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Photo of the Week: Todd Blanche will replace Pam Bondi as Acting Attorney General.

Weekly Update and Analysis

April 6, 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 in recent weeks in the House and Senate. Check out details below on high priority public safety items we are monitoring.

Appropriations & Spending Negotiations

- [House Hits Pause on DHS Funding — Next Move Slips to Next Week](#)
- [Senate Passes DHS Funding Bill Again—All Eyes on the House](#)
- [GOP's Two-Step DHS Plan: Reopen DHS First, Set Up a Second Fight on Immigration Enforcement](#)
- [Punchbowl News: GOP Shifts Strategy on DHS Funding as Shutdown Drags On](#)

The President's Budget

- [Trump Budget Rollout Begins: Big Defense Push, Domestic Cuts — More Details Expected Later Today](#)
- [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](#)
- [FY 2027 DOJ Grants: President's Budget Request — Highlights](#)
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- [President's FY2027 Budget Request: I&A Consolidation](#)
- [FEMA Preparedness Grants: What the President's FY 2027 Budget Request Proposes \(SHSGP, UASI, NSGP\)](#)

DOJ Leadership

- [Trump considering DOJ shakeup at No. 3 spot](#)
- [CBS News: "White House is expected to shake up more leadership roles at Justice Department, sources say"](#)
- [Bloomberg Government: "Attorney General Bondi Was Ousted, Trump Tells Fox News"](#)

FISA

- [FISA Section 702 Reauthorization – State of Play](#)

Homeland Security Developments

- [The Hill: "Trump says he will sign an order to pay DHS employees"](#)
- [POLITICO: "DHS reverses Noem's controversial contract approval policy"](#)

- [Washington Post: Internal memos hint at Mullin's first changes as DHS secretary](#)

New Grant Opportunities

- [OJP Funding Opportunities](#)

Other Developments

- [Targeted Violence Briefing: Threats, Gaps, and Federal Resources](#)
- [POLITICO: "Trump's partisan AI pitch stalls on the Hill"](#)
- [The Hill: "Verdicts against Meta, YouTube spur new momentum for kids online safety push"](#)
- [Stateline: "New federal data reinforces nationwide drop in crime since pandemic peak"](#)

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.

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Virtual Briefing - Targeted Violence Briefing: Threats, Gaps, and Federal Resources



You're Invited
Virtual Briefing - Targeted Violence Briefing: Threats, Gaps, and Federal Resources

Hosted by the Secure Community Network (SCN)
in partnership with the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and
the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)

April 8, 2026
11:00am-11:30am (ET)

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The domestic threat landscape has never been more complex. The conflict with Iran has accelerated an already elevated threat environment - one that includes domestic extremism, antisemitic violence, and transnational threats targeting Jewish and other faith communities. On the ground, that means agencies are managing more threats simultaneously - in an increasingly challenging information sharing environment and with limited resources.

The Secure Community Network (SCN), in partnership with the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), will brief Members and staff on these developments - and what Congress can do to help.

The Briefing Will Provide:

- **Current Threat Landscape:** An overview of how current global events involving Iran are impacting domestic security.
- **Information Sharing Gaps:** Identifying where the flow of data between agencies remains inconsistent and how to improve coordination.
- **Priority Resources:** An overview of the federal programs - NSGP (Nonprofit Security Grant Program), UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative), and SHSGP (State Homeland Security Grant Program) - that are essential

to keeping communities safe and local law enforcement equipped to respond.

Why this matters: This briefing gives Members and staff a direct line to law enforcement and community security leaders who can speak to what's working, what isn't, and where Congress can make a difference right now.

Featured Speakers:

- **Michael Masters**, CEO, Secure Community Network
- **Sheriff Mike Bouchard**, Oakland County, MI; Major County Sheriffs of America
- **Mike Sena**, President, National Fusion Center Association
- **Brandy Flack**, Executive Director, Margolin Hebrew Academy, Memphis, TN

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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

- [FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/08/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **04/03/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/10/2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – State Formula**

Deadline Grants.gov **04/07/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/14/2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY25 John R. Justice Formula Grant Program**
- **FY25 Second Chance Act Training and Technical Assistance Program**
- **FY25 State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program Training and Technical Assistance**
- **FY25 Tribal Justice Infrastructure: Physical Plant and Corrections Operations Support Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **04/10/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/17/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **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
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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 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 **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **04/08/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **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**

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 was not in session last week.

House of Representatives

The House of Representatives was not in session last week.

Congressional Hearings



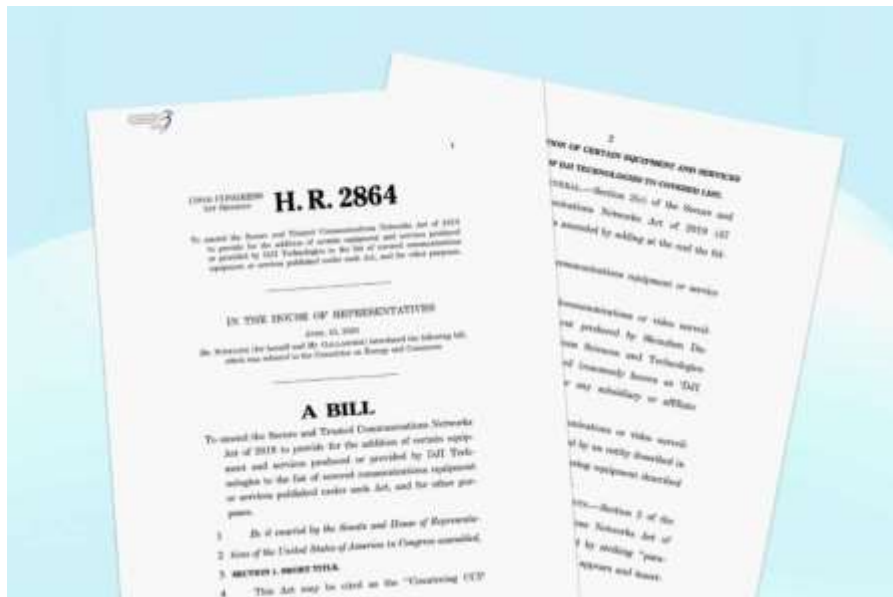
Hearings Last Week

The House and Senate were out of session last week.

Hearings This Week

The House and Senate are out of session this 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.

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 2026 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



Strengthening Information Sharing: Highlights from the 2026 NFCA Annual Training Event

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The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) successfully concluded its 2026 Annual Training Event at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., bringing together hundreds of leaders from fusion centers, law enforcement, intelligence, and private sector partners to strengthen the national network's capabilities in threat analysis and information sharing.

Held from March 30 to April 2, 2026, the event featured a comprehensive program of plenary sessions, analyst-focused training, and leadership discussions aimed at addressing emerging threats and enhancing coordination across the fusion center enterprise.

The event opened with remarks from NFCA leadership and D.C. officials, including updates on legislative priorities and association initiatives. A featured fireside chat with Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, alongside remarks from FBI Deputy Director Christopher Raia and DHS I&A Undersecretary Matthew Kozma, underscored the federal government's continued commitment to the fusion center network and its role in safeguarding communities nationwide.

Throughout the week, plenary sessions highlighted lessons learned from real-world incidents, including targeted violence cases and assassination response efforts, as well as evolving best practices in protective intelligence, behavioral threat assessment, and interagency coordination. Panels featuring federal, state, and local partners emphasized the importance of integrated intelligence and operational collaboration.

Breakout sessions and town halls covered a wide array of critical topics, including:

- **Emerging Threats & Case Studies:** Targeted violence against public officials, foreign terrorist organization designations, juvenile radicalization pathways, and violent extremist trends.
- **Cyber & Technology:** Open-source intelligence (OSINT), cyber threat integration, artificial intelligence applications, genealogical analysis, and real-time data sharing platforms.
- **Counter-Illicit Activity:** Intelligence-driven approaches to combating drug trafficking, human trafficking, and transnational criminal activity.
- **Operational Best Practices:** Building statewide fusion center capabilities, 24/7 operations, counter-UAS programs, drone integration, and major event security coordination.
- **Partnerships & Information Sharing:** Public-private collaboration models, fusion liaison programs, and engagement with non-traditional intelligence partners.
- **Professional Development & Leadership:** Writing for executive audiences, emotional intelligence, leadership strategies, and training for new fusion center directors.

The event also featured multiple town halls on key focus areas such as cyber operations, GIS, private sector engagement, and fusion center governance, providing attendees with opportunities for open dialogue and peer-to-peer learning.

The training concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing excellence across the fusion center network and a closing plenary focused on the role of fusion centers in supporting major national events and future operational challenges.

For more information about the National Fusion Center Association and upcoming events, please visit www.nfcausa.org.



Building the Blueprint: BBM & Glendale PD Unite Southern California Agencies Ahead of Historic Mega-Events

Nearly 50 law enforcement and public safety agencies gathered to forge the collaboration strategies needed for the FIFA World Cup, Super Bowl, MLB Playoffs, and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

GLENDALE, CA — Brooks Bawden Moore (BBM), in proud partnership with the **Glendale Police Department**, recently hosted a landmark regional event designed to position Southern California's law enforcement community at the forefront of large-scale event preparedness. With a once-in-a-generation convergence of global sporting events on the horizon, the conference brought together the collective expertise and resources of nearly **50 local agencies** — a powerful demonstration of the region's commitment to unified public safety.



A Conference Born of Necessity

Southern California is on the cusp of an unprecedented public safety challenge. The coming years will see the region serve as a global stage for the **FIFA World Cup, the Super Bowl, MLB Playoffs**, and the crown jewel of international sport — the **2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games**. Each event demands extraordinary coordination, seamless communication, and unified command across dozens of jurisdictions. The BBM-hosted event was designed precisely to begin building those bonds — long before the opening ceremonies.

Leadership That Set the Tone

BBM Partner Ron Brooks set the stage for the half day event by addressing the group on the importance of interagency collaboration and the lessons he learned Post 9-11 when he chaired the Department of Justice Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC). Those lessons included the importance of creating a robust information sharing environment and the need for agencies to use shared technology to create real-time situational awareness for both planned and emergent events.

Glendale Police Chief Robert William brought both institutional credibility and genuine enthusiasm to the event, co-hosting alongside BBM and setting a tone of open collaboration from the outset. His commitment to inter-agency partnership signaled clearly that the future of regional public safety lies not in siloed operations, but in shared strategy and mutual support.

Adding weight to the occasion, **Burbank Police Chief Raphael Quintero** lent his support to the event — a gesture that resonated with attendees and reinforced

that the initiative extends well beyond any single department. Chief Quintero's participation underscored the broad regional appetite for the kind of structured, cross-jurisdictional dialogue that BBM has championed.

The event also benefited from the expertise of **BBM Partner Melissa Nee**, who delivered an informative and timely briefing on critical policy matters shaping the law enforcement landscape. Drawing on her deep command of federal legislative and regulatory developments, Nee provided attendees with the latest intelligence on federal law enforcement funding — including grant opportunities, allocation priorities, and the policy frameworks that will influence how agencies plan, staff, and resource their operations in the lead-up to these historic mega-events. Her briefing gave agency leaders the policy context needed to make informed decisions and position their departments to capture available federal support.



The Power of Almost 50 Agencies in One Room

Perhaps the most telling measure of the event's success was the room itself. With nearly **50 local agencies** represented, the gathering reflected a groundswell of recognition across Southern California that the upcoming mega-events require a fundamentally different model of cooperation. Departments from across the region — spanning municipal police agencies, sheriff's offices, and specialized units — came together to share intelligence, align protocols, and identify gaps that only collective planning can close.

The attendance alone told a story: when public safety leaders recognize a shared challenge, they show up. The conference became a living proof-of-concept for the very collaboration it was designed to encourage.

Innovation as a Force Multiplier

Central to the event agenda was the transformative role of innovation in modern public safety. Attendees heard firsthand about cutting-edge advancements reshaping how law enforcement agencies prepare for, respond to, and manage large-scale events. Four areas stood out as particularly critical to the region's readiness:

Multilingual Translation. With the FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games set to draw visitors and athletes from across the globe, real-time multilingual translation has moved from a convenience to an operational imperative. The latest advancements in translation technology now enable officers to communicate instantly across dozens of languages — breaking down barriers in critical moments and ensuring that language is never an obstacle to public safety.

Data Integrations and Analytics. Attendees explored how modern data integration platforms are enabling agencies to unify disparate information streams — from incident reports and CAD systems to social media signals and event logistics feeds — into a single, actionable operating picture. Advanced analytics layered on top of this unified data allow commanders to anticipate crowd dynamics, allocate resources with precision, and respond to emerging situations before they escalate.

Video Integrations. The conference highlighted significant advances in video integration capabilities, including the ability to aggregate and analyze live feeds from fixed cameras, mobile units, and partner agencies in real time. These systems provide command staff with unprecedented situational awareness across sprawling event venues and surrounding areas, dramatically compressing the time between incident detection and coordinated response.

Drones as a First Responder. Perhaps no technology generated more discussion than the rapid evolution of drone programs in public safety. Drone-as-a-First-Responder (DFR) programs are enabling agencies to deploy aerial assets within seconds of a call — arriving on scene before ground units and providing real-time video intelligence that fundamentally changes how incidents are assessed and managed. For mega-events spanning miles of venues, perimeters, and transit corridors, DFR capability represents a force-multiplying leap in both speed and situational awareness.

The message across every session was consistent: collaboration and innovation are not optional enhancements — they are the essential infrastructure for successfully managing events of this magnitude. Southern California's agencies left better equipped not only with knowledge of these tools, but with a shared commitment to deploying them together.

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

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Fallen Law Enforcement Officers from Across the Country to be Honored During 38th Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13th in Washington, D.C.

The names of 363 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty to be honored and officially added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 2, 2026) – The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)** has formally announced that **363 names** of U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2026. The names will be engraved on the walls of the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial** during the month of April and properly dedicated during the 38th Annual Candlelight Vigil held on the National Mall between 4th and 7th streets in Washington, DC, at 8:00 pm on May 13, 2026.

The 2026 “Roll Call of Heroes” features the names of official line-of-duty fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. This includes 109 federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2025. In addition, 254 officers who died in previous years will also have their names inscribed this year. Their sacrifice is now being recognized after NLEOMF’s research staff confirmed the circumstances of their death and their record of law enforcement service.

“As we come together to honor the officers we’ve lost, we reflect not only on their sacrifice, but on the commitment that called them to serve,” **said William Alexander, CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.** “Their bravery and dedication leave a lasting mark on our nation and on all who follow in their footsteps. This is a moment to remember their stories, support their loved ones, and carry their legacy forward with enduring respect.”

Each May 13th, during **National Police Week**, an estimated 30,000 people attend the Candlelight Vigil ceremony in Washington, D.C., including surviving family members, friends, law enforcement colleagues, and others. The event brings people together from across the country to honor the officers and be surrounded by strength in remembering their service and ultimate sacrifice.

With these additions, there will now be **24,775** officers’ names engraved on the Memorial, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, federal law enforcement, campus and military police agencies.

The **engraving process** starts with a lengthy stencil and proofing procedure followed by a meticulous engraving and curing process. Once the engraving and curing process is finished, the covers are removed, and the panel is completed. The utmost care is taken not only in vetting and authenticating each name, but also to ensure that each is engraved on the Memorial to the degree that the integrity is forever maintained. The engraving process will begin with a **brief ceremony on Tuesday, April 21st at 9:30 am EST** and work is expected to be **completed by the end of April.**

The names of the 363 officers added to the National Memorial this year can be found at the **[Roll Call of Heroes, 2026](#)**. For a complete schedule of National Police Week events in Washington, DC, visit **www.LawMemorial.org/PoliceWeek**.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Announces February 2026 Officers of the Month

Fairfax County Officers Recognized for Response to Domestic Violence Incident

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 31, 2026) - The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)** today announced Police First Class (PFC) Kevin P. Doyle and Police First Class (PFC) Nicholas E. Brazones, of the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department, as the Officers of the Month for February 2026. These officers are being recognized for their response to a domestic violence incident in late February.

On February 23, 2026, PFC Doyle and PFC Brazones responded to a call at an apartment building in Fairfax County, Virginia. Upon arrival, the officers encountered an active and rapidly evolving situation involving multiple individuals in distress. After determining

there was an immediate threat, PFC Doyle and PFC Brazones entered the residence and located victims in need of assistance.

During the encounter, the suspect did not comply with commands and continued to pose a threat to others inside the residence. The threat was stopped by the officers. As a result of their actions, one individual survived the attack. Their actions helped prevent additional harm and protect others at the scene, including a young child.

“PFC Doyle and PFC Brazones demonstrated decisive action and adherence to their training under critical circumstances,” said **Bill Alexander, CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund**. “Their actions reflect a commitment to protecting life in the face of immediate danger and we are proud to recognize them as our Officers of the Month for February 2026.”

The Officer of the Month Award Program is sponsored by the **Police Unity Tour** and recognizes federal, state, and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.



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 2027.



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RF Factors: From a Brooklyn Apartment to Eight Shootings in Jersey City

NIBIN Connected the Dots

By Ray Guidetti

Apr 01, 2026

While harmless at first glance, in my mind's eye, I picture a small apartment in Brooklyn and a 3D printer alongside of tools and parts scattered on the table. Nothing about it screams danger.

But piece by piece, it turns into something far more dangerous. Eight ghost guns built in a space like that. Two of them assault-style weapons. No serial numbers. No trail. Just... gone into the streets.

But piece by piece, something takes shape. Eight ghost guns built right there. Two of them assault-style weapons. No serial numbers. No history. No way to trace them, until they or the ballistic evidence they leave behind show up where it matters most: on the street.

Then the message starts moving, text, email, a quick call: "We've got a hit."

One of those guns is linked through NIBIN to eight separate shootings in Jersey City. Eight. Different days, different scenes, but the same weapon speaking every time it's fired. That's the moment everything shifts. What looked like random violence suddenly connects. Patterns emerge. The story starts telling itself.

This is why I track these cases. Without NIBIN, those incidents might stay scattered - unrelated, unresolved. But with it, we can draw lines. Across neighborhoods. Across cities. Even across state lines. And sometimes, those lines lead us exactly where we need to go, back to the source.

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RF Factor: Bridging the Triage Gap

To Grasp the Elusive Brass Ring

By Pete Gagliardi

Apr 02, 2026

Picture, if you will, that you're a Crime Scene Investigator, summoned by first responders to a reckless gunfire incident on a bridge spanning a busy highway on New Year's Eve, steps from the crowded, bustling center of a major city. Red and blue lights strobe across the steel beams of the bridge; the traffic below is still moving, but slower now, rubbernecking headlights tracing the outline of the overpass where it happened. It's just past midnight. The air still carries the echo of fireworks... and something sharper that doesn't belong. First responders brief you quickly: multiple reports of gunshots fired from the bridge, no confirmed victims at this time. However, at least one vehicle traveling below may have been struck; its identity, the extent of the damage, and any resulting injuries remain unknown. The bullets could have come to rest thousands of feet away. However, many fired cartridge cases are clearly visible, scattered along the pedestrian walkway. You start with them, 79 in all.

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