



Photo of the Week: Republicans in the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to fund US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the first step in ending a months-long standoff sparked by opposition to President Trump's mass deportation drive.

Weekly Update and Analysis

April 24, 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 has tracked a lot of action this week in the House and Senate. Check out details below on high priority public safety items we are monitoring.

Appropriations & Spending Negotiations

- [House Conservatives Push Back on Senate GOP Immigration Funding Plan](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee Advances FY2027 Financial Services and General Government Bill with Strong HIDTA Support](#)
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- [House GOP Releases Initial FY2027 Spending Allocations](#)

FISA

- [House GOP Releases New FISA Proposal as Section 702 Deadline Nears](#)

Data Privacy

- [House Republicans Release Federal Data Privacy Proposal](#)
- [SCOTUSblog: “Court to hear argument on law enforcement’s use of “geofence warrants”](#)

Drug Policy Updates

- [The Hill: “Trump administration reclassifies state-licensed medical marijuana as less dangerous drug”](#)
- [Trump Signs Executive Order on Psychedelics, Aims to Expand Research and Access](#)

FirstNet Reauthorization

- [House Passes FirstNet Reauthorization](#)

Drones

- [Grassley, Peters Push for Drone Funding, C-UAS Equipment and Training in FY2027 CJS Bill](#)
- [FAA Launches Faster Drone Enforcement Program](#)

Artificial Intelligence

- [AI Policy Push Faces Tough Road in Congress](#)

Public Safety Funding Developments

- [CBS News: “DOJ readies up to \\$3.5 billion in law enforcement grants, 1 year after steep cuts elsewhere”](#)
- [BJA Begins Posting OBBBA Funding Opportunities](#)

Criminal Background Check and Public Safety Communications Legislation

- [House Judiciary Committee Advances Criminal History Access Act](#)
- [Senate Passes CHLD Act to Expand Background Checks for Individuals Working With Vulnerable Populations](#)
- [House Passes Satellite Emergency Alerts Bill](#)
- [House Passes Kari’s Law Reporting Act](#)

Other Developments

- [House Vacancies Shrink Majority Margin, Raise Stakes for Every Vote](#)
- [House Majority Tightens as New Member Sworn In](#)

New BBM Resource on How Federal Public Safety Funding Is Moving: What State and Local Agencies Need to Know Now

Federal public safety funding is moving. DOJ is actively releasing FY25 grant opportunities now, including major programs like Byrne JAG, with additional solicitations expected in the coming weeks. At the same time, supplemental funding from last year’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act is still pending, and FY26 opportunities could begin posting as early as this spring.

This creates a compressed and overlapping funding environment as multiple funding streams move on similar timelines. Meanwhile, FY26 DHS funding remains unresolved, adding another layer of uncertainty.

BBM has developed a [short resource](#) outlining what’s available now, what’s coming next, and what agencies should be doing to prepare.

Click below to learn more.

[Read More Here](#)

Updated BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart (Including FY27 President's Budget Request)

We're pleased to share the updated BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart, reflecting key program funding levels over the years—including the newly released FY27 President's Budget Request (PBR).

[Download the BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart here.](#)

This chart provides a clear, year-by-year view of budget and appropriations data across major programs. It's a helpful reference for tracking funding trends and understanding shifts in federal priorities.

The Administration has released its **[FY 2027 President's Budget Request for the Department of Justice.](#)** This is a proposal – not law. Congress controls federal spending, and appropriators will ultimately write and pass their own funding bills.

The President's Budget Request is an important messaging document that outlines the Administration's priorities and policy direction. It signals where the Administration is proposing to invest, reduce, or restructure programs – and gives Congress a starting point as it begins the appropriations process.

Highlights on the **[President's Budget Request](#)** are below:

- **[FY 2027 DOJ Grants: President's Budget Request — Highlights](#)**
- **[President's FY 2027 Budget Request: ATF Funding and Priorities](#)**
- **[Trump FY27 Budget Drops: Major Shifts for DOJ & DHS](#)**
- **[President's FY2027 Budget Request: DOJ Proposes Consolidating Grant Programs](#)**
- **[FY2027 Budget Revives HIDTA Cuts—Congress Already Pushing Back](#)**
- **[President's FY2027 Budget Request: I&A Consolidation](#)**
- **[FEMA Preparedness Grants: What the President's FY 2027 Budget Request Proposes \(SHSGP, UASI, NSGP\)](#)**

As the House and Senate release their own proposals, BBM will continue to update the chart to ensure you have the most current information at your fingertips.

If you have any questions, please reach out to someone on the team.

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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- [Grassley, Peters Push for Drone Funding, C-UAS Equipment and Training in FY2027 CJS Bill](#)
- [Senate Law Enforcement Caucus Virtual Briefing – Combatting Financial Scams \(4/24\)](#)
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OJP Grant Opportunities



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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

- [FY25 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program](#)
- [FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- [FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners – Formula Grants Program](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **04/20/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/27/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program – Local Formula](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **04/21/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/28/2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 Adult Treatment Court Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#)
- [FY25 Veterans Treatment Court Program](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program](#)
- [FY25 Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program](#)
- [FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment \(RSAT\) for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)

- **FY25 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/04/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/11/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Capital Case Litigation Initiative: Improving the Quality of Legal Representation in State Capital Cases**
- **FY25 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) Investigations Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)**
- **FY25 National Center on Restorative Justice**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/08/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/15/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/20/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 De-escalation and Crisis Response Training Program**
- **FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **06/03/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- **FY25 National Prison Rape Statistics Program (NPRSP) Assessment**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/04/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/11/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

National Institute of Justice

- **FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/11/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/18/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/26/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Graduate Research Fellowship**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/27/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- **FY25 Title II Formula Grants Program**
- **FY25 Family Treatment Court Program**
- **FY25 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Title II Formula Grants Program Training and Technical Assistance Center**
- **FY25 Nonparticipating States: Connecticut, Texas, and Wyoming**

Deadline Grants.gov **04/30/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/07/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Opioid Affected Youth Initiative**
- **FY25 Family-Based Alternative Justice**
- **FY25 Expanding Youth Access to Community-Based Treatment**
- **FY25 National Mentoring Resource Center**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/4/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **05/11/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **05/21/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **06/1/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**



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

S.1528 - CHILD Act

To amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations.

Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent

S.Con.Res.33 - A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2026 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2027 through 2035.

The resolution recommends levels and amounts for FY2026-FY2035 for

- federal revenues,
- new budget authority,
- budget outlays,
- deficits,
- public debt,

House of Representatives

H.R. 7386 – First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act of 2026

This bill extends through FY2037 and modifies the management of the First Responder Network (FirstNet) Authority. (The FirstNet Authority oversees the development and operation of FirstNet, a nationwide, interoperable broadband network for first responders.) The bill also requires certain actions of the entity operating FirstNet.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R.7022 - Mystic Alerts Act

This bill provides for wireless emergency alerts to be transmitted to mobile devices via satellite. (Currently, wireless emergency alerts are sent via terrestrial mobile networks to individual devices in geographically targeted areas. Commercial mobile service providers are not required to participate; only devices connected to a participating service provider's network receive alerts.)

- debt held by the public, and
- the major functional categories of spending.

Passed Senate (50-48)

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R. 5200 - Emergency Reporting Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to investigate and report on emergency communications outages (e.g., 9-1-1 outages).

Passed House (386-7)

H.R.5201 - Kari's Law Reporting Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to publish a report on the enforcement of Kari's Law, which requires multiline telephone systems to be preconfigured to allow users to dial 9-1-1 directly from any phone without dialing any additional code or prefix.

Passed House (405-5)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Week

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Hearings Next Week

Monday, April 27, 2026

Business Meeting

Online Scams, Crypto Fraud, and Digital Extortion: An Examination of How Transnational Criminal Networks Target Americans

Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

Arctic Frost: Conspiracy and Coordination Against President Trump and the American Right

Constitution Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Markup

House Judiciary Committee

- **H.R. 8352**, the Criminal History Access Act (Rep. Schmidt)
- **H.R. _____**, the Monitor Accountability Act of 2026 (Rep. Biggs)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Continuation of the Full Committee Hearing on March 25, 2026, titled "Funding Lapse and Security Gaps: Assessing the Harmful Impacts of the DHS Shutdown on Americans"

House Homeland Security Committee

2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

A Review of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Requests for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and United States Capitol Police

Legislative Branch Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)

3:00 PM, 138 SDOB

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Business Meeting

House Rules Committee

- **S. Con. Res. 33** – Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2026 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2027 through 2035 (Sen. Graham)
- **S. 1318** – [Foreign Intelligence Accountability Act]

1:00 PM, H-313 Capitol

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

From Tool to Weapon: The FACE Act and the Dangers of Federalizing Criminal Law

Constitution and Limited Government Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Privacy Protections & the Second Amendment: Examining ATF's Relationship to the Tiahrt Amendment

Federal Law Enforcement Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)

10:30 AM, 2154 RHOB

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Data Centers, Telecommunications Networks, and Space-Based Systems: Modernizing DHS's SRMA Role for the Communications and IT Sectors

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

Peace of Mind: Strengthening Victim Protections Under Kayleigh's Law

Senate Judiciary Committee

- [S. 1572](#), Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act (Sen. Blackburn)
- [S. 3062](#), GUARD Act (Sen. Hawley)
- [S. 3966](#), TREY'S Law (Sen. Cruz)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Crime and Federal Government Surveillance Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)
10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

[Nominations](#)

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

[Thursday, April 30, 2026](#)

[Executive Business Meeting](#)

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

[Markup of Fiscal Year 2027](#)

[Legislative Branch Bill](#)

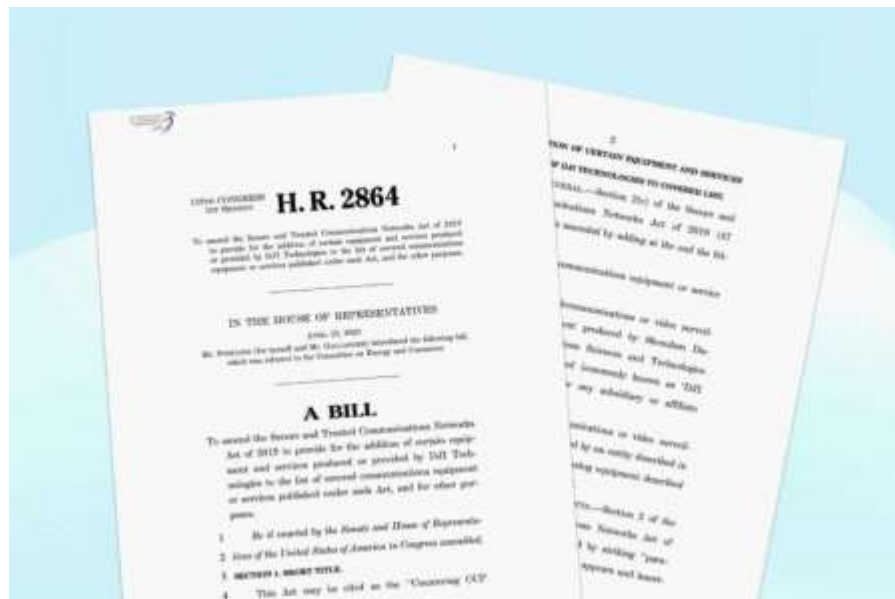
Legislative Branch Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
8:00 AM, H-140 Capitol

[Markup of Fiscal Year 2027](#)

[Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Bill](#)

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
8:00 AM, H-140 Capitol

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

Check out and download the **BBM 2026 Combined Congressional Calendar** below.

[BBM 2025 Congressional Calendar](#)



Community and Client News



Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) Job Openings

We are excited to announce that Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) will be expanding its personnel with the hiring of two new positions to help support its organization.

Applications for these positions will be taken until Friday, April 24th at 5pm Eastern. Cover letters and resumes should be sent to admin@mcsheriffs.com.

Please share this with your networks or with anyone who you may believe would be a good fit for MCSA.

Coordinator of Special Projects & Intelligence

The Coordinator of Special Projects & Intelligence provides high-level executive support to the Executive Director and Director of Administration while coordinating and maintaining the association's intelligence-sharing systems, including the Intel Commanders Group. This role requires discretion, technical proficiency, excellent communication skills, and exceptional organizational ability. The position operates within a national law enforcement environment and requires the ability to work independently with minimal supervision. Responsibilities include facilitating research projects, assisting with conference planning, and developing communications for MCSA member agencies. A background in a Sheriff's Office is preferred.

To find more information and application details, please visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MCSACoordinatorPosition>

Executive Assistant

The Executive Assistant supports the daily administrative functions and strategic initiatives of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA). This role provides direct support to the Executive Director and assists with special projects, meetings, and events across the organization. The position requires strong organizational skills,

attention to detail, and the ability to manage multiple priorities in a professional, fast-paced environment.

To find more information and application details, please visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MCSAExecAsstPosition>



Officers from the Dracut, Massachusetts, Police Department responded to a call for service involving a victim who had sustained a gunshot wound resulting in significant injuries. An investigation was conducted, which ultimately led to the identification of a suspect.

During the investigation and subsequent trial preparation, the NESPIN analytical staff and digital forensics staff were requested to assist with compiling video surveillance obtained from local businesses. NESPIN digital forensics staff were able to clarify surveillance footage and produce a viewable image of the suspect's vehicle registration plate. Additionally, NESPIN analytical staff reviewed phone record data related to the investigation. Analytical staff developed a detailed timeline of the incident by integrating multiple surveillance videos and phone records. NESPIN analytical and digital forensics staff also participated in multiple

trial preparation meetings to assist the prosecution team in understanding and presenting the technical evidence.



As a result of the comprehensive evidentiary products developed by NESPIN staff, the suspect ultimately pleaded guilty to the charges prior to trial and is currently awaiting sentencing. The expertise, professionalism, and investigative support provided by the NESPIN analytical and digital forensics units were critical to the success of the investigation and significantly enhanced the likelihood of a successful prosecution.



WSCJTC EARNS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY CURRICULUM

BURIEN, Wash. — March 31, 2026 — The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) has earned National Certification Program (NCP) recognition from the International Association of Directors of Law

Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) for its Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) curriculum.

This distinction affirms that WSCJTC's BLEA curriculum meets national standards for instructional quality, design, and delivery, validating what is taught to recruits across Washington state.

"This recognition reflects the strength of our curriculum and the people behind it," said WSCJTC Executive Director Monica Alexander. "It confirms that our training is grounded in research, aligned with best practices, and built to prepare officers for the realities of modern policing."

WSCJTC is among the first academies in the nation to receive national certification for an entire basic academy curriculum. The certification builds on the agency's IADLEST accreditation, which recognized WSCJTC's operations with top national scores at both its Burien headquarters and Southwest Regional Campus. Together, accreditation and curriculum certification demonstrate that WSCJTC has validated both its operations and its curriculum, creating a comprehensive framework for high-quality, accountable training.

The BLEA curriculum includes scenario-based instruction, People First principles, and training grounded in adult learning and research-based methodologies. National certification reinforces that recruits receive training that is measurable, consistent, and aligned with professional standards.

"This milestone represents years of work by our instructors and staff," said Alexander. "It reflects a shared commitment to delivering training that supports officers, agencies, and the communities they serve."

National Curriculum Certification strengthens the legal defensibility of training, supports public confidence, and positions Washington as a leader in modern law enforcement training.



International Car Theft Ring Busted

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Indictment Charges Six in Conspiracy that Shipped Stolen Vehicles As Far As Africa

WASHINGTON - A 15-count indictment was unsealed today in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia and charges six individuals in connection with their

roles in a conspiracy that allegedly stole at least 20 cars in the Washington metropolitan area and Pennsylvania, transported the vehicles across state lines, and sold the vehicles to buyers in the United States and the African nation of Ghana.

Law enforcement is continuing to investigate the defendants involved in this ring in relation to the theft of more than 100 vehicles in the District of Columbia and more than 30 vehicles in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Officers also executed a search warrant yesterday at an automobile storage facility in Decatur, Georgia, which is suspected to be linked to the auto-theft ring.

The indictment follows a year-long investigation into an alleged D.C.-based auto theft ring that carried out vehicle thefts using electronic devices that enabled the conspirators to reprogram cars to accept previously blank key fobs.

Charged in the indictment are Jacob Hernandez, 29, of Los Angeles; Dustin Wetzel, 23, of Woodbridge, Virginia; James Young, 23, of Hyattsville, Maryland; Khobe David, 24, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Chance Clark, 25, of Waldorf, Maryland. One additional defendant remains at large and is considered a fugitive. The indictment against that defendant remains sealed.

According to the allegations in the indictment, members of the conspiracy caused the vehicles – primarily recently manufactured Honda Civics and CRVs and Acura TLXs and RDXs – to be stolen and then transported them to storage locations that included a parking garage in Southeast Washington D.C. At the garage, co-conspirators allegedly disguised the appearances of the stolen cars by swapping license plates and obscuring Vehicle Identification Numbers. Before transporting the vehicles, the defendants disabled the stolen vehicles' GPS and Bluetooth capabilities to inhibit detection.

All six of the indicted individuals are charged with conspiracy to possess, sell, and transport stolen motor vehicles.

This case is being investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia's Criminal Investigations Unit, and the FBI Washington Field Office. Valuable assistance was provided by the Prince George's County Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jacob Green and Michael Lee and Trial Attorney Haley Pennington are prosecuting the matter.

[Read More Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



CBS News: DOJ readies up to \$3.5 billion in law enforcement grants, 1 year after steep cuts elsewhere

The focus on immigration and law enforcement comes one year after the department terminated or delayed funding for victims services, criminal justice researchers and more.

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New York Times: Trump Wants to Stop Drugs Coming From South America. Is That Possible?

Authorities are using drones, troops and A.I. to crack down on cocaine smuggling. But gangs are finding new ways to move record amounts of drugs across the world.

[Read More](#)



Washington Post: Uncertainty reigns at DOJ in the aftermath of Bondi's departure

Acting attorney general Todd Blanche has moved quickly to put his stamp on the department, but other Trump loyalists also appear to be vying for leading roles.

[Read More](#)



Associated Press: Weapons-grade chemical carfentanil surges as dangerous substitute for fentanyl

Carfentanil has experienced a drastic resurgence across the U.S., causing hundreds of unsuspecting drug users to overdose.

[Read More](#)



Fox News: 'Not on our watch': Global law enforcement leaders unite in Poland against hate

Police leaders from across the globe converged on Kraków for an initiative aligned with the March of the Living amid rising antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance.

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KAALTV: Iowa Attorney General relaunches system to keep crime survivors informed of protective order status

A tool designed to keep crime survivors informed is getting a fresh start in Iowa.

[Read More](#)



CNN: Senate takes key step toward funding ICE and border patrol with only GOP votes

With Congress at a stalemate over how to end the Department of Homeland Security shutdown, Senate Republicans took a key step to tee up a party-line measure that would fund only the most controversial immigration programs - to eventually reopen the government completely.

[Read More](#)



New York Times: Florida Officials Say ChatGPT May Have Advised Gunman in School Shooting

The state opened a criminal investigation into the chatbot and its maker involving a fatal shooting last year. The company said it's not responsible for the killings.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events



IACP 2026 Technology (Tech) Conference

Fort Worth, Texas
May 19, 2026 - May
21, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



2026 ASCIA Spring Conference

Phoenix, Arizona
June 7, 2026 - June 10,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



NSA 2026 Annual Conference

Omaha, Nebraska
June 8, 2026 - June 11, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



NOBLE 50th Annual Training Conference

Dallas, Texas
July 24, 2026 - July 28, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



SRLEEA 2026 National Conference and Training Summit

Orlando Florida
July 26, 2026 - July 28, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)

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