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Photo of the Week: President Trump convened a roundtable with members of his Cabinet to spotlight the accomplishments of federal Homeland Security Task Forces and the U.S. military in dismantling cartels, trafficking operations, and transnational criminal networks.

Weekly Update and Analysis **October 24, 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 government remains shut down, and lawmakers are still stuck in the same fight over how to fund it. The temporary funding bill that the House already passed was originally meant to reopen the government and keep it running through November 21. But because so much time has already been lost during

the shutdown, that date doesn't give Congress enough time to finish a full budget deal. Now Senators say they'll likely need to extend the deadline even further.

House Republican leaders have kept their members home since mid-September, saying they'll only return once Senate Democrats agree to end the shutdown.

If the shutdown drags on much longer, some Republicans are considering a [year-long stopgap bill](#) that would keep spending at current levels instead of trying to pass all the individual funding bills. Majority Leader Thune warned that the longer the shutdown lasts, the harder it will be to get back to normal order.

[Read more about funding negotiations here.](#)

With more than a million federal employees missing paychecks this week, the Senate took up competing proposals to restore pay but ultimately rejected both the Republican and Democratic plans.

In other news the Senate approved [S.259, the Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act](#), a bipartisan measure aimed at increasing transparency in U.S. communications networks. The bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to publish an annual list of any companies that hold FCC licenses and have ties to countries considered foreign adversaries, including China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

A top House lawmaker focused on artificial intelligence policy [introduced plans for broad legislation](#) aimed at defining the boundaries between state and federal regulation—seeking to resolve one of the most contentious debates dividing the industry.

At the White House, President Trump convened key members of his Cabinet—including Attorney General Bondi, DHS Secretary Noem, and FBI Director Patel—to highlight the administration's whole-of-government approach to public safety. The discussion focused on recent accomplishments by the newly established Homeland Security Task Forces, as well as progress in immigration and border enforcement and military operations targeting narco-traffickers. [You can watch the event 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.

- [Bloomberg Government: "Top AI Lawmaker Teases](#)

- [Senate Passes Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act](#)

Sweeping Bill on Federal-State Guardrails”

- Lawmakers Weigh December Deadline as Shutdown Drags On

- Update on Government Funding Negotiations

- The Hill: “Supreme Court to decide if drug users can carry guns”

BBM in Denver, Colorado



Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) President Drew Evans from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension opens the 2025 ASCIA Fall Conference

Over the past week, BBM participated in the ASCIA, MCCA, IACP, and IADLEST conferences, meeting with state and local law enforcement leaders to discuss public safety policy and funding priorities.

Throughout these meetings, BBM provided updates on key issues including FY25/FY26 grant funding, counter-UAS authorities, data privacy legislation, artificial intelligence, drug policy, firearms policy, and other topics impacting public safety operations.

BBM also highlighted bipartisan efforts to strengthen NIBIN funding and the growing momentum to expand Rapid DNA as a standard capability across law enforcement, emergency response, and border security operations.

At IADLEST, BBM briefed leaders on the Criminal History Access Act, which would authorize POST agencies to access criminal history records to enhance officer standards and accountability.

During IACP's general session, BBM was honored to attend a ceremony recognizing extraordinary acts of service by law enforcement officers, followed by a powerful discussion featuring Chief Jim McDonnell, Chief (Ret.) Thomas Manger, and Superintendent Drew Evans on intelligence coordination, community partnerships, and leadership in times of crisis.

From providing legislative and policy briefings to several boards and committees (all of us), to presenting on a panel regarding implementation of the Law Enforcement De-escalation Training Act (Melissa), to visiting clients on the exhibit floor, to hosting dinners and hitting nearly every hotel bar in Denver, the BBM team had a great time seeing old friends and making new ones.

Thank you to the IACP staff who once again made conference attendees feel welcome and worked behind the scenes to ensure a productive and fun time for everyone.

Floor Activity



Senate

House of Representatives

S.259 - Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to annually publish a list of entities that hold a license or other authorization granted by the FCC and have ties to specified foreign countries.

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Politically Violent Attacks: A Threat to Our Constitutional Order

Subcommittee on the Constitution
(House Judiciary Committee)
2:30PM, 226DSOB

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Part II of Shut Your App: How Uncle Sam Jawboned Big Tech Into Silencing Americas

Senate Commerce Committee

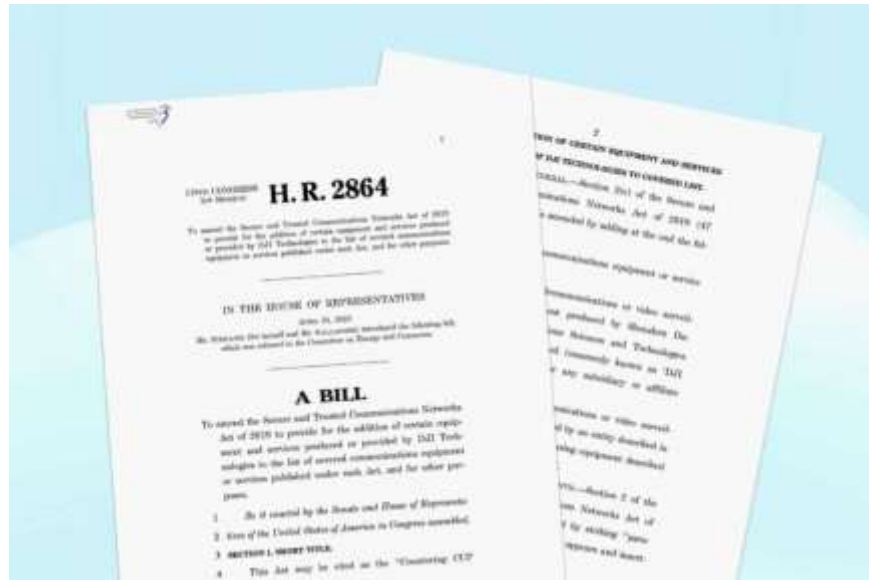
Thursday, October 23, 2025

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

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



- 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



Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director David Rausch Becomes President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police

David Rausch was sworn in Tuesday night in Denver for a one-year term. He will serve as the president of IACP, an association of police leaders with more than 35,000 members in 170 countries, according to the group's website. He will also continue as TBI director. Brandon Gibson, chief operating officer of Governor Lee's office, administered the oath of office.

Mr. Rausch has been the Director of TBI since 2018. Before that, he served as Knoxville Chief of Police.

"What an honor for TBI and the state of Tennessee!" the TBI wrote.



Versaterm Launches the Future of Dispatch with Native Drone Integration for Public Safety

Versaterm, a global leader in public safety solutions, announced the integration of drone operations directly into its Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Enabled by the company's acquisition of DroneSense, the new functionality allows public safety agencies to deploy drone flights as seamlessly as dispatching any patrol, fire or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) unit. The integration provides incident commanders with a more comprehensive view of every emergency from the initial 9-1-1 call to the final report.

This represents a fundamental shift in how public safety agencies can use drone technology. Until now, deploying drones during emergency response required separate systems, manual coordination and specialized personnel. This separation can create delays and add complexity that limits their effectiveness. Now, agencies have complete situational awareness within a single view, including all assets and live video updating in real time as incidents unfold.

[Learn More Here](#)



Denver High School Students Learn How to Use Drones at Police Conference

Denver students from Abraham Lincoln High School's robotics and JROTC programs got a unique learning experience Tuesday morning when Denver police teamed up with drone manufacturer Skydio for a hands-on technology lesson.

Officers and representatives from Skydio showed students how drones can be used in public safety, from emergency management to police calls for service. They also discussed different career paths in robotics and drone technology.

"It's very different from other drones I've seen. I used to think of them as toys, but now I see them as a tool," one student said.

The event was part of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's annual conference and exposition in Denver.

Skydio makes drones for military, law enforcement agencies, and for security. It has contracts with the U.S., U.K., Israeli, and Spanish militaries. The company boasts contracts with over 800 agencies around the U.S.

[Read More Here](#)



International Association of Directors
of Law Enforcement Standards and Training

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](#)



Between Good and Evil

By Ray Guidetti

If you have ever worn a badge or served, you remember the first time you felt the weight of an oath. Not just heard the words, but saw what they looked like - alive, human, breathing - in the face of someone who lived by them.

For me, that moment has echoed through a lifetime, over thirty-five years of watching good men and women pour out everything they had for “the job.” Some gave their last breath in that service, leaving behind legacies that still whisper through the halls of their departments they once called home.

And two days ago, in Denver, at the International Association of Chiefs of Police 2025 Annual Conference, that same feeling, pride, sorrow, and reverence all at once, came rushing back. I was one of hundreds packed into a massive ballroom for the Police Officer of the Year ceremony. Rows of attendees, some in uniform, others in plain clothes, filled the space. Medals and service pins shimmered under

the lights. The air felt heavy, reverent, proud, but also fragile. Everyone in that room understood what this ceremony meant.

There were four finalists. Four stories of courage that defied reason.

The General



This story took us around the world to Pakistan. Inspector General of Police Waseem Ahmad Khan had uncovered a terrorist plot to attack the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit. A city on edge. A clock ticking.

Instead of delegating, Khan led from the front. Through the night, he pored over intelligence, chased digital trails, and hunted armed suspects through the streets. When the shooting started, he didn't flinch. His leadership didn't just foil an attack, it saved a nation from tragedy.

The Protector



Next came Officer Luke Alderman from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A home invasion call with an armed attacker. A woman's scream. Gunfire inside a home. A small child in an open window: frozen, crying. Alderman sprinted toward the house, bullets cracking through the air, and pulled that little girl through the window to reunite her with her mother's arms. "Go," he told her, before turning back toward the chaos. Moments later, he stopped the gunman, saving a mother and her six children.

The room went silent. You could almost feel every heart drop and rise in unison.

The Dogged Detective



Then the story of Officer Salvador Acevedo Jr. from the California Highway Patrol.

His story wasn't about a single act of bravery, but a lifetime of persistence. Fifteen years earlier, a mother had kidnapped her daughter after losing custody and vanished. Most people forgot. Acevedo didn't. He kept their photos. Their names. Their story. He checked databases, asked questions, and waited. Then one day, a traffic report crossed his desk. A name he knew by heart. "It's her," he thought.

Because he never stopped caring, a daughter was reunited with her father fifteen years later.

The Fallen



And then came Minneapolis.

Officer Jamal Mitchell responded to a call: shots fired, multiple victims. But one of those “victims” wasn’t a victim at all. He was the shooter. Officer Mitchell arrived first, spotting a man sprawled in the gutter, appearing wounded. He moved quickly but calmly, his body-worn camera capturing the steady tone in his voice as he slipped on his gloves to render aid. There was something special in that moment, an officer ready to render aid and perhaps save a life. And then, in a hideous twist, when in the blink of an eye, when an officer goes from guardian to warrior, the unsuspecting man raises his concealed gun and unleashes a burst of fire. Officer Mitchell didn’t have a chance.

Firefighters tried to reach him, but the gunfire forced them to take cover. Then, through the chaos, came Officers Nick Kapinos, Luke Kittock, and Eric Withanoms, running toward the danger, toward their fallen brother. They fought back with everything they had, protecting one another, determined to end the threat. One officer was even struck in the face, but miraculously, he survived. Yet, all their courage, all their heart, couldn’t change the unbearable truth: one of their own was gone.

Because of his team’s bravery, no one else died that day.

Each story unfolded on screen, some through body-worn camera footage, while others were reenacted. But in every story, the room seemed to stop breathing. You could feel the danger, the weight of their choices, the humanity behind every act. When Officer Alderman’s bodycam footage showed the moment he reached through the window for that child, you could hear the heartbeat of the room, a collective pulse of fear, pride, and gratitude. It was the sound of people remembering why they do what they do.

Then came the hardest moment of all. The Minneapolis officers walked on stage with their Chief, Brian O'Hara, to accept the award. Next to them stood a small girl, Officer Mitchell's young daughter, clutching her father's posthumous plaque in both hands. She smiled shyly, the way children do when they don't fully understand the magnitude of what's happening but can feel its gravity all the same. In that instant, the room - filled with hardened cops and command staff - broke. Eyes glistened. Hands clenched. No one moved.

Because what we were seeing wasn't an award. It was a cost. The cost of standing between good and evil. The cost of an oath that doesn't end when the shift does. The cost carried by families when their loved one never comes home. That little girl holding her father's award, that's what courage looks like when the ceremony ends.

That's what legacy looks like when the applause fades. It was, without question, a moment that will forever be etched in memory, mine, and everyone else's in that room.

Because in the end, that's where the true line exists, not in policy, not in politics, but in the hearts of those who still choose to step forward when the world needs protection. That line, that sacred space between good and evil, is where heroes live, where families grieve, and where the rest of us are reminded that freedom, safety, and peace are never free. They are paid for, every day, by those who stand between.



Articles We Read This Week



Supreme Court will consider whether people who regularly smoke pot can legally own guns

The Supreme Court said on Monday that it will consider whether people who regularly smoke marijuana can legally own guns, the latest firearm case to come before the court since its 2022 decision expanding gun rights.

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Law enforcement battles a rising trend of school threats through digital footprints

"There's always a footprint," Bierds said. "No matter how good you think you're covering your tracks, unless you're some sort of world class cyber hacker, you're leaving a footprint. If my detectives can't find you, our partner agencies at the state police or Homeland Security or FBI will be able to help us."

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US cybersecurity is 'slipping' under Trump, says congressional commission

Our nation's ability to protect itself and its allies from cyber

threats is stalling and, in several areas, slipping," begins the summary of a landmark report by a congressionally chartered policy group. The analysis — delivered Wednesday by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission 2.0 — tracks the consequences of hollowing out the federal cyber workforce amid the Trump administration's efforts to reorganize the government and make it more efficient in the eyes of the White House and top agency leaders.

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Major Anti-Trafficking Operation Arrests 34, Rescues 71 Victims Coast-To-Coast

A sweeping “Coast to Coast” anti-human trafficking operation, driven by a powerful coalition of technology firms, non-profits, and law enforcement, has resulted in 34 arrests and the identification of 71 victims—68 adults and three minors. The initiative was a coordinated effort involving over 150 law enforcement agencies across 15 states.

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Dangerous or life-saving? Why drug programs that stop disease are under fire.

The Trump administration has taken aim at these programs, blasting its predecessor's backing of the programs as "dangerous." In a July 29 letter, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, which administers billions in grants to states, prohibited the use of grants to purchase needles, sterile water, saline, vitamin C or any other supplies "to promote or facilitate drug use" — or support such services.

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Upcoming Events



National Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference

Washington, DC
January 31, 2026-February 4, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition 2026 Delegate Meeting & Conference

Washington, DC
February 2, 2026- February 4, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**Major County Sheriffs of America
2026 Policy Conference**

Washington, DC
February 5, 2026- February 7, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**National Fusion Center Association
2026 Annual Training Event**

Washington, DC
March 30, 2026-April 2, 2026

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