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Photo of the Week: A sign outside the U.S. Capitol reflects the ongoing government shutdown.

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?

The [federal government shutdown continues](#) and is set to enter a third week with little sign of progress toward a deal to reopen agencies.

President Trump's Budget Director, Russell Vought, announced today that the administration is following through on its threat to dismiss federal employees amid the ongoing government shutdown. It remains unclear which agencies or positions will be affected by the layoffs.

Passing a funding measure requires 60 votes in the Senate, leaving Republicans, who hold a 53–47 majority, dependent on Democratic support. Democrats have so far remained united behind their demand to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies that are scheduled to expire at the end of the year.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune said before the shutdown that he was open to discussing the subsidies but not as part of the funding bill. That stance has not changed, though he has indicated some willingness to work with Democrats on their priorities separately. So far, talks between Republican and Democratic Senators have yielded no breakthrough.

In the House, Speaker Mike Johnson has maintained that there is nothing to negotiate and has kept members out of Washington until the Senate reaches an agreement.

Neither side has faced enough pressure to shift its position, but that may change next week when active-duty military personnel, Transportation Security Administration agents, and other federal employees miss their first paychecks. For now, Washington remains at an impasse, and the effects of the shutdown are beginning to spread nationwide.

Despite the broader funding gridlock, the Senate reached a bipartisan agreement to end a monthlong stalemate on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), [advancing a roughly \\$925 billion defense policy bill](#) on

Thursday. The move sets the stage for House and Senate negotiators to reconcile differences between their versions of the measure.

Of particular relevance to public-safety stakeholders, the Senate-passed NDAA includes six bipartisan law enforcement bills originally advanced out of the Senate Judiciary Committee during Police Week in May. These provisions include:

- The [Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act](#), expanding federal support for families of firefighters and first responders who die or become permanently disabled from service-related cancers.
- The [Protecting First Responders from Secondary Exposure Act](#), strengthening protections for officers and first responders against accidental exposure to dangerous substances.
- The [Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Service Act](#), addressing staffing shortages by allowing retired officers to continue serving in key roles.
- The [Reauthorizing Support and Treatment for Officers in Crisis Act](#), enhancing access to mental health resources for law enforcement personnel.
- The [Strong Communities Act](#), supporting recruitment and retention efforts within law enforcement agencies.
- The [PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act](#), assisting state and local law enforcement in combating online child sexual exploitation.

The NDAA also included the [Second Chance Reauthorization Act](#) which seeks to renew and strengthen federal programs that support successful reentry for formerly incarcerated individuals.

In other congressional news, [Attorney General Pam Bondi testified](#) before the Senate Judiciary Committee during the Department of Justice's annual oversight hearing, outlining the Department's priorities, ongoing enforcement initiatives, and recent operational "surges" in major metropolitan areas. Lawmakers questioned her on a range of public safety issues, including grant cancellations, Bureau of Prisons reform efforts, and judicial security measures.

Also this week, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted along party lines to [advance the nomination of Sara Carter](#) to serve as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Nominated by President Trump in March, Carter's appointment now moves to the full Senate for consideration. The ONDCP Director coordinates federal, state, and local efforts to combat drug use and trafficking and oversees programs such as the National Drug Control Strategy and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) initiative.

In addition, the Senate approved a broad slate of President Trump's nominees, including [Stanley Woodward to serve as Associate Attorney General](#), the Department of Justice's third-ranking official.

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.

- [Government Shutdown Enters Third Week with No Clear Path Forward](#)
- [Senate Advances NDAA with Priority Law Enforcement Measures](#)
- [Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Sara Carter Nomination for Drug Czar](#)
- [AG Bondi Testifies Before Senate Judiciary on DOJ Oversight](#)
- [Recap: Federal Courts Block DHS Immigration Conditions on Preparedness Grants](#)
- [Senate Passes Second Chance Reauthorization Act as Part of NDAA](#)
- [BGOV: Vought Says Federal Layoffs Have Begun](#)
- [The Hill: "Mike Johnson says House will remain closed until shutdown ends"](#)
- [Bipartisan Push: Senators Durbin and Hawley Introduce AI LEAD Act](#)
- [The Hill: "Supreme Court turns away Missouri's bid to revive gun law"](#)

- [DOJ: “Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces Director”](#)

- [ICYMI: The Hill – “Trump reverses Homeland Security funding cuts targeting New York”](#)

- [Senate Confirms Stanley Woodward to be Associate Attorney General](#)

New Grant Opportunities

The Department of Justice has released several FY 2025 public-safety grant funding opportunities, with additional announcements expected in the coming weeks. Agencies should begin preparing now to ensure strong, timely submissions. This year, federal funding is expected to prioritize strengthening law enforcement operations, particularly through tools and technologies that enhance officer readiness and community safety.

To remain competitive, applicants should start assembling key components of their application packages, including drafting narratives, compiling baseline data and needs statements, finalizing MOUs or partnership agreements, and mapping out project timelines.

Details on recent announcements are provided below:

- [Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing \(STOP\) School Violence Program](#)
- [National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative \(SAKI\)](#)
- [Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

- Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA
- Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative
- Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring (PDMP) Program
- Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program
- Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program
- DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR)
- Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program
- Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence

- Missing and Unidentified Human Remains Program
- Regional Children's Advocacy Centers Program
- Internet Crimes Against Children Data System Enhancements
- Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use
- Reducing Recidivism for Female Juvenile Delinquents
- Emergency Planning for Juvenile Justice Residential Facilities

Floor Activity



Senate

S. 2296- National Defense Authorization Act

This bill sets forth policies and authorities for FY2026 for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE).

Passed Senate 77-20

Confirmation of John Dever, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Confirmed En Bloc 51-47

Confirmation of Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Confirmed En Bloc 51-47

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Confirmation of Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General. Confirmed En Bloc 51-47

Confirmation of Patrick David Davis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Confirmed En Bloc 51-47

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Oversight of the Department of Justice

Senate Judiciary Committee

9:00 AM, 216 HSOB

Hearings Next Week

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

10:15AM, 216HSOB

Threats and challenges posed to Department of Defense personnel and operations from adversarial access to publicly available data coupled with advanced data analysis tools now widely available on the commercial market.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
(Senate Armed Services Committee)
2:30 PM, 222RSOB

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Shut Your App: How Uncle Sam Jawboned Big Tech Into Silencing Americans

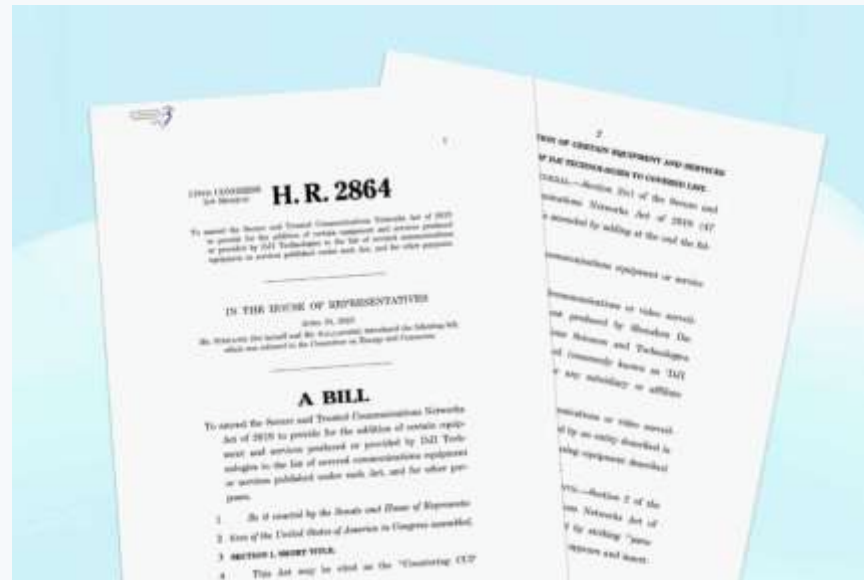
Senate Commerce Committee
10:30 AM, 253 RSOB

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 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

OCTOBER						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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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.

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



IADLEST Executive Director Position Announcement

The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) is seeking an experienced and visionary leader to serve as its next Executive Director. This position plays a key role in shaping the future of law enforcement training and professional standards across the nation and beyond. The role is hybrid, based in Eagle, Idaho.

Application Deadline: October 27, 2025

[Learn More Here](#)



DHS Launches Lab to Test Next-Gen 911 System Compatibility



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The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate has established a new laboratory to ensure Next Generation 911 systems work seamlessly across jurisdictions and technology providers, Federal News Network reported. The initiative aims to prevent communication breakdowns as states and localities transition from analog infrastructure to modern, internet protocol-based emergency networks.

The new lab allows vendors to remotely test their NG911 technologies for interoperability before rollout. The facility builds on DHS' existing public safety radio testing program and uses open-source tools that vendors can download, run and analyze to confirm their systems meet compatibility standards.

"What we don't want to do is have an interoperability chasm upon deployment," said Sridhar Kowdley, technology manager for S&T's communications and networking technology center. "We want to solve those issues during the [research and development] and the implementation point."

The lab recently demonstrated a 911 video call. The next-generation system is expected to be faster and more resilient, enabling voice, photos, videos and text messages to reach call centers over a digital network. Kowdley said more test cases are planned before a formal certification process begins.

Kowdley noted that the transition to NG911 involves significant integration challenges, including connections to computer-aided dispatch systems and next-generation core services. The laboratory's early efforts, he said, are focused on reducing technical barriers and identifying potential data and interoperability gaps before deployment.

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National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program Office's Master Training Program Application Window is Now Open

Are you ready to help prevent terrorism and mass casualty attacks? If so, consider joining the ranks of the National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Program Office's Master Trainer Program (MTP). We are pleased to announce that **NTER's** Master Trainer Program application window for 2026 is NOW OPEN and will remain open until 11:59pm PST on Sunday, November 30, 2025. In 2026, in-person courses will be held in Houston, TX, Philadelphia, PA, and Sacramento, CA, and one course will be held virtually.

The **Master Trainer Program (MTP)** certifies F/SLTT homeland security partners in the instruction of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) principles and best practices. This instructor development program prepares F/SLTT partners to train their local communities and empowers homeland partners to mitigate threats and

prevent terrorism and mass casualty attacks. Once accepted into the MTP, candidates begin the **Master Trainer Certification Roadmap**. Candidates may complete the roadmap in any order. Upon completion, candidates will be certified as NTER Master Trainers.

The MTP is available to **current employees of a public sector, Federal, State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial (F/SLTT) agency with at least two years of experience in the public safety field**. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to review the **2026 Master Trainer Program Course Announcement** and check out the **Master Trainer Program Applications FAQ** page for additional details on minimum requirements, next steps, application materials, and program expectations!

To apply, complete the **Master Trainer Program Application Form**. Please read all instructions before filling out the form.

If you have any questions about the application process, please email **NTER.MTP@hq.dhs.gov**.

[Learn More Here](#)



The One-Hour Rule: Why Public Safety Leaders Need a Tech-Free Morning Routine

By Jim Cook ,AVP and Assistant Chief of Police at Amtrak Police Department

For the longest time, the very first thing I did in the morning was roll over, open my phone, and begin catching up on every single thing that happened in my department since I laid my head on the pillow to sleep. Then I would move on to updated intelligence items from partner agencies and news items. Only then, after being "caught up," would I start my day.

I convinced myself that good leadership meant being the first to know and staying on top of literally everything that was happening in real time. In reality, I was starting every day already mentally exhausted, my mind cluttered with problems before I'd even gotten out of bed.

Then I started reading about time management tools used by successful leaders, and one concept stopped me in my tracks: Jeff Bezos's "One-Hour Rule." But here's the thing: it's not what you might think.

While building Amazon into a trillion-dollar empire, Bezos developed what he calls his "puttering time," a one-hour, low-stimulation morning routine where he deliberately avoids technology, allows his mind to wander, and focuses on reading and learning. According to neuroscience research, the first hour of our day is when our brain is most alert and plastic, making it prime time for clear thinking rather than doom-scrolling.

This got me thinking. If anyone needs a clear, focused mind at the start of their day, it's public safety leaders. And yet, I was doing exactly the opposite.

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Articles We Read This Week



Illegal crossings along U.S.-Mexico border plummet to lowest annual level since 1970

Unlawful crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border in fiscal year 2025 plummeted to the lowest annual level since the early 1970s, amid the Trump administration's sweeping clampdown on illegal immigration, internal federal statistics obtained by CBS News show.

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GOP senators increasingly anxious about Trump's aggressive use of National Guard

The conflict between federal and state authorities escalated dramatically over the weekend when Trump moved to send National Guard soldiers to Oregon and Illinois despite opposition from their respective governors, Tina Kotek and JB Pritzker.

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Cruz 'sandbox' plan for AI draws support, detractors

Senators on both sides of the aisle are racing to put forward proposals for federal regulation of artificial intelligence, but most of the attention is on Senate Commerce Chair Ted Cruz, whose broad plan is popular with Big Tech but has yet to win over privacy and consumer advocates. The Texas Republican put forward a legislative framework last month, calling for a "light-touch" approach, though he unveiled only one bill, which would let AI deployers and developers request long-term waivers of federal regulations.

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Oklahoma deploys drones to combat rise in prison contraband

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is turning to drones to enhance prison security and curb the flow of contraband, such as drugs, cell phones and weapons, into state-run facilities.

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A quarter of FBI agents are assigned to immigration enforcement, per FBI data

Nearly a quarter of the FBI's roughly 13,000 agents across the country are currently assigned to immigration enforcement, with the number climbing to upward of 40 percent in the nation's largest field offices, according to data from the FBI obtained by Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Virginia) and shared with The Washington Post.

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Fatal crash report finds nearly half of deadly wrecks tied to illegal drug

A growing number of marijuana users are driving while high — and it's costing them their lives. More than 40% of victims of fatal vehicle accidents over the past six years have had elevated levels of THC in their blood, a new study shows. The drug screenings were performed during the autopsy process.

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Recent and Upcoming Events



MCCA 2025 Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 15-17, 2025

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IACP 2025

Denver, Colorado
October 18-21, 2025

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2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 16-18, 2025

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