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Photo of the Week: FCC Chairman Brendan Carr Announces Commission Vote on Rules to Authorize Cellphone Jamming Technology in State and Local Prisons

Weekly Update and Analysis

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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?

Congress is back from recess, and with it comes a packed agenda. Lawmakers are juggling high-priority issues, including government funding, counter-drone legislation, and the annual defense policy bill.

Both Congress and the White House agree that a [stopgap measure](#) is needed to keep the government funded beyond September 30. But disagreements over the length and content of the bill have raised the risk of an October 1 shutdown. While negotiations continue, the House is moving forward on its own spending bills. This week, the Appropriations Committee advanced the [Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act](#), which funds the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. Importantly, the committee rejected proposals to shift HIDTA's administration away from ONDCP. Next week, the committee will take up the FY 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill.

Time is short. Both chambers are set to recess the week of September 22, returning September 29, just one day before funding runs out. House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) has acknowledged the crunch and said he is prepared to keep members in Washington if necessary.

Meanwhile, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unanimously approved a bipartisan bill (H.R. 5061) to [extend federal counter-drone authorities and expand them to select state and local law enforcement agencies](#). Lawmakers are racing to act before current authorities expire at the end of September. Senators are pursuing competing proposals that would broaden state and local participation.

The committee also advanced the [**Fixing Emergency Management for Americans \(FEMA\) Act of 2025 \(H.R. 4669\)**](#). The bill would make FEMA an independent, cabinet-level agency, reporting directly to the President, while leaving certain grant programs like the State Homeland Security Program and the Urban Area Security Initiative under DHS. It remains unclear where those programs would ultimately be managed.

Over at Homeland Security, the committee held its [**first bipartisan markup**](#) under new Chairman Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.). Lawmakers considered a slate of bills, including reauthorization of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, which underpins critical cyber incident reporting between industry and government. The committee also advanced legislation to reauthorize the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, which provides substantial resources to help governments address cybersecurity threats.

On the Senate floor, lawmakers passed the [**TRACE Act**](#), requiring the Attorney General to add a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) noting whether a missing person's last known location was on federal land or in U.S. waters.

Attention is also turning to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), one of the year's final must-pass bills. Lawmakers are eyeing the NDAA as a vehicle for other priorities, including reauthorizations of the Intelligence Authorization Act, counter-drone powers, and public safety measures. [**National law enforcement associations representing more than 300,000 officers are urging adoption of**](#) S. Amdt. 3272, the bipartisan "Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package," which bundles eight priority bills focused on officer safety, mental health, recruitment, and child protection. Sixteen national public safety associations are also calling on Congress to pass comprehensive legislation to give state and local agencies the authority to detect, track, identify, and mitigate drones that threaten public safety in the broader NDAA package. Please see more details below.

In other developments, the House voted to establish a [**new committee to investigate January 6**](#) security failures and is weighing several crime-related measures focused on Washington, D.C.—with an [**eye toward a broader crime bill later this year.**](#)

FCC Chairman Brendan Carr announced in Little Rock that the FCC will vote this month on a proposal to allow prisons to jam contraband cellphones for the first time. The announcement followed a roundtable with Senator Tom Cotton, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Attorney General Tim Griffin, and public safety leaders. Officials underscored the growing threat of smuggled phones, which are used to continue criminal operations from behind bars. [**Additional details are available here.**](#)

Finally, DHS announced a new reimbursement program for state and local law enforcement agencies participating in the 287(g) immigration enforcement program.

New Podcast: A Conversation with the Policing Leadership Academy – Shaping the Future of Policing Through Commander Training

On this episode, you'll hear from Meredith Stricker and Ken Corey with the Policing Leadership Academy (PLA). The PLA is a national program dedicated to commander-level training for rising police leaders.

That focus is critical: commanders are the link between front-line officers and agency leadership. The way they manage crime strategies, build community trust, and use data directly shapes whether policing is effective and fair. By equipping commanders with advanced tools and leadership skills, the PLA is helping departments across the country reduce violence and strengthen public safety.

We're excited to share their perspective and the impact they're seeing nationwide.

Check out the podcast below.

[Listen to the Podcast Here](#)

Public Safety Leaders Urge Congress to Act on Counter-Drone Authority

Sixteen national public safety associations are calling on Congress to pass comprehensive legislation to give state and local agencies the authority to detect, track, identify, and mitigate drones that threaten public safety.



August 20, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, Leader Schumer, and Leader Scalise:

[Read the letter and view additional resources on counter UAS and drones for public safety below.](#)

[Read More Here](#)

Briefings and Podcasts

Over the past several months, BBM has facilitated congressional briefings and grant information sessions. Recordings and additional details are included below.

- [Major Public Safety Associations Participate in Congressional Briefing on Drone Threats](#)
- [Major Public Safety Associations Participate in Congressional Briefing on Law Enforcement Training Priorities During National Police Week](#)
- [High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas \(HIDTA\) Program Briefing](#)
- [Briefing Recording: Law Enforcement Tools Transforming Public Safety](#)
 - Panelists discussed National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), rapid DNA technology, and drones for public safety
- [Understanding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System](#)
- [Major Public Safety Organizations Participate in Capitol Hill Briefing on AI](#)
- [Grant Podcast- Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#)
- [Grant Podcast- DHS Homeland Security Grant Program](#)

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.

- [FCC Announces Rulemaking on Cell Phone Jamming – Brooks Bawden Moore Blog](#)
- [Stopgap Funding Fight: Length and Details Still Unresolved; House to Consider FY26 CJS Bill Next Week](#)
- [House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Advances FEMA Act Bill](#)
- [Senate Passes TRACE Act](#)
- [New Podcast: A Conversation with the Policing Leadership Academy – Shaping the Future of Policing Through Commander Training](#)
- [House Republicans Weigh Broad Crime Bill](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee Approves FY26 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act](#)
- [Homeland Security Committee Advances Bipartisan Measures](#)
- [House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Advances Counter UAS Bill](#)
- [DHS Announces New Reimbursement Opportunities for State and Local Law Enforcement Partnering with ICE](#)

- POLITICO: House votes to establish a new committee to investigate Jan. 6 attack
- Fall Frenzy: Congress Returns
- The Hill: Nadler won't seek reelection, nodding to need for 'generational change'

- National Law Enforcement Associations Back NDAA Amendment Comprised of Priority Police Week Bills

Floor Activity



Senate

S. 1038- TRACE Act

This bill would require the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) indicating whether a missing person's last known location was confirmed or suspected to be on Federal land or within U.S. territorial waters.

Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent.

House of Representatives

H.R.747 - Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act of 2025

This bill aims to impose sanctions on Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioids precursors and hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl.

Passed House (407-4).

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

This bill provides FY2026 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.

Passed House (214-213).

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Fiscal Year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Bill

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee
H-140 C, 5:00

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Evaluating the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions Subcommittee (House Financial Services Committee)
10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

Public Safety Communications in the United States

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

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

Legislative Markup

House Homeland Security Committee
10:00, 310 CHOB

Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Services and General Government Bill

House Appropriations Committee
10:30, 2359 RHOB

Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15, 216 HSOB

Communications and Technology Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)

10:15 AM, 2123 RHOB

Full Committee Markup – Fiscal Year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Bill (House Appropriations Committee)

11:00 AM, 2359 RHOB

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Examining America's AI Action Plan

Space and Science Subcommittee (Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee)

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

Full Committee Markup – Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Bill

House Appropriations Committee

10:00 AM, 2359 RHOB

From Playground to Classroom: The Spread of Antisemitism in K-12 Schools

Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee (House Education and Workforce Committee)

10:15AM, 2175 RHOB

Sounding the Alarm: America's Fire Apparatus Crisis

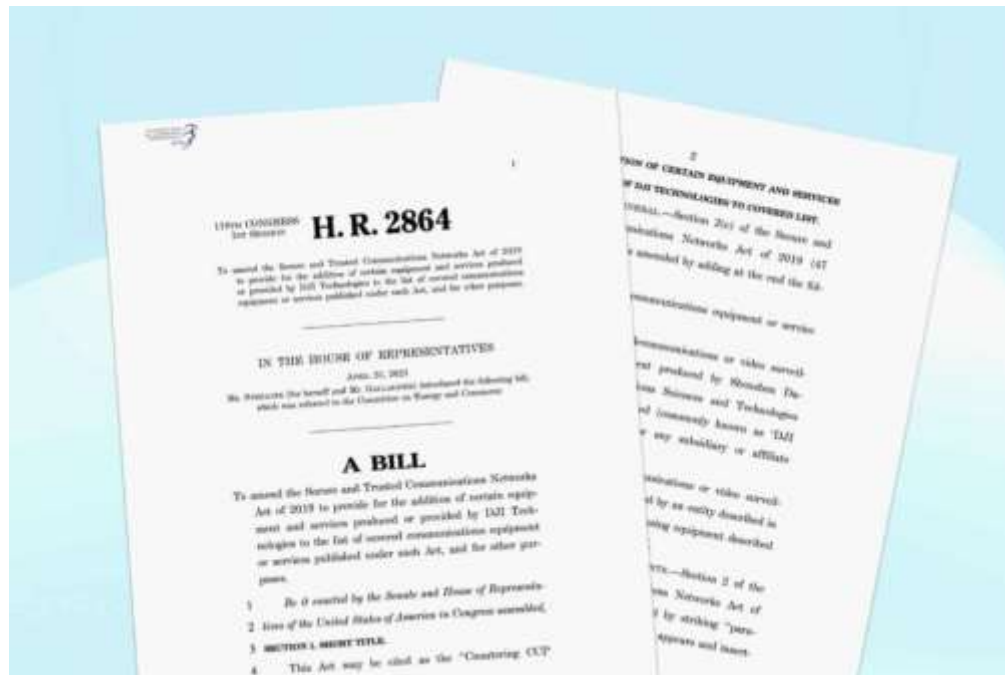
Subcommittee on Disaster Management, District of
Columbia, and Census (Senate Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs Committee
2:30 PM, 342SDB

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Nominations

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15, 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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|  Senate in Session Only |  Federal Holidays |

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

Community and Client News



Homeland Security

DHS Announces New Reimbursement Opportunities for State and Local Law Enforcement Partnering with ICE to Arrest the Worst of the Worst Criminal Illegal Aliens

Starting October 1, 2025, participating 287(g) law enforcement will have these reimbursement opportunities:

- ICE will fully reimburse participating agencies for the annual salary and benefits of each eligible trained 287(g) officer, including overtime coverage up to 25% of the officer's annual salary.
- Law enforcement agencies will be eligible for quarterly monetary performance awards based on the successful location of illegal aliens provided by ICE and overall assistance to further ICE's mission to Defend the Homeland:
 - o 90% – 100% – \$1,000 per eligible task force officer
 - o 80% – 89% – \$750 per eligible task force officer
 - o 70% – 79% – \$500 per eligible task force officer

Currently, state and local police are participating from 40 states, with 8,501 Trained Task Force Officers and over 2,000 additional officers in-training.

DHS is encouraging all state and local law enforcement agencies to sign a 287(g) agreement.

[Learn More Here](#)



NCMEC Launches Backpage Survivor Remission Network

This week NCMEC launched the [Backpage Survivor Remission Network](#) to support survivors of sex trafficking on Backpage.com and CityXGuide.com as they navigate DOJ's recently announced remission process to compensate adults and children who were advertised for sex trafficking on either of these sites. DOJ's release of the remission process brings to a close over 7 years of civil lawsuits, criminal prosecutions, and asset forfeiture actions and begins the process of compensating victims from approximately \$200M seized from the 2 websites.

The remission process is document-intensive and the time for survivors to submit petitions for compensation is very short – ending February 2, 2026. Through the Backpage Survivor Remission Network, NCMEC has brought together a range of professionals to support survivors through outreach, pro bono legal services, medical/mental health evaluations, and NCMEC's analytical knowledge of child sex trafficking cases.

Our goal is to ensure that every survivor who has a viable claim for compensation can get the support they need to participate in DOJ's remission process. You can help by sharing this information with your colleagues working on trafficking and victim support issues so that survivors can learn about these resources.

[Learn More Here](#)



Measuring Success: The Role of After Action Reporting in Law Enforcement Training

Modern law enforcement requires more than just standard training scenarios. In order to keep everyone safe, it demands proof that each training method will translate into real-world readiness.

After-Action Reporting (AAR) delivers that proof. By capturing and analyzing performance data, AAR connects training directly to field effectiveness, giving officers and leadership the insights needed to improve skills, refine their tactics, and enhance decision-making.

After-action reporting is a structured, data-driven process that reviews an officer's performance immediately following a training event or scenario. It provides detailed feedback, identifies strengths and weaknesses, and offers actionable recommendations for improvement. Instead of relying solely on instructor observations, AAR captures key actions, decisions, and outcomes during the exercise, allowing agencies to see exactly what happened, when it happened, and why.

This objective feedback loop ensures that every training session, regardless of the situation or stakes, is not just “practice.” But it’s also a measurable step toward improved readiness and safer outcomes in the field.

VirTra takes AAR a step further by integrating it directly into its simulators. combining pre-tests, post-tests, and detailed scenario analysis to create a comprehensive learning experience.

VirTra’s simulators offer a unique advantage with built-in reporting tools. Each scenario captures detailed data on:

- Officer actions and timing: Pinpointing exactly how quickly and effectively trainees respond in high-stakes moments.
- Use-of-force decisions: Documenting whether the choices align with policy, procedure, and best practices.
- Verbal commands and communication: Evaluating tone, clarity in their commands, and the effectiveness of their de-escalation skills.
- Stress responses: Identifying performance under high-pressure conditions to help improve an officer’s composure and resilience.

VirTra’s debriefing technology also uses a special tool called TMaR, or “Trainee Monitoring and Recording.” It’s a combination of a camera and microphone accessory stationed atop the training simulator.

As officers progress through each scenario, TMaR records their performance, both movements and dialogue. Once the scenario is finished, instructors can properly assess the trainee’s performance and begin a thorough debriefing session.

Learn more by watching the video below.



POLICE CHIEF

Forging a United Front: Arizona's Ecosystem Approach to Transnational Crime **By Jeff Glover, Colonel, Arizona Department of Public Safety**

With Arizona emerging as a key battleground in the fight against transnational crime, police agencies must work together, employing a comprehensive and collaborative response. Crime syndicates are complex global networks of individuals organized to engage in illegal activity, often causing serious threats to public safety and law enforcement. Arizona's position as a vital hub for these networks makes it important to investigate what has already worked to counter this emerging menace. An ecosystem approach is an effective working relationship among local, state, county, and federal agencies that provides the basis for an equitable and coordinated police effort, as evidenced by initiatives currently in place in Arizona to proactively address transnational crime and the increasing cybercrime threat.

combating transnational crime must rely heavily upon collaboration between local, state, county, tribal, and federal agencies. Arizona's Operation Desert Guardian, NIBIN, cross-border collaboration efforts, activities to thwart cybercrime, crime detection technology, and collaborative training and capacity building all contribute to an ecosystem-based approach to policing. All are vital to the formation of a strong front against the complex dangers presented by transnational criminal organizations.

[Read the Article Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



AI is unmasking ICE officers. Can Washington do anything about it?

An activist has started using artificial intelligence to identify Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents beneath their masks — a use of the technology sparking new political concerns over AI-powered surveillance.

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Police agencies lower education standards as staffing shortages persist

More police agencies, from big-city departments to federal agencies, are lowering education standards for new recruits — a sign of how much the profession is changing as it struggles to recruit and retain officers.

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US cities confront FIFA over World Cup costs

President Donald Trump has celebrated next year's World Cup as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to show off the United States. But in many host cities, that honor is tempered by a growing concern over shouldering millions of dollars in security and logistical costs.

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An Online Group Says It's Behind a Campus Swatting Wave

An online group said that it was behind a number of recent hoax emergency calls that drew a heavy law enforcement response to college campuses across the United States and were timed to coincide with the start of the school year.

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Stop Gas Station Heroin Commends Florida for Cracking Down on Illegal Drug 7

The Stop Gas Station Heroin coalition today praised Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier, accompanied by FDA Director Dr. Marty Makary and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson, for taking emergency action to prohibit synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine, also

known as synthetic 7-OH. This action marks a critical step toward curbing the spread of Gas Station Heroin — a category of often imported, lab-made substances that include semi-synthetic and synthetic alkaloid products, tianeptine, nitrous oxide, and intoxicating hemp derivatives.

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Recent and Upcoming Events



2025 Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas
September 22-24, 2025

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MCCA 2025 Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 15-17, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



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

Tysons Corner, Virginia
September 9-10, 2025

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2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 16-18, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)

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