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Photo of the Week: Speaker Johnson and Leader Thune hold a press conference amid the third week of the government shutdown.

Weekly Update and Analysis **October 17, 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 shutdown continues, with funding for all federal agencies having lapsed for 17 days and counting. Both parties are showing little urgency to resolve the impasse or reach a compromise. In the Senate, lawmakers have now taken ten unsuccessful votes on the House-passed continuing resolution, with additional votes expected next week. The House has not announced plans to resume legislative business. Despite widespread furloughs, missed paychecks, and growing concerns over travel disruptions, the stalemate shows no signs of softening, and lawmakers appear to be bracing for the long haul.

With negotiations stalled on a stopgap measure, Leader Thune sought to advance a full-year Defense Appropriations bill this week. However, Democrats blocked the procedural vote, insisting on a broader plan to negotiate bicameral funding packages aligned with the Senate's preferred spending levels, along with assurances from the White House that approved funds will not be retroactively rescinded.

Elsewhere, court battles over DHS grant funding remain ongoing. Federal judges have blocked attempts to tie funding eligibility to immigration-enforcement cooperation or redirect funds from certain states and cities. [\[Learn more about the latest decision here.\]](#)

Meanwhile, the Trump administration is outlining plans to use the \$500 million Congress approved to help states and localities strengthen anti-drone security strategies. [\[Read more on that development here.\]](#)

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.

- [ICYMI: Roll Call – “Judge rejects immigration enforcement condition for FEMA grants”](#)

- [Washington Stalemate: Shutdown Enters Week Three with No End in Sight](#)

- [Politico: Trump administration to launch \\$500M drone program ahead of World Cup](#)

- [Senate Advances NDAA with Bipartisan Drone-Security Amendment and Key Law Enforcement Measures](#)

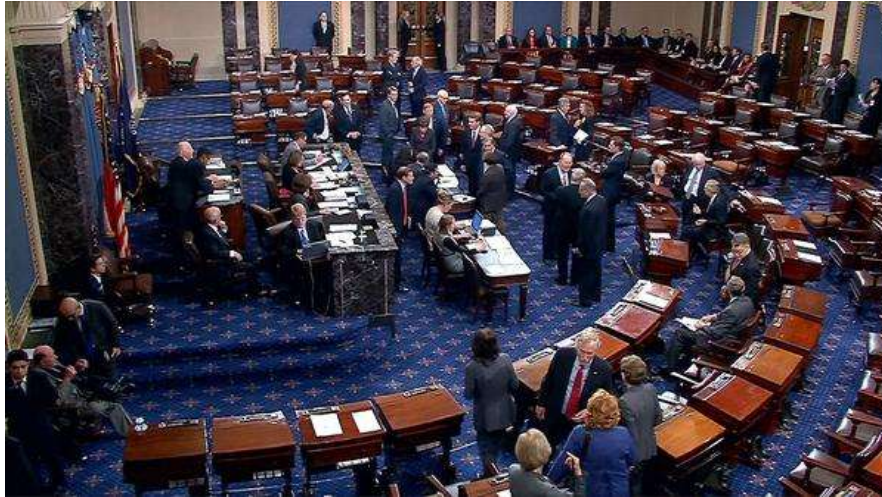
Public Safety Leaders Discuss Drone Threats



This week, the American Correctional Association (ACA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), and the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCI) met with the White House and Capitol Hill offices to discuss drone threats across the country. ACA, MSCA, and ASCIA continue to work with public safety partners across the country to ensure public safety agencies have the tools they need to address the growing drone threat.

[Read more on public safety counter-drone priorities here.](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

No activity of particular interest was approved on the floor this week.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Thursday, October 9, 2025

[Business Meeting](#)

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15AM, 216HSOB

Global Gangsters: Hezbollah's Latin American Drug Trafficking Operations

Senate Caucus on International
Narcotics Control
2:00PM, 215 DSOB

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Nominations

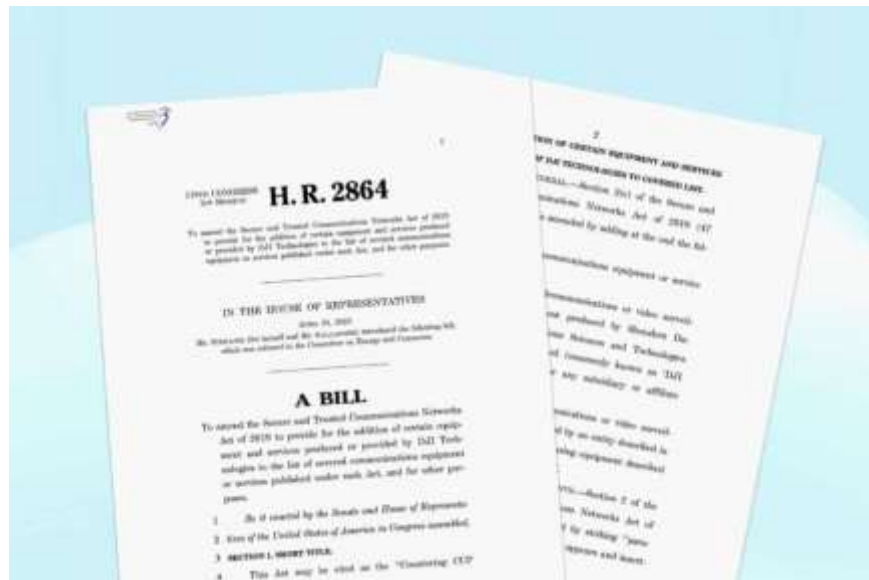
Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15AM, G50DSOB

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Nominations

Senate Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs Committee
10:00 AM, 342SDOB

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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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

 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



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](#)



The Second Chance Reauthorization Act Will Make America Safer
By Scott Peyton

Every day, more than 1,700 people are released from prison. In the decade I spent as a probation and parole officer, I saw how much is riding on their success. Overcoming recidivism can lead to relational healing, independence and restored potential. The bleak alternative comes at a steep cost to families, society, taxpayers, and — most devastatingly — the victims of crime.

The Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2025 offers a path forward for people leaving prison. By removing barriers to reintegration, Congress can help safeguard communities while upholding human dignity and potential.

Protecting the public is the government's job, and never-ending punishments don't help leaders deliver. Instead, targeted reentry support promotes safety. The Second Chance Act, passed in 2008, has helped more than 442,000 formerly incarcerated people stay on track with reentry services like job training, housing and addiction recovery support. People without access to these resources are more likely to reoffend.

Recidivism increases law enforcement workload. Reentry-support reduces the burden on police and parole officers, freeing them up to focus on their primary roles. When I served in Louisiana, my caseload was overwhelming. I tried to meet my clients' complex needs. But whenever someone reoffended, I got buried in paperwork and had to spend time away from my office. As a result, I had less bandwidth to help the clients who were doing everything possible to comply with the law.

Around 95 percent of people in prison will be released. The lack of support makes it an uphill battle to avoid rearrest, much less thrive. The Bureau of Justice Statistics found that 82 percent of people released across 24 states in 2008 were rearrested within 10 years.

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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](#)



Sandusky Police Department

The Sandusky, Ohio, Police Department (SPD) was investigating a homicide which originated from a 9-1-1 call regarding a missing three-year-old child. Investigators searched the child's home and found the child deceased. It was later determined that the child was strangled. The child's mother's boyfriend was arrested and charged with the child's murder. The submitted evidence originated from several security cameras in the area of the child's home.

SPD submitted audio and video recordings to MAGLOCLIN. The MAGLOCLIN staff clarified the recordings, which showed the defendant carrying a container which the deceased child was later found in. The clarified evidence, as well as additional evidence gathered by investigators, was presented to a grand jury at the defendant's trial.

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The Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program consists of six regional centers and the RISS Technology Support Center (RTSC). The RISS mission is to assist local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice partners by providing adaptive solutions and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote officer safety and wellness.

To view other shared successes submitted by agencies and officers on how RISS helped their investigations, visit: [**www.riss.net/Impact**](http://www.riss.net/Impact)

Articles We Read This Week



Judge rejects immigration enforcement condition for FEMA grants

A federal judge rebuked the Trump administration Tuesday for “a ham-handed attempt to bully the states” that also defied his court order against conditioning eligibility for federal funds on cooperation with immigration enforcement.

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Trump pledged to make D.C. ‘safe and beautiful.’ His administration cut \$40M in homeland security funds.

The Trump administration cuts to grants in D.C. and 11 states geared toward anti-terrorism and other emergency responses has been paused by a federal judge while they are being challenged in court.

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Trump administration to launch \$500M drone program ahead of World Cup

The administration plans to launch a \$500 million effort to support state and local governments as they develop anti-drone security strategies ahead of the soccer tournament being played across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, along with the United States' 250th anniversary and 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, according to Andrew Giuliani, director of the White House's FIFA World Cup 2026 Task Force.

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AI drones are America's newest cops

Police and sheriff's departments across America are using AI-powered drones for pursuits, investigations and emergencies — even delivering Narcan to stop overdose deaths.

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Despite widespread interest, only 3 states passed license plate reader laws this year

Lawmakers in at least 16 states this year introduced bills to regulate the use of automated license plate readers responsible for collecting large amounts of data on drivers across the country. But just three states — Arkansas, Idaho and Virginia — enacted laws this session that establish or amend rules for law enforcement agencies using the high-tech camera systems and the manner in which license plate data should be stored. And this month, California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed a bill that would have restricted use of such data.

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Trump vows federal 'surge' in more American cities to combat crime

In the rare event, Patel joined Trump to give a presentation on what they dubbed "Operation Summer Heat." Patel talked at length about the thousands of arrests he said the administration made over the past few months.

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Gun safety advocates warn of a surge in untraceable 3D-printed weapons in the US

As police departments around the country report a surge in 3D-printed firearms turning up at crime scenes, gun safety advocates and law enforcement officials are warning that a new generation of untraceable weapons could soon eclipse the “ghost guns” that have already flooded U.S. streets.

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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

[Learn More Here](#)



2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Denver, Colorado
October 16-18, 2025

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