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Photo of the Week: President Trump speaks from the White House, flanked by Vice President Vance, FBI Director Kash Patel, Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin and Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche, shortly after a shooting incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

Weekly Update and Analysis

May 1, 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?

Check out details below on high priority public safety items we are working and monitoring.

Appropriations & Spending Negotiations

- [Trump Signs Bill Ending Partial DHS Shutdown](#)
- [House GOP Advances FY27 Commerce-Justice-Science Bill](#)

Administration

- [Senate Confirms Robert Cekada to Lead the ATF](#)

FISA

- [Congress Approves Short-Term Extension of FISA Section 702](#)

Criminal Justice Legislation

- [New Bipartisan Bill Would Expand Commander-Level Law Enforcement Training](#)
- [Senate Judiciary Advances Bipartisan Bill to Strengthen Federal Carjacking Prosecutions](#)
- [Wagner, Rutherford Introduce Local Law Enforcement Support Act](#)

Firearms Policy Updates

- [DOJ and ATF Release Package of Firearms and Regulatory Changes](#)

Artificial Intelligence

- [ICYMI: House Lawmakers Introduce Broad AI](#)

Drug Policy Updates

- [DEA Moves Forward With Marijuana Rescheduling Hearing Process](#)

- [NTIA Updates Nationwide Cost Estimate for Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition](#)

New Grant Opportunities

- [OBBBA Funding Opportunity: DOJ Special Attorneys Program Opens with \\$300 Million Available](#)

Other Developments

- [The Hill: “Supreme Court grapples with use of ‘geofence warrants’ by law enforcement”](#)

Wagner, Rutherford Introduce Local Law Enforcement Support Act

Reps. Ann Wagner (R-MO) and John Rutherford (R-FL) have introduced the [Local Law Enforcement Support Act of 2026](#), legislation intended to encourage funding provided through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) to support priority state and local law enforcement hiring needs and critical public safety technologies through the Byrne JAG and COPS programs.

The bill would not create a new grant program. Instead, it outlines areas where lawmakers believe OBBBA-supported law enforcement resources should be prioritized, giving agencies additional flexibility to invest in the tools, personnel, and technologies they view as most critical.

Under the legislation, OBBBA resources are encouraged to be used for:

- Recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining law enforcement personnel
- Purchasing protective equipment for officers
- Strengthening digital crime and cyber investigation capabilities, including:
 - Digital forensics equipment
 - Digital evidence analytical software
- Supporting drone and counter-drone operations for law enforcement
- Expanding access to forensic and investigative technologies, including:
 - Ballistics analysis equipment compatible with the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
 - Rapid DNA instruments
 - Video analytics software
 - Open-source intelligence analytical software
- Enhancing communication with victims and improving services for victims of violent crime

The bill recognizes that departments face different public safety challenges and should have the ability to direct federal resources toward the needs most relevant to their communities.

Bill text is available [here](#).

The legislation is backed by several national law enforcement organizations, including the Major County Sheriffs of America, Major Cities Chiefs Association, National Sheriffs' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition, and the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Directors Association.

BBM is closely tracking OBBBA funding opportunities and will keep you updated as additional details are released.

How Is AI Actually Being Used in Justice & Public Safety?



Attention justice & public safety practitioners! The **IJIS Institute** and **AI Center of Excellence** are collecting real-world Artificial Intelligence use cases across justice and public safety mission areas—including law enforcement, 9-1-1/PSAPs, jails, prisons, courts, prosecutors, fusion centers, and real-time crime centers.

We're seeking practical insight on:

- AI use case missions and descriptions
- Type of AI
- Implementation status

- Level of effort and resource requirements
- Perceived risks
- Success stories and lessons learned
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Whether your use case is operational today or planned for the future, your input helps build a responsible, practitioner-driven knowledge base for the field. **Share your experience by completing the survey today.**

[Submit AI Use Cases](#)

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 (Includes FY26 Homeland Security Spending Package and

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.

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

The House FY27 CJS numbers will be updated once the House Appropriations CJS Subcommittee report is released following the full committee markup.

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The Hill: "Supreme Court grapples with use of 'geofence warrants' by law enforcement"</u>• <u>OBBBA Funding Opportunity: DOJ Special Attorneys Program Opens with \$300 Million Available</u>• <u>House GOP Disagreements Slow Floor Action, Throwing Weekly Agenda Off Track</u>• <u>DEA Moves Forward With Marijuana Rescheduling Hearing Process</u>• <u>New Bipartisan Bill Would Expand Commander-Level Law Enforcement Training</u>• <u>House Appropriations Committee Releases FY27 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill</u>• <u>Wagner, Rutherford Introduce Local Law Enforcement Support Act</u>• <u>Senate Confirms Robert Cekada to Lead the ATF</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senate Eyes Short-Term FISA Extension After House Passage</u>• <u>House Advances Two-Step Plan to End DHS Shutdown</u>• <u>NTIA Updates Nationwide Cost Estimate for Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition</u>• <u>DOJ and ATF Release Package of Firearms and Regulatory Changes</u>• <u>ICYMI: House Lawmakers Introduce Broad AI</u>• <u>House Moves to End DHS Shutdown</u>• <u>Senate Approves 45-Day Extension of FISA Surveillance Authority</u>• <u>Trump Signs Bill Ending Partial DHS Shutdown</u>• <u>Congress Approves Short-Term Extension of FISA Section 702</u>• <u>Senate Judiciary Advances Bipartisan Bill to Strengthen Federal Carjacking Prosecutions</u> |
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- [House Advances Section 702 Extension](#)
- [More Details – House Appropriations Committee Releases FY 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science Spending Bill](#)

- [House GOP Advances FY27 Commerce-Justice-Science Bill](#)

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 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](#)

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- [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**

- [FY25 Research and Evaluations on Corrections](#)
- [FY25 Research and Evaluation on Forensic Science Systems](#)
- [FY25 Research and Development of Innovations in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/2/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **06/9/2026 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**

- [FY25 Juvenile Justice System Enhancements](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/8/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **06/15/2026 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

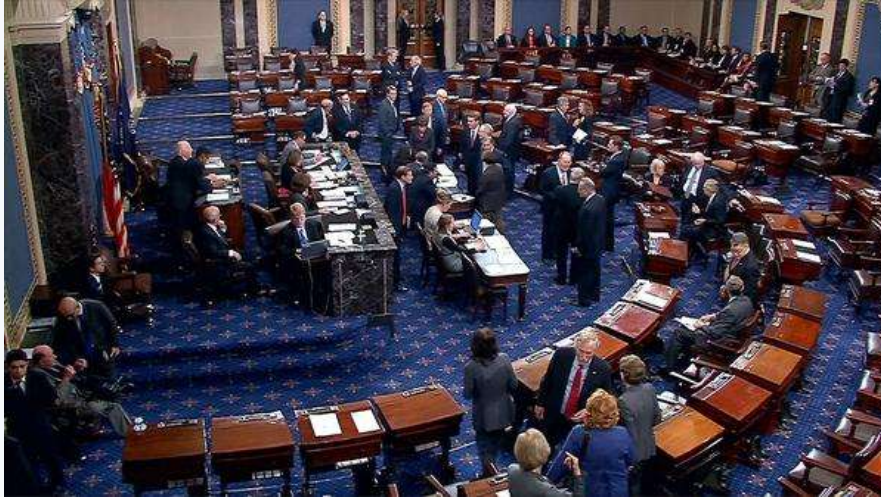
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program
- Critical Response Incident Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)
- Hate Crime Reporting Resources (Law Enforcement Transition to NIBRS)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program
- 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.

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Robert Cekada, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; **Confirmed 59-39**

S.Res.668 – Second Chance Month

A resolution designating April 2026 as "Second Chance Month".

Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent

S.Res.693 - Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Passed Senate by Unanimous Consent

House of Representatives

H.R. 7147 - Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026

This bill provides continuing FY2026 appropriations to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through May 22, 2026. It is known as a continuing resolution (CR) and ends the partial DHS shutdown that began on February 14, 2026, due to a lapse in appropriations for DHS.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R.4930 - To expand the sharing of information with respect to suspected violations of intellectual property rights in trade.

This bill expands the authority of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to provide information to certain persons (e.g., trademark or copyright owners) regarding suspected violations of intellectual property rights in trade.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R.2347 - Survivor Justice Tax Prevention Act

This bill excludes from gross income certain damages received by an individual due to any sexual act or sexual contact and establishes the applicable burden of proof in court proceedings regarding the characterization of such damages for federal tax purposes.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R. 8364 – To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the increase of the retirement age in the United States Capitol Police

This bill authorizes the Capitol Police Board to waive the mandatory retirement age for members of the Capitol Police up to age 65. (Under current law, a member of the Capitol Police is generally subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 but may receive a waiver from the board authorizing later retirement up to age 60.)

Passed House (Voice Vote)

S. 1318 – Foreign Intelligence Accountability Act

The federal government's authority to monitor foreign nationals' electronic communications would be extended through April 30, 2029, under a House amendment to S. 1318, which would establish new civil liberties review requirements to search Americans' data collected under the program.

Passed House (235-191)

S. 4465 – To amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to

extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (45-day extension).

To amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

Passed House (261-111)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Week

Monday, April 27, 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 [POSTPONED TO 5/14]

Hearings Next Week

The House and Senate are not in session next week.

Federal Law Enforcement Subcommittee
(House Homeland Security 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**

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

- **S. 1572**, Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act (Sen. Blackburn)
- **S. 3062**, GUARD Act (Sen. Hawley)
- **S. 3966**, TREY'S Law (Sen. Cruz)
- **S.4394**, A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the COPS program with respect to training command-level personnel, and for other purposes. (Sen. Cornyn)
- **S.736**, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Stopping Prison Contraband Act (Sen. Grassley)
- **S.825**, Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2025 (Sen. Grassley)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

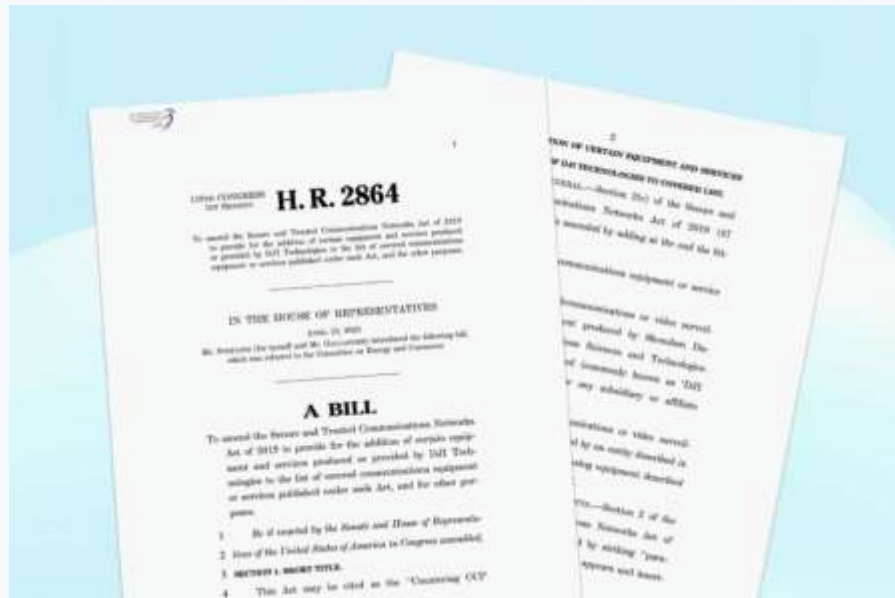
**Markup of Fiscal Year 2027
Commerce, Justice, Science, and
Related Agencies Bill**

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

**Markup of Fiscal Year 2027
Legislative Branch Bill**

Legislative Branch 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 2026 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



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

Officers recognized for response to IED incident and actions that helped prevent harm to the public

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 30, 2026) - The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)** today announced Chief Aaron Edwards and Sergeant Luis Navarro of the New York City Police Department (NY) as the Officers of the Month for March 2026. Chief Edwards and Sgt. Navarro are being recognized for their actions in a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) incident in New York City.

In early March, NYPD officers responded to reports that two individuals had thrown an explosive device into a public area near Gracie Mansion in New York City. When Chief Edwards and Sergeant Navarro arrived on the scene, they immediately moved toward the area, while additional units began securing the surrounding area.

As the situation developed, Chief Edwards located the suspects moments before they were able to deploy another IED and tackled one of the individuals. At the same time, Sergeant Luis Navarro ran toward another lit explosive device to address the immediate threat and protect individuals in the vicinity.

“Chief Edwards and Sergeant Navarro responded as the situation unfolded, prioritizing the safety of others, in critical incidents like this, officers are required to make immediate decisions with public safety at stake,” said **Bill Alexander, CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund**. “Their actions reflect the role officers serve in responding to unpredictable threats on a daily basis.”

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.



DEA

United States Drug Enforcement
Administration

DEA Recognizes National Fentanyl Awareness Day with Extended Museum Hours

April 27, 2026

WASHINGTON – For a fifth straight year, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will show its support for “Song for Charlie” and our many valued partners in law enforcement, public health, and non-profit agencies in recognizing National Fentanyl Awareness Day on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. DEA’s observation of National Fentanyl Awareness Day will include extended museum hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Faces of Fentanyl memorial exhibit is a representation of the faces of America to include all ages, all races, and all backgrounds, who have been lost to the synthetic opioid crisis. The Faces of Fentanyl memorial exhibit, which is located at the DEA Museum at 700 Army Navy Drive in Arlington, VA, displays more than 7,000 photos. Last year, the exhibit was enhanced by the addition of a new, interactive online exhibit, which is accessible to everyone at dea.gov/facesoffentanyl.

Fentanyl-related deaths have decreased in the past several years, yet fentanyl remains the leading cause of death among Americans aged 18-45 years old. Six months ago, DEA intensified its fight against the deadly threat of synthetic opioids with the launch of its **Fentanyl Free America** initiative.

“We will never forget the lives lost and the families forever changed by this devastating crisis,” said Administrator Terrance Cole. “National Fentanyl Awareness Day serves as a reminder of the urgent need to come together, educate our communities, and intensify our fight against fentanyl - a weapon of mass destruction that continues to kill Americans every day - as we work to achieve a Fentanyl Free America.”

DEA urges the public to remain cognizant of the extreme threat of fentanyl in our communities:

- Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.
- Just two milligrams, the equivalent of a few grains of salt, is a potentially lethal dose.
- The Sinaloa Cartel and CJNG, both designated as **Foreign Terrorist Organizations** in 2025, are pressing fentanyl into counterfeit pills that look like prescription medications – such as oxycodone, Xanax, and Percocet – as well as mixing fentanyl powder with cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine.
- Many of the people poisoned by fentanyl had no idea they were even taking it.

- The only safe medications are ones that come from licensed and accredited medical professionals.

For more information about fentanyl, visit **Fentanyl Free America | DEA.gov** and **One Pill Can Kill**. DEA resources are all available for public use. If you are interested in submitting a photo of your loved one to be included in the Faces of Fentanyl memorial exhibit visit **www.DEA.gov/facesoffentanyl**.

Help spread awareness about the dangers of fentanyl by posting a photo on social media using the hashtags #NationalFentanylAwarenessDay and #JustKnow.

The **DEA Museum** and **Faces of Fentanyl** memorial exhibit are located at 700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Va., 22202. There is metered street parking around the building and a parking garage at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City across the street.

[Read More Here](#)



NCJA 2026 Forum May 12, 13 and 14, from 1:00-5:30 pm ET

The National Criminal Justice Association's (NCJA) annual Forum showcases policy, practice, research and grant administration issues from across the justice system that help justice practitioners and decision-makers in states and local communities address a range of pressing public safety issues.

The agenda includes sessions on many priority issues, along with opportunities for networking and sharing ideas, including:

- A-to-Z: Why is the Murder Rate Actually Falling?
- Reaching People with Mental Illness and Addiction in Frontier and Rural Communities
- Everything an SAA Needs to Know about Artificial Intelligence
- Creative Strategies for Supporting First Responder Health and Wellness
- Compliance in Motion: Updating Grantmaking Under Evolving Rules and Requirements

- Advancing Grant Integrity and Accountability
- Maximizing the Potential of DNA Technology
- Understanding and Meeting the Crisis of Children's Online Safety
- Improving Health Outcomes in Jail and at Reentry Through Innovation and Partnerships
- In It for the Long Haul: Gold Watches or Golden Handcuffs?
- What Happened in This Year's State Legislative Sessions?
- Innovative Strategies for Supporting People with Mental Illness and Their Families
- Emerging Approaches to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention: Registries, Data, and Collaboration
- Successful Crime Reduction Strategies
- Electronic Monitoring and the Goals of Decarceration
- Protecting Faith and Community Spaces: Law Enforcement, Crime Analysis, and Community in Coordination

[Register Here](#)

[View Agenda Here](#)



**Critical Linx Joins AT&T Alliance Channel as a Solutions Provider,
Expanding Connectivity Options for Public Safety**
Wednesday, April 22, 2026

SPRINGFIELD, OR / **ACCESS Newswire** / April 22, 2026 / **Critical Linx**, part of the Hughes Fire Affiliates, announced today that it is collaborating with **FirstNet®**, **Built with AT&T** to strengthen first responder communication by selling FirstNet services to eligible public safety customers.

Through participation in the AT&T Alliance Channel, Critical Linx will offer connectivity for public safety, along with select AT&T connectivity solutions, to eligible agencies nationwide.

Built specifically for public safety, FirstNet provides first responders with priority and preemption capabilities designed to help ensure reliable communications when it matters most. By combining FirstNet connectivity with the operational expertise and long-standing public safety relationships of Critical Linx, this collaboration is designed to strengthen readiness, coordination, and response capabilities nationwide.

"Public safety agencies don't need more complexity - they need solutions that work together seamlessly when seconds matter," said Ryan Burchnell, CEO of Critical Linx. "Our participation in the AT&T Alliance Channel and collaboration with FirstNet allows us to bring trusted connectivity, purpose-built for first responders, directly into the environments we've supported for decades. It's about ensuring departments - especially those serving rural and volunteer communities - have access to the tools they need to stay connected, informed, and ready."

Critical Linx will focus on expanding access to connectivity solutions through its deep network of public safety relationships, dealer partners, and association connections, with an emphasis on agencies that have historically been underserved or face barriers to adopting advanced communications technologies.

"FirstNet was built with public safety to serve their unique needs, and relationships with organizations like Critical Linx help extend access for agencies," said Matt Walsh, AVP, FirstNet and Next Generation 911 products, AT&T. "Critical Linx brings a strong understanding of the first responder community and plays an important role in helping agencies connect to the reliable, secure tools they depend on every day."

Looking ahead, Critical Linx plans to introduce additional partnership programs designed to further engage the public safety community. These initiatives will focus on delivering integrated connectivity and collaboration solutions built from the ground up with the frontline responder in mind.

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[Read More Here](#)

The Evolution of Language Services: He Invented an Industry that Has Saved Countless Lives – Now, He Wants to Replace it

By Mike Marty

This article profiles Jeffrey Munks, a former police officer who pioneered over-the-phone interpretation through Language Line, transforming how institutions handle language barriers. Decades later, he is advocating for a shift toward AI-powered machine translation, arguing it can deliver faster, more accurate, and more accessible communication—potentially disrupting the very industry he helped create.

[Read More Here](#)



Peregrine: Two Job Openings

Peregrine helps public safety organizations, state and local governments, federal agencies, and private-sector institutions address society's challenges with unprecedented speed and accuracy. Its AI-enabled platform turns siloed and disconnected data into operational intelligence — instantly surfacing mission-critical information to empower better, faster decisions that improve outcomes at every touchpoint.

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Being a Cop in Alaska is NOTHING Like You Think

Sergeant Kyle Shoberg and retired police officer Mark Redlich sit down with Detective Steven Czajkowski from the Anchorage Alaska Police Department to break down what it's really like policing in one of the harshest environments in the country. From extreme conditions to unique challenges officers face daily, this episode gives an inside look at law enforcement in Alaska. We also dive into how new AI technology like Closure is helping investigators solve crimes more efficiently in a resource-limited environment.

Watch the full video below.



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Articles We Read This Week



The Hill: Cotton: Change to marijuana drug classification 'a step in the wrong direction'

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) on Thursday criticized the Department of Justice's (DOJ) decision to downgrade state-approved medical marijuana to a less dangerous drug. "Marijuana today is much more potent than just ten or twenty years ago, leading to increased psychosis, anti-social behavior, and fatal car crashes," Cotton wrote on the social platform X.

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ABC News: 'Absolute chaos': Gunman charges White House correspondents' dinner checkpoint with Trump inside

President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump and other dignitaries were removed by security after an shooting incident outside the White House Correspondents Dinner.

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Associated Press: Supreme Court seems inclined to allow police to use geofence warrants to identify criminal suspects

The Supreme Court seems inclined to rule that police could use geofence warrants that collect the location history of cellphone users to find people near crime scenes.

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Los Angeles Times: Drones join LAPD helicopters in city skies for standoffs, chases - and surveillance

LAPD officials say drones were deployed more than 3,000 times last year. While critics worry about how the drones will be used, especially when equipped with AI technology, advocates argue they are more cost-effective than police helicopters.

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Wall Street Journal: Opinion - Marijuana Is for Dummies

The Trump Administration last week moved to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug. Is the goal to reduce America's collective IQ? The main practical effect of the Justice Department's reclassification of cannabis as a Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act will be to let marijuana growers and retailers deduct expenses from their taxes like other companies. It will also send a message of government approval for a drug that is harming young brains.

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Reuters: US DEA medical marijuana registration portal to launch Wednesday

Companies seeking to register as medical marijuana dispensaries after U.S. President Donald Trump ordered the rescheduling of cannabis can do so starting on Wednesday, according to a notice on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's website.

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Associated Press: Justice Department moves to roll back gun regulations as Senate confirms new ATF chief

Justice Department officials are moving to roll back and modify a slate of gun regulations in a dramatic shift in firearm policy pushed by Second Amendment supporters in President Donald Trump's base.

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Washington State Standard: Judge blocks Washington's new sheriff standards law * Washington State Standard

Washington's new law setting stricter eligibility standards for sheriffs was blocked in state court on Wednesday.

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