build public trust; deepening community connections; and promoting safer communities through crime reduction and violence prevention. Each goal is supported by targeted initiatives designed to improve internal operations, foster public trust, strengthen community bonds, and reduce crime.

To strengthen the foundation and future of the MSP, Colonel Noble has prioritized **Goal 1: Enhance Organizational Health and Operational Excellence**. This goal reflects a strategic commitment to modernize

operations, develop strong leadership, support personnel well-being, and align training and promotions with best practices to meet the evolving demands of public safety. Strategies to achieve this goal include:

- **Appointed New Command Staff:** Colonel Noble appointed a new Deputy Superintendent and Division Commanders to ensure experienced leadership across key areas.
- **Commissioned an Independent Review of Recruit Training:** MSP partnered with the IACP to evaluate academy practices and improve training outcomes and retention.
- **Implemented a New Skills-Based Promotional Process:** The Department introduced a more comprehensive assessment process that evaluates leadership, communication, and service history for promotions.
- **Developing the MSP Leadership Institute:** The Department is developing a new leadership training program to prepare troopers for success at every stage of their careers.
- **Implementing Enhanced Health and Wellness Programming:** New wellness initiatives, including cognitive behavioral training and a newly appointed sworn Family Liaison Coordinator, support trooper resilience, well-being and mental health.

To build and maintain the trust of the communities it serves, the Massachusetts State Police is advancing **Goal 2: Strengthen Accountability to Enhance Public Trust**. This goal focuses on reinforcing internal oversight, raising investigative standards, and increasing transparency to ensure the Department consistently operates with professionalism, fairness, and integrity. Strategies to achieve this goal include:

- **Strengthening Oversight and Accountability Departmentwide:** The Department restructured captain roles and launched a field supervisor pilot to improve leadership presence, supervision, and operational accountability.
- **Enhancing Internal Performance and Leadership Development:** Leadership personnel now operate under mission-aligned key performance indicators to drive accountability and foster consistent professional growth.
- **Delivered Advanced Training for Investigators:** Investigators in key divisions received updated onboarding and annual in-service training focused on case management, courtroom testimony, and investigative best practices.
- **Establishing a Quality Assurance Unit:** The Department is developing a dedicated function to monitor and elevate the quality of investigative and operational performance.

- **Increasing Department Audits of Body-Worn Camera Footage:** A formalized audit program will expand supervision, support early intervention, and help ensure trooper conduct aligns with departmental standards and public expectations.

To foster trust and build meaningful relationships across the Commonwealth, the MSP is advancing **Goal 3: Deepen Community Connection and Expand Public Outreach**. This goal underscores the Department's commitment to engage communities through transparent communication, inclusive programming, and public safety partnerships that reflect the diversity and values of the people it serves. Strategies to achieve this goal include:

- **Strengthen Community Partnerships and Increase Community Safety Programming:** The Department established a Community Affairs Office led by a civilian Chief Community Affairs Officer and launched structured outreach programming to engage communities across Massachusetts.
- **Create a State Police Citizen's Academy:** A new six-week Citizen's Academy will provide key community stakeholders with firsthand insight into MSP operations and foster stronger partnerships.
- **Develop and Implement a Statewide Recruitment Campaign:** A high-profile, statewide campaign will promote diversity and attract qualified candidates who reflect the values of service, integrity, and community engagement.

To ensure the safety and security of all residents, the Massachusetts State Police is advancing **Goal 4: Promote Safer Communities Through Crime Prevention and Violence Reduction**. This goal reflects the Department's strategic focus on proactive enforcement, data-informed policing, and strong partnerships to reduce violence, protect critical infrastructure, and support safer communities statewide. Strategies to achieve this goal include:

- **Advanced Threat Response and Crisis Management:** MSP is enhancing its capabilities to respond rapidly and effectively to emerging threats and critical incidents.
- **Community Safety Programs:** Troopers are delivering public safety education and prevention programs tailored to the needs of local communities.
- **Infrastructure Protection:** The Department continues to safeguard critical infrastructure across the state through targeted security operations and collaboration.
- **Strategic Data and Intelligence Sharing:** MSP leverages intelligence and interagency partnerships to disrupt criminal networks and support proactive policing efforts.

- **Visible Public Service and Engagement:** Increased trooper presence and community engagement efforts are designed to deter crime and strengthen public trust.
- **Use of Data-Driven Strategies to Target State's Most Violent Offenders:** MSP uses analytics and crime data to identify and apprehend individuals driving violence in the Commonwealth.

"This comprehensive plan represents the Department's forward-looking strategy and deep commitment to continued improvement and keeping Massachusetts communities safe. The strategies outlined will require sustained effort, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. The Department will routinely report on our progress to keep stakeholders informed as we work diligently toward our long-term goals," said **Colonel Noble**.

## Articles We Read This Week



### DHS plans to shed most of its intel office workforce

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis is planning to reduce its staffing by around 75%, cutting its workforce from some 1,000 full-time employees to 275, according to multiple people familiar with the matter.

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## **Suspect Mounted Deadly Firefighter Ambush From a Tree, Sheriff Says**

The man suspected of fatally shooting two firefighters and injuring a third as they responded to a brush fire in Idaho appeared to have used a flint to start the fire in order to lure them to the scene, law enforcement authorities said at a news conference on Monday.

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## **San Diego Police issue new license plate reader policy after DOJ says dept. violated state law**

The San Diego Police Department unveiled a new policy outlining which agencies the department can share Automated License Plate Reader data with. The policy release comes days after California Attorney General Rob Bonta informed SDPD it was violating a decade-old state law by sharing data with federal agencies.

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## **Amid wave of attacks on religious facilities, Justice Department pledges action**

According to FBI data and Justice Department officials who spoke with CBS News, the Tree of Life tragedy didn't slow the targeting of religious institutions, but was an early warning of the recent wave of planned attacks.

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## **Murders are down nationwide. Researchers point to a key reason**

City officials around the country often point to policing as a key component of why crime falls, highlighting how many officers a city has or how they're being deployed. That can play an important role, but crime analysts say the reasons behind these drops are more complex and broader.

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## **Trump administration sues Los Angeles over immigration policies**

"The challenged law and policies of the City of Los Angeles obstruct the Federal Government's enforcement of federal immigration law and impede consultation and communication between federal, state, and local law enforcement officials." The lawsuit is the fourth from the administration challenging such policies. Similar litigation targeting sanctuary cities and

states has been filed in Chicago and Illinois, Colorado and New Jersey.

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## **Opinion: How Prisons Can Help Prevent Drug Overdoses**

Across the country, advocates are working in unlikely partnerships to ensure access to effective addiction treatment in their state and county facilities. This cause brings together law-enforcement organizations, public-health groups and people with firsthand experience of drug use around a common goal: to save lives from drug overdose. This national movement is effecting real change.

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## **DOJ looking at denaturalization for American citizens convicted of certain crimes**

The Department of Justice is prioritizing revoking citizenship from some naturalized Americans who commit certain crimes, according to a DOJ memo posted online. In the memo dated June 11, Assistant Attorney General Brett Shumate is giving U.S. attorneys wide discretion to decide when to pursue the denaturalization process in order to "advance the Administration's policy objectives" as the Trump administration pursues its ongoing immigration crackdown.

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## **Upcoming Events**



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2025 Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas  
September 22-24, 2025

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2025 Small and Rural Law  
Enforcement Executives Association  
Annual Conference

Lawrence, Kansas  
July 27-29, 2025



MCCA 2025 Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado  
October 15-17, 2025



2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

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2025 SEARCH Annual Membership  
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September 9-10, 2025

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