



Photo of the Week: Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) testifying during his confirmation hearing Wednesday at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Weekly Update and Analysis

March 20, 2026

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?

BBM is tracking a lot of action this week in the House and Senate. Check out details below on high priority public safety items we are monitoring and working on.

Appropriations & Spending Negotiations

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NW3C Briefing Highlights Critical Need for High-Tech Crime Training (March 16)



On March 16, the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) briefed stakeholders on how federal investments in high-tech crime training support tens of thousands of law enforcement personnel nationwide.

****Briefing recording available [here](#).****

Nearly every investigation today involves digital evidence—from online child exploitation and cyber-enabled fraud to narcotics trafficking and violent crime.

NW3C provides specialized training and technical assistance to help investigators and prosecutors identify, collect, analyze, and present digital evidence, including in complex Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. Their national training capability fills a gap that most state and local agencies cannot meet on their own.

As policymakers continue to focus on strengthening the nation's response to cybercrime, this work highlights the important role high-tech crime training plays in supporting investigators and prosecutors across the country.

Check out a recording of the briefing [here](#). You can view the presentation [here](#).

[View the Congressional Briefing Recording Here](#)

ASCIA Briefs Hill Staff on AML Tools for Law Enforcement (March 16)



ASCIA joined fellow law enforcement partners in a congressional briefing on the importance of strong federal, state, and local coordination within the existing anti-money laundering (AML) framework.

Law enforcement and policy experts highlighted the critical role AML tools play in combating financial crime and protecting public safety. Speakers emphasized that addressing major threats - from cartel activity and fentanyl trafficking to fraud - requires a sustained focus on “following the money,” along with improved information sharing with state and local investigators who rely on these tools.

Speakers Included:

- Trent Teyema, Executive Director of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)

- Daniel Spino, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
- Debra LaPrevotte, former FBI Supervisory Special Agent
- Erica Hanichak, Deputy Director of the FACT Coalition
- Moderated by Frank Russo, Partner at Modern Fortis

Congressional Briefing Highlights Securing Prisons and Breaking Down Criminal Networks (March 17)



The American Correctional Association (ACA), alongside VIA, convened a March 17 congressional briefing - hosted by Congressman John Rutherford and the House Law Enforcement Caucus - titled "From Cellblocks to Cell Phones: Using AI to Secure Prisons and Criminal Networks."

Panelists highlighted AI's growing role in disrupting illicit networks within correctional facilities, delivering real-time intelligence to intercept contraband, and strengthening institutional safety and operational control. The conversation also addressed the increasing threat posed by drones used to smuggle contraband into facilities, underscoring the need for advanced detection and counter-UAS capabilities.

New BBM Resources on Public Safety Funding and Drone Policy

Federal Public Safety Funding—What's Available Now and What's Coming Next

BBM has assembled a concise [snapshot of current and near-term federal public safety grant opportunities](#) so agencies can see what funding is available now and what's coming soon. While DOJ is issuing FY 2025 grants on a rolling basis, several major solicitations - including the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program - have not yet been released and are expected in the coming weeks.

The snapshot also flags additional funding that may become available in the near term, including supplemental resources tied to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and early FY 2026 DOJ grant announcements that could arrive as soon as this spring.

Why this matters: agencies that start planning now - by identifying priority technology needs, staffing gaps, and project timelines - will be in the strongest position to move quickly once solicitations and eligibility requirements are finalized.

Click [here](#) to view BBM's public safety funding resource guide.

[View the BBM Public Safety Funding Guide Here](#)

Public Safety Drone and Counter-Drone Issues Key Developments Brief

BBM has also released [a new resource](#) summarizing key recent federal developments affecting public safety drone operations, including:

- New counter-UAS authorities for state and local law enforcement and corrections agencies enacted in the FY26 NDAA
- Expanded use of Byrne JAG and COPS grants for public safety drone purchases
- Additional counter-UAS and law enforcement funding provided through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Recent FCC actions affecting certain foreign-made drones and components
- Potential operational impacts of the FAA's proposed Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) rule

The full resource is available [here](#).

[View the BBM Drone Policy Guide 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.

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OJP Grant Opportunities



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

OJP posted new [funding opportunities](#) (see below). We'll keep you updated as other FY 2025 funding opportunities post.

OJP - Current Funding Opportunities

Bureau of Justice Assistance

- Deadline Grants.gov **03/19/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **03/26/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program](#)
 - [FY25 Strengthening Community Supervision Agency Operations Program](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/06/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)
 - [FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/07/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/14/2026 5:00 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program – State Formula](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/21/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/28/2026 5:00 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program – Local Formula](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/10/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/17/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)
 - [FY25 Tribal Justice Infrastructure: Physical Plant and Corrections Operations Support Program](#)
 - [FY25 John R. Justice Formula Grant Program](#)
 - [FY25 State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training \(SLATT\) Program Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Adult Treatment Court Program](#)
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#)
 - [FY25 Veterans Treatment Court Program](#)

National Institute of Justice

- Deadline Grants.gov **05/11/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/18/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- Deadline Grants.gov **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/06/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children](#)
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program](#)
 - [FY25 Victims of Child Abuse Act Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Title II Formula Grants Program](#)
 - [FY25 Family Treatment Court Program](#)
 - [FY25 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

Nearly 150 Attend January 22 Capitol Hill Public Safety Grant Briefing



On January 22, 16 national public safety associations held a fast-paced, in-person [public safety grant briefing on Capitol Hill](#), drawing nearly 150 Congressional and stakeholder staff.

We encourage you to listen to the [recording](#), which provides a high-level overview of critical federal public safety grant programs and how they support state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies on the ground.

Check out the recording [here](#).

The briefing provided Congressional offices with a concise, operational look at how key federal public safety grant programs are used on the ground as Congress works to finalize FY 2026 appropriations and begins looking ahead to FY 2027.

Participating Organizations

- American Correctional Association
- Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
- Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute
- Major County Sheriffs of America
- National Association of Police Organizations
- National Criminal Justice Association
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- National Fusion Center Association
- National HIDTA Directors Association
- National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition
- National White Collar Crime Center
- Secure Community Network
- SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics
- University of Chicago Policing Leadership Academy

Grant Programs and Resources Discussed

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program
- Critical Response Incident Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)
- Hate Crime Reporting Resources (Law Enforcement Transition to NIBRS)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program
- High-tech Crime Training and Technical Assistance
- Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act Implementation
- Law Enforcement Leadership and Training Resources
- Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Programs, including the Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act
- Missing and Exploited Children Programs Funding and Resources
- National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

- National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Priority forensic science grant programs / Rapid DNA Technology
- Resources Supporting Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) and Drones for Public Safety
- State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
- VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program

Why It Matters

Speakers emphasized that public safety is built locally, but depends on sustained federal partnerships to support staffing, training, technology, officer wellness, and coordinated responses to evolving threats. The briefing offered Hill staff a practical perspective on how federal investments translate into real-world public safety outcomes and inform current funding and policy decisions.

BBM will continue to track FY 2026 and FY 2027 public safety funding developments and keep you updated as appropriations discussions move forward.

[Watch the Briefing Recording Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

The Senate did not pass any legislation of particular interest.

House of Representatives

H.R. 1958 – Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026

This bill makes certain acts related to public benefits fraud grounds for (1) barring a non-U.S. national (alien under

federal law) from admission into the United States, or (2) deporting the individual. The bill also makes such an individual ineligible for immigration enforcement relief, including relief for an individual in danger of subjection to torture.

House Passed (231-186)

H.R. 4638 - Federal Working Animal Care and Welfare (BOWOW) Act

This bill establishes that a non-U.S. national (alien under federal law) convicted of, or who admits to having committed, an offense related to harming animals used in law enforcement is inadmissible and deportable.

House Passed (228-190)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Week

Monday, March 16, 2026

Meeting: H.R. 1958 – Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026; H.R. 4638 – BOWOW Act of 2025

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Arctic Frost: A Modern Watergate

Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

House Rules Committee

- [H.R. 1958](#) – Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026 (Rep. Taylor)
- [H.R. 4638](#) – BOWOW Act of 2025 (Rep. Calvert)

4:00 PM, H-313 Capitol

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

[DeepSeek and Unitree Robotics: Examining the National Security Risks of PRC Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Autonomous Technologies and Building a Secure U.S. Technology Base](#)

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)
10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

[Budget Hearing – United States Capitol Police](#)

Legislative Branch Subcommittee (House Budget Committee)
10:15 AM, 2362-B RHOB

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

[Nomination of the Honorable Markwayne Mullin to be Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
9:30 AM, 342 SDOB

[Liability or Deniability? Platform Power as Section 230 Turns 30](#)

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

Thursday, March 19, 2026

[Business meeting to consider the nomination of Markwayne Mullin,](#)

Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

[Protecting American Citizenship II: Federalism, Sanctuary Cities, and the Rule of Law](#)

The Constitution Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)
2:00 PM, 226 DSOB

[Funding Lapse and Security Gaps: Assessing the Harmful Impacts of the DHS Shutdown on Americans](#)

House Homeland Security Committee
10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

[Markup](#)

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- [S.3618](#) - No Fentanyl on Social Media Act (Sen. Husted)

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

Thursday, March 26, 2026

[Executive Business Meeting](#)

Senate Judiciary Committee

- [S. 545](#), Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (Sen. Cortez Masto)
- [H.R. 2159](#), Count the Crimes to Cut Act (Rep. Roy)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

[Health Subcommittee: Policies to Protect Our Communities from Illicit Drug Threats](#)

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- [H.R. 1266](#), Combatting Illicit Xylazine Act (Reps. Panetta and Pfluger)

**of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of
Homeland Security**

Senate Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs Committee
9:30 AM, 342 SDOB

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **S. 545**, Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (Sen. Cortez Masto)
- **H.R. 2159**, Count the Crimes to Cut Act (Rep. Roy)

10:15 AM, 216 SHOB

- **H.R. 5630**, To amend the Public Health Service Act to require additional information in State plans for Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services block grants (Rep. Houchin)
- **H.R. 5629**, To provide that the final rule of the Department of Health and Human Services titled "Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder", except for the portion of the final rule relating to accreditation of opioid treatment programs, shall have no force or effect. (Rep. Houchin)
- **H.R. 2004**, Tyler's Law (Reps. Lieu and Latta)
- **H.R. 7970**, STOP Nitazenes Act (Rep. Latta)
- **H.R. 8000**, END 7-OH Act (Rep. Bilirakis)
- **H.R. 7184**, PRESS Act (Rep. McDowell)
- **H.R. 8005**, Stop Pills That Kill Act (Rep. Evans)
- **H.R. 5880**, Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act (Reps. Hageman and Stansbury)
- **H.R. 1561**, ALERT Communities Act (Reps. Crockett and Gooden)
- **H.R. 7994**, HERO Act (Rep. Ruiz)
- **H.R. 7407**, Prohibiting Tianeptine and Other Dangerous Products Act of 2026 (Rep. Pallone)

2:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

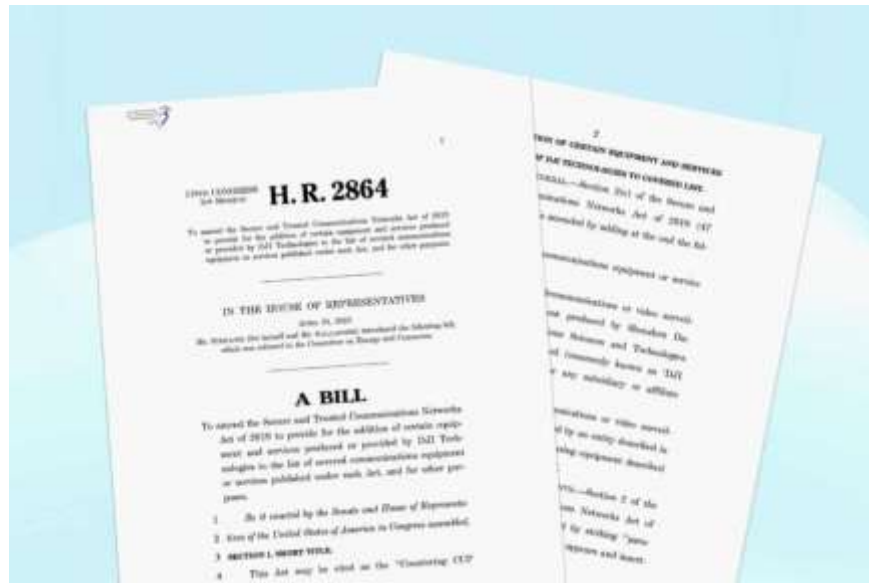
Homeland Security - Member Day

Homeland Security Subcommittee
(House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2362-B RHOB

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and
Related Agencies - Member Day**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and
Related Agencies Subcommittee
(House Appropriations Committee)
3:00 PM, 2358-C RHOB

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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Community and Client News



Howard and Carol Safir Foundation and UVA Seek Proposals to Fund Public Safety Innovations

Urban Policing, Drug Enforcement & Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration

The University of Virginia Center for Public Safety and Justice and the Howard and Carol Safir Foundation are Seeking Proposals for a New Public Safety Research Initiative Grant Program

The University of Virginia's (UVA) Center for Public Safety and Justice (CPSJ) is pleased to invite proposals for the Howard and Carol Safir Foundation (HCSF) Public Safety Initiative. This initiative is designed to support forward-thinking innovation in public safety. We seek projects that address long-standing, current, or future public safety challenges and extend beyond traditional approaches and introduce new methods, strategies and solutions to some of the most pressing and complex challenges facing the field. Priority will be given to proposals that test, pilot, or refine innovative practices with strong potential to generate meaningful, measurable improvements in public safety outcomes.

The HCSF Public Safety Initiative plans to fund three innovative projects, called "Innovation Labs," one in each of the following categories: (1) Urban Policing, (2)

Drug Enforcement, and (3) Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration. Each selected project will receive up to \$50,000 over a two-year period and will culminate in a Public Safety Innovation Symposium hosted at UVA. At the symposium, awardees will share findings, insights, and tools with an audience of researchers, public safety leaders, and practitioners from across the country.

Background

This initiative honors the legacy of Howard Safir, a transformational public safety leader whose distinguished career spanned more than three decades. Mr. Safir served as New York City's Police Commissioner and Fire Commissioner and held senior leadership roles in the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Throughout his public service, he was widely respected for championing innovative, data-informed, and community-centered strategies that strengthened public trust, improved outcomes, and elevated standards across agencies.

To carry forward Mr. Safir's legacy of leadership and service, the Safir family—led by his wife Carol Safir and children Jennifer and Adam Safir—established the HCSF and partnered with UVA's Center for Public Safety and Justice to advance his vision for public safety grounded in excellence, innovation, and impact.

The mission of UVA's Center for Public Safety and Justice is to challenge and shape future public safety leaders and key stakeholders to improve public service and strengthen community wellbeing in a diverse and rapidly changing world. The Center addresses complex public safety challenges through education, collaboration, research and innovation, and strengthening public service and communities.

Establishment of Innovation Labs

The initiative is anchored by three Innovation Labs, each representing a core area of Mr. Safir's public safety priorities. Selected proposals will be aligned with one of the following Labs:

- **Urban Policing Lab:** This Lab will support innovations focused on crime prevention, public engagement, and enhancing the quality of life in urban communities. Proposals may address innovative investigative techniques and data analysis, strategies for improving case clearance rates, and practical applications of science, technology and/or data that reduce crime victimization." New topics and ideas are welcome.
- **Drug Enforcement Lab:** This Lab will support innovations to disrupt the illicit drug trade and reduce its impact on communities. Topics may include the use of cryptocurrency in trafficking, evolving drug delivery methods, improving intelligence-gathering practices, informant management, forensics, and lawful intercept of drug trafficking communications. New topics and ideas are welcome.
- **Advancing Safety and Justice Across Jurisdictions Lab:** This Lab will support innovations that focus on interagency coordination and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. Proposals may include the development of new types of joint task forces, approaches to protecting public officials, apprehending fugitives, safeguarding witnesses, or strategies for

international law enforcement partnerships. New topics and ideas are welcome.

Applicants are expected to use the funding to support the practical innovation work of their lab, rather than on general convenings, research studies, caucuses, or policy deliberations.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients include federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies, colleges/universities (includes faculty and PhD students), nonprofit organizations, and private sector firms.

Submission Requirements

- Letters of interest should be submitted using **the attached template** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm to Jenna Tyler, Center Research Scientist at **jenna.tyler@virginia.edu**.
- The Selection Committee will review letters of interest and invite finalists to submit a full proposal.
- Proposals must be no more than 10,000 words (approximately ten single-spaced pages) and must include the following components:
 - Contact information for the submitting individual or organization
 - Identification of the selected Innovation Lab and proposed innovation
 - Executive summary
 - Statement of the problem or issue being addressed
 - Project objectives and intended outcomes
 - Detailed work plan of proposed innovation
 - Budget summary (not to exceed \$50,000)
- Applicants may submit proposals to more than one Innovation Lab, but each submission must be unique and focused on a single lab topic.
- Finalists may be asked to provide additional information in writing or through oral interviews.
- Proposals must be submitted via email to **jenna.tyler@virginia.edu** by June 19, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET.

Award Notification

Awardees will be notified by July 31, 2026. Awardees will receive half of the requested funding amount at the onset of award. The remaining funds will be disbursed six months after award or once the awardee demonstrates adequate progress towards implementing their work plan.



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Innovative Public Safety Projects

For this initiative, projects should introduce new methods, strategies and solutions to address some of the most pressing and complex challenges facing public safety.

Letters of Interest are due

May 1, 2026

Selected proposals will align with one of the following Innovation Labs:

- **Urban Policing:** Prevent crime, engage the public and improve urban life. Proposals should apply data, science and technology to enhance investigative techniques, reduce victimization and boost case clearance rates.
- **Drug Enforcement:** Disrupt the drug trade and minimize community impact. Topics include cryptocurrency trafficking, evolving delivery methods, intelligence gathering, informant management, forensics and lawful communication intercepts.
- **Advancing Safety and Justice Across Jurisdictions:** Foster interagency and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. Proposals should address joint task forces, public official protection, fugitive apprehension, witness safeguarding and international law enforcement partnerships.

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CBS News: "Jeanne Hengemuhle says being in charge of New Jersey State Police is "a reflection" of other women in law enforcement"

Jeanne Hengemuhle has made history as the first woman in charge of the New Jersey State Police.

Hengemuhle was two years into her retirement from the department when Gov. Mikie Sherrill nominated her for superintendent.

"I am really, really honored to be in this position," she told CBS News New York. "I don't look at it as a personal milestone. I look at it as a reflection of all the women past, present, and future, who've worked in law enforcement."

Not only is she making history, but so is New Jersey. There are women in the top three positions in the Garden State: the governor, the attorney general, and now state police superintendent.

"Our governor and our attorney general, they are strong women. They came in confident," Hengemuhle said. "For me, the support they've shown the state police [is] something that's critical."

"I have always known ... that I wanted to get into law enforcement"

Hengemuhle graduated from the academy in 1997, and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. She oversaw recruiting and training, among other assignments.

Hengemuhle, 55, grew up in Bergen County and was the youngest of seven children.

"I have always known since very early age that I wanted to get into law enforcement. My father was a career FBI agent, and he dedicated his life to his family, and to the FBI, and to his faith," she said. "Walk in confident. Know what your goals are" The new acting superintendent has a 12-month strategic plan, focusing on building community trust and supporting the mental health of troopers.

"Every day, you look at what a trooper deals with every day. They see more in one day sometimes than most people see in a lifetime. So it is really important to have entities in place - our [Employee Assistance Program], our peer program, our chaplains, mentors." The agency is opening its online application at the end of the month. Hengemuhle said she's looking for a diverse pool of candidates. "I want as many qualified recruits or applicants to apply, so we can meet the demands of diversity," she said. Women first joined the state police in 1975. So what's her advice to women who want to be troopers?"Walk in confident. Know what your goals are. Know that your experiences are beneficial to any conversation," she said. Hengemuhle still has to go before the state Senate to get confirmed.

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Articles We Read This Week



Associated Press: US faces elevated terrorism threats against backdrop of Iran war and cuts at FBI, Justice Department

Three acts of ideologically inspired violence in the past week in the United States have laid bare the heightened terrorism threat unfolding against the backdrop of the war with Iran.

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CNN: Scientists say marijuana doesn't ease anxiety or other mental health conditions

Marijuana doesn't help with anxiety, PTSD, depression or other mental health

conditions, according to two new studies.

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National Review: Lawmakers Urge FDA to Crack Down on Opioid-Like Substance Sold in Gas Stations, Online

Lawmakers are urging the FDA to classify kratom and 7-OH as controlled substances, warning of teen access, addiction risks, and opioid-like effects.

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NPR: As overseas terrorists regroup, is the Iran war increasing danger in the U.S.?

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