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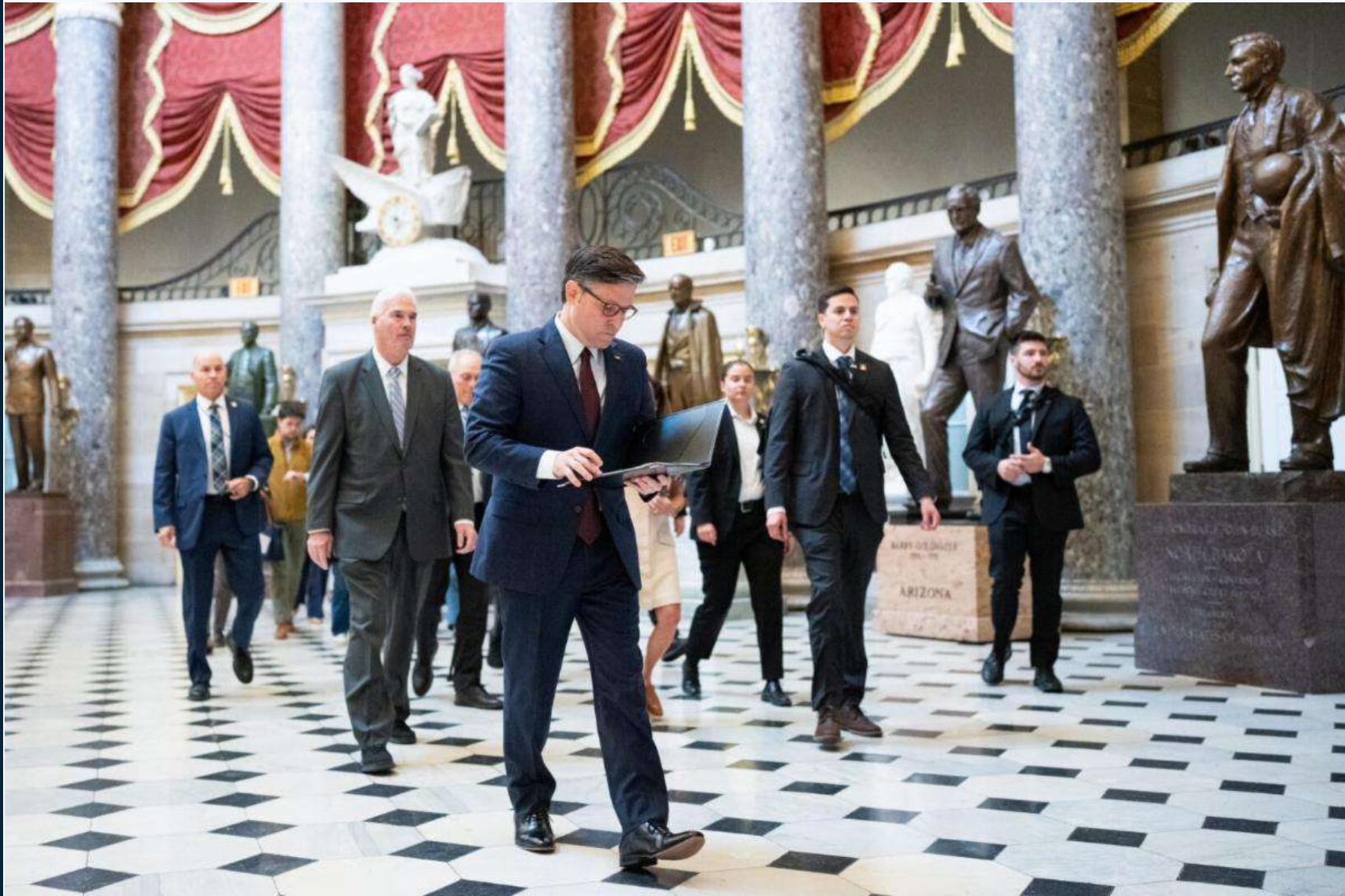


Photo of the Week: Speaker Mike Johnson, walks through Statuary Hall on Wednesday on the way to hold his daily news conference on the government shutdown.

Weekly Update and Analysis

October 31, 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?

As the government shutdown nears the one-month mark, the [Senate left town](#) without an agreement, and the shutdown is now set to become the longest in U.S. history.

While bipartisan discussions continued, no framework or deal has emerged. Senate Majority Leader Thune indicated talks will continue through the weekend, expressing hope that Tuesday's election results might shift political dynamics and open the path for a clean short-term funding bill. The Senate is scheduled to return Monday evening for a judicial vote, with another vote on the House stopgap bill expected soon after. The House is currently not scheduled to come back next week.

Lawmakers continue to navigate public safety challenges related to the shutdown. For example, in the Senate, bipartisan members introduced legislation to restore federal counter-drone authorities that expired on September 30, which had allowed DHS and DOJ to detect and mitigate unmanned aerial threats near airports, critical infrastructure, and large public events. The [proposal](#) seeks a three-year extension but remains entangled in the broader budget impasse.

Meanwhile, congressional negotiators are pressing forward on the annual defense policy bill with efforts to finalize the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) amid gridlock. Lawmakers are emphasizing provisions on cyber readiness, emerging technology, and workforce modernization to ensure continuity in defense and homeland security operations even as the appropriations process stalls. Read more on public safety provisions we are tracking in NDAA [here](#).

While the House was not in session, the Senate passed a bipartisan resolution recognizing [Red Ribbon Week](#), the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention and awareness campaign.

Outside of the funding fight, the administration announced significant new security investments for upcoming global events. FEMA announced more than \$1 billion will be directed toward securing the [2026 FIFA World Cup](#), supporting local law enforcement coordination, cybersecurity resilience, and emergency communications in host cities—the largest event-security commitment in DHS history.

Also of note, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 2-1 to revise the rate cap structure governing communications services for incarcerated individuals. Read more [here](#).

And the FBI also released additional details new Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs). Check out an FAQ and podcast on the HSTFs [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.

- [Senators Move to Restore Expired Counter-Drone Authority Amid Shutdown Stalemate](#)
 - [The Hill: "GOP, Democrats face rising pressure on multiple fronts to end shutdown"](#)
 - [FEMA Announces Over \\$1 Billion in Federal Funding to Secure the FIFA World Cup Games and Protect Americans](#)
 - [Tensions Rise and Negotiations Continue to Re-Open the Government](#)
- [Senate Recognizes Red Ribbon Week](#)
 - [Additional Background on Homeland Security Task Forces](#)
 - [Shutdown Drags On as Senate Heads Home](#)
 - [FCC Revises Incarcerated People's Communications Rate Caps](#)
 - [AI Labs Launch to Support Public Safety Agencies](#)
 - [NDAA Talks Heat Up](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

S.Res.479 - Red Ribbon Week

This bill recognizes Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign, from October 23 through October 31, 2025.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session this week.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past 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

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

Hearings Next Week

No hearings of interest to consider next week.

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



Senate in Session
Only



House in Session
Only



Federal Holidays

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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND

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We remember and honor our Fallen Heroes. These officers have been designated Official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes and will be added to the Memorial in 2026.



[View October 2025 Honor Officers Here](#)



D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force Reaches Milestones

Washington, D.C — The combined federal and local effort to Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful have reached the milestones of over 5,000 arrests and the seizure of more than 500 guns as part of a historic collaboration to restore public order and safety in Washington, D.C.

As of Wednesday morning, the cooperation has removed 502 illicit firearms off the city's streets which could have otherwise been used during a violent crime. The 5,258 arrests include individuals wanted for murder, sexual

offenses, known gang members, as well as drivers of community violence, and those seeking to defraud the citizens of Washington D.C.

These milestones highlight the continued dedication of law enforcement officers collaborating with the National Guard to execute the mission – making the Nation’s capital city the safest and most beautiful city in America.

“These guns have been taken from criminals that should have never had them in the first place,” said Gadyaces S. Serralta, Director of the U.S. Marshal Service. “The criminals can no longer terrorize victims with these guns. They will not be used to commit robberies, rapes, assaults or murders, any longer. Now we can look forward to the prosecution and conviction of the law violators.” The seized firearms were traced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to determine the original purchaser and entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). Out of the 500 firearms seized by law enforcement, approximately 20% were previously used in other shooting incidents.

“The removal of 500 firearms from our nation’s capital is a testament to the hard work being conducted by federal law enforcement each and every day,” said ATF Deputy Director Rob Cekada. “ATF’s Crime Gun Intelligence tools like eTrace and NIBIN help identify the sources of crime guns and provides invaluable leads to support ongoing investigations and solve violent crime.”

The U.S. Marshals Service-led federal surge is now in its third operational month. The D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force will continue as the largest proactive collaboration of law enforcement and National Guard in modern history, working together, to eliminate violent crime, enhance public safety, and foster stronger partnerships within the D.C. community. All accomplished through high quality, highly coordinated, constitutional police work.

The effort also has set up a tip line for residents who could receive \$500 for every tip that is sent into the operation center that leads to an arrest.

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AG Yost Announces \$9 Million in Grant Funds to Enhance Safety at Ohio Schools

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Ohio school leaders can now apply for a share of \$9.01 million in grants for safety-related projects for the 2026-27 academic year, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost announced today.

The funding, approved by the 136th General Assembly as part of House Bill 96, can be used for a wide range of school-safety needs.

“Safety isn’t optional – it’s essential,” Yost said. “This funding helps schools across Ohio take real steps to protect students and staff.”

The grant funding is intended to give school leaders flexibility in determining how to improve student safety. Potential uses of the grants include:

- Certification training for school resource officers.
- Active-shooter response training or equipment.
- Educational resources for all grade levels.
- Training to identify and assist students with mental-health issues.
- School supplies or equipment related to safety or for implementing a school-safety plan.
- Systems allowing immediate camera access to responding law enforcement.
- Silent panic alarms.
- Gunshot-detection technology.
- License-plate reader alerts for vehicles belonging to registered sex offenders.
- Alert systems warning of wanted dangerous individuals.
- Any other training related to school safety.

Under the program, every school district is eligible to apply for:

- A formula-based grant of \$2,500 or \$4.50 per student, whichever amount is greater, until the funds are exhausted.

- A program-based grant of up to \$40,000, regardless of the number of students in the district, until the funds are exhausted.

School districts may apply for one or both grants. The grants will be awarded and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, making prompt submission of applications important. The application deadline is May 29, 2026.

Both applications are being accepted through the [Ohio Grants Portal](#). Select “Funding Opportunities,” then select “Ohio Attorney General’s FY26 Formula Based School Safety Grant” or “Ohio Attorney General’s FY26 Program Based School Safety Grant”.

Please direct all questions about the grants to SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAGO.gov.

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Superintendent Greg Hudon, Deputy Superintendent Mark LeBlanc, Capt. Marisol Nobrega, and Officers Jose Lorenzi, Anthony Webb and David Couture pose for a group photo with representatives of the Office of Grants and Research in the VirTra-300 4K Virtual Reality Simulator at the Lowell Police Training Institute. (Photo Courtesy Lowell Police Department)

Upgraded Virtual Reality Training System Enhances Lowell Police Department's Ability to Train for De-Escalation

LOWELL — The more than 230 sworn police officers of the Lowell Police Department will now undergo even more realistic and immersive training in de-escalation, firearms, and tactics, thanks to an upgraded virtual reality training machine installed in the Lowell Police Department Training Institute.

The new VirTra-300 4K Virtual Reality Simulator includes incredibly high-resolution visuals, surround sound, and improved realism for officers who train throughout the year to sharpen their skills in a variety of areas. The simulator provides 300 degrees worth of virtual reality screens in which officers train for de-escalation, firearms, and other tactics that improve officer safety and effectiveness.

The simulator, which was paid for using funding from the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program, was demonstrated during a site visit by representatives of the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research (OGR), so the state officials could experience its realism for themselves.

Three veteran police officers — Officer Anthony Webb, Officer Jose Lorenzi, and Officer David Couture — are assigned full-time to the Training Division where they operate the simulator and support a range of training programs to train other officers to be as effective as possible.

The V-300 simulator includes five large screens that provide a 300-degree immersive training environment. The V-300 recreates physiological stressors such as an elevated heart rate and high levels of adrenaline that officers experience during an intense incident.

The simulator offers training modules with multiple scenarios and outcomes based on how participants interact and respond. Officers may train in a variety of virtual locations, such as movie theaters, courthouses, or even schools.

Training modules cover a range of complex situations, including dealing with mental health crises, autism awareness, dealing with aggressive dogs, and responding to active shooter incidents.

The expansion of the Lowell Police Training Institute was made several years ago, and now the enhanced VirTra-300 simulator has further improved the level of training that all Lowell Police officers receive.

“We train every day to be ready for what our officers will face on the streets,” said Superintendent Greg Hudon. “Training prepares us mentally, emotionally, and physically to face a variety of calls that officers may encounter. It builds muscle memory and tactics that reinforce the training we deliver to our officers. We are pleased to deploy this new simulator to improve our training even more, and we are grateful to the Commonwealth and OGR for supporting our efforts with grant funding.”

“The BYRNE SCIP grant equips law enforcement agencies with resources to prevent gun violence in communities throughout the Commonwealth. Funded projects like the Lowell Police Department’s immersive training initiative will help officers develop and maintain the skills necessary to intervene and de-escalate dangerous encounters, improving the safety of both officers and community members,” said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton.

To learn more about the VirTra-300 Virtual Reality Simulator, click [here](#).

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**The IJIS Institute hosts the 2025 Justice, Public Safety, and Security AI Summit in Tyson's Corner, Virginia
- and announces the launch of its AI Labs**

At the 2025 Justice, Public Safety, and Security Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit the IJIS Institute announced the launch of the AI Center of Excellence including AI Labs and released the Use Case Catalog.

ASHBURN, Va., Oct. 28, 2025 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- The IJIS Institute, a national 501(C)(3) Not for Profit, hosted its second two-day Justice, Public Safety, and Security Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit on September 9th – 10th, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency, Tysons Corner, Virginia. The Summit was again hosted with the support from the Miller Center on Policing and Community Resiliency at Rutgers University, and the University of Ottawa Professional Development Institute.

This Summit brought together over 200 attendees, including thought leaders, executives, innovators, and law makers representing Law Enforcement, Emergency Communications Centers (ECC), Courts, Corrections, Prosecutors, Homeland Security, and international representatives to discuss the impact of AI on the Justice, Public Safety, and Security mission.

The Summit featured Chief David Huchler, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) who provided the welcome remarks. Keynote speakers included Doug Robinson, Executive Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) who talked about the state of AI across the nation and some of the key benefits of using AI to deliver citizen services. Dr. David Bray, Chair of the Accelerator and Distinguished Fellow with the Alfred Lee Loomis Innovation Council at the non-partisan Henry L. Stimson Center also delivered a very powerful keynote speech "Leading Amid Turbulent Times: Why Justice and Public Safety Leaders Must Navigate Headwinds Differently Now". Other invited speakers included Ben Haiman, Executive Director of Public Safety and Justice at the University of Virginia and previous Chief of Staff for the Metropolitan

Police Department of Washington, D.C. The panel discussions included leaders from Courts, Corrections, 911, ECC's, and State Agency Administrators (SAA's).

Ashwini Jarral, Senior Advisor at the IJIS Institute and Lead for The Center of Excellence on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Justice, Public Safety, and Security announced that the Center was now operational and is currently working with the New Jersey Governor's Office to deliver AI workshops for their Justice and Public Safety leaders. These workshops are delivered in partnership with Innovate-US, and with the support from the Miller Center on Policing and Community Resiliency at Rutgers University, the University of Ottawa Professional Development Institute, and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Jarral also announced the launch of the AI Labs for the Center of Excellence, to provide agencies and private sector companies with assistance in their use of AI by 1) Assessing the developed capabilities and evaluations for accuracy, efficacy, ethical use and compliance; and, 2) Conducting readiness assessments for AI implementation. In the future, the lab will also offer other capabilities to ensure the effectiveness of newly developed AI models.

The IJIS Institute AI Working Group also announced the release of the IJIS AI Use Case Catalog for which the IJIS AI Working Group has collected several dozen use cases across Law Enforcement, Emergency Communications and Response, 9-1-1, Courts, Corrections, and Homeland Security. These use cases reflect various stages of implementation from concept to actual use in daily operations. The catalog also shows the risks and implementation costs associated with these use cases.

Maria Cardiellos, Executive Director of the IJIS Institute stated "It is more critical than ever that public sector practitioners and private sector representatives join forces to address one of the most significant and game-changing technologies of our generation. As significant as the potential for positive outcomes are with AI usage, so too must our collective communities perform our due diligence on the policy, operational and technical impacts that are associated with same to ensure success. The newly formed AI COE brings together the best resources to host, assess, test and improve on technologies that can best support our Justice, Public Safety, and Security communities. We look forward to great success!"

Some of the participants of the summit share their perspective on the AI summit:

"At the IJIS Summit we reaffirmed that AI will never replace the courage and compassion of public safety professionals, but it will give them sharper tools, faster insights, and stronger connections to communities. It's not about replacing people, it's about protecting them and saving more lives with technology of tomorrow." - Scott Brillman Director of 9-1-1, Fairfax County, VA Dept of Public Safety Communications.

"The IJIS AI Summit was informative, insightful, thought-provoking, and very timely, demonstrating a strong commitment by both the IJIS team and Summit attendees to be proactive in identifying and addressing common concerns, issues, and risks with the use or potential use of AI technologies in public safety domains such as emergency services, law enforcement, corrections, and cybersecurity. As one speaker noted, "we have to be less risk averse and be more risk aware". The Summit provided this opportunity by bringing together thought leaders,

justice practitioners, and solution providers to learn more about ways to harness the potential of AI to enable greater efficiencies in our respective organizations while still addressing the potential risks that AI represents. Many thanks to IJIS for continuing in these efforts." - Lynn Ayala, Senior IT Business Consultant, (Retired), Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

The IJIS Institute and its partners are already planning on hosting a 2026 AI Summit, so please stay tuned for the date announcement and stay up to date with the IJIS Institute happenings by visiting the IJIS Institute and searching the AI COE website.

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Articles We Read This Week



Concerns about crime in US fall for second year in a row, poll shows

Fewer Americans saw crime as a serious problem in 2025 than in years past, although Democrats and Republicans remain sharply divided on the issue, according to a new Gallup poll.

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A report claims left-wing terrorism is rising. The data paints a complicated picture

The assassination of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk has turbocharged the conversation — and fears — around political violence in the U.S. And, more than perhaps any other recent high-profile incident, it has fed claims that far-left extremists are primarily responsible for the worsening environment.

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New state law requires additional safeguards when police use generative AI

Gov. Gavin Newsom this month signed a first-of-its-kind California law requiring police to disclose how they use generative artificial intelligence, a move aimed at boosting transparency and public trust.

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Police in Wisconsin would be able to shoot down drones under this new bill. Here's what it says

Republican lawmakers are circulating a bill what would allow local law enforcement officers to intercept, disable, or destroy drones to mitigate a security or privacy threat.

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San Bernardino sheriff's deputy shot and killed in Rancho Cucamonga, suspect injured after pursuit crash

A deputy with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department was shot and killed by a man while responding to an alleged domestic violence incident in Rancho Cucamonga on Monday, authorities confirmed.

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The Supreme Court is more interested in Second Amendment cases than ever before

With the Supreme Court back in session, the justices are preparing to weigh two Second Amendment challenges. One will look at whether it is constitutional to restrict people from carrying firearms on private property, and the other concerns drug use and gun rights.

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Seattle targets law enforcement mask use, aims to increase transparency and accountability

Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell has introduced a new ordinance seeking to prohibit the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers, mandating that all officers display visible emblems and badges identifying their agency while performing enforcement duties.

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Upcoming Events



National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition

**National Sheriffs' Association
Winter Conference**

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

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

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

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2026 Delegate Meeting & Conference

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

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

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

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**American Correctional Association
2026 Winter Conference**

Long Beach, California
February 5, 2026- February 8, 2026

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