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### **Latest News**

- The House and Senate were in session this week, with the Senate holding a nomination hearing for William Barr to be the next Attorney General. Several law enforcement groups sent letters of support to the Committee including the Major County Sheriffs of America (here), the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (here), and the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (here). The House approved multiple bills again this week to reopen parts of the Federal government, however, it is unlikely the Senate will consider those bills.
- CLIENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, which is chaired by Pinellas County Sheriff and MCSA Board member Bob Gualtieri and also includes Polk County Sheriff and MCSA President Grady Judd, recently released its highly anticipated report. One recommendation is to ensure law enforcement agencies have live access to school security cameras during an emergency. A Florida local news station featured this issue in a story last weekend. It focusses on how Seminole County Florida uses <a href="Mutualink">Mutualink</a> to solve this challenge. You can read the story here.

#### ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

# California pot taxes lag as illegal market flourishes AP | Michael Blood

Deep in Gov. Gavin Newsom's new budget is a figure that says a lot about California's shaky legal marijuana market: The state is expecting a lot less cash from cannabis taxes. The Democrat's proposed spending plan, released Thursday, projects the state will bank \$355 million in marijuana excise taxes by the end of June. That's roughly half of what was once expected after broad legal sales kicked off last year. Industry experts say the diminished tax income reflects a somber reality: Most consumers are continuing to purchase pot in the illegal marketplace, where they avoid taxes that can near 50 percent in some communities. **Continue reading** here.

# Opioid overdoses now deadlier than car crashes, researchers find The Hill | Avery Anapol

Americans are now more likely to die from an opioid overdose than from a vehicle crash for the first time in history, according to a new report. The National Safety Council released new data this week that found opioid overdoses are now the fifth most likely cause of death, with the odds of dying from an overdose at 1 in 96. The odds of dying in a motor vehicle crash are 1 in 103. **Continue reading here.** 

NYPD must confirm whether Black Lives Matter surveillance data exists: judge New York Post | Elizabeth Rosner and Lia Eustachewich

The NYPD on Monday was ordered to respond to a request for records related to its

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surveillance of Black Lives Matters protestors' cell phones and social media. The secret police documents were among a Freedom of Information Law request by the New York Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Millions March NYC, an activist group affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement. The NYCLU sought records on how the NYPD monitors protestors' social media activity and cell phones — including whether it uses technology to interfere with their ability to communicate. **Continue reading** <a href="here">here</a>.

# Even a little marijuana may change teen brain, study finds NBC News | Shamard Charles, M.D.

Low levels of marijuana use — as few as one or two times — may change the teen brain, according to a new study. The study, which looked at the brains of 46 14-year-old girls and boys from Ireland, England, France and Germany, found that teenagers who reported using recreational marijuana just once or twice displayed increased volume on MRI images in numerous brain regions involved in emotion-related processing, learning and forming memories. The results of the study were published Monday in the Journal of Neuroscience. **Continue reading here.** 

# Amazon shareholders push to halt facial recognition contracts with police The Hill | Harper Neidig

A group of Amazon shareholders are trying to prevent the company from selling its facial recognition software to law enforcement agencies out of concern for the technology's impact on civil liberties. Shareholders filed a resolution on Thursday to prohibit selling Amazon's facial recognition software, known as Rekognition, to government entities until the company's board looks into its potential use and finds that "the technology does not cause or contribute to actual or potential violations of civil and human rights." **Continue reading** here.

# Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Nomination Hearing

Nomination of the Honorable William Pelham Barr to be Attorney General of the United States

January 15 @ 9:30 am - 216 Hart

# Legislation on the Floor This Week

#### **House:**

### H.R. 202 - Inspector General Access Act of 2019

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/15.

**Summary**: This bill transfers responsibility for investigating certain allegations of misconduct from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Professional Responsibility to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General. Specifically, the bill transfers responsibility for allegations relating to a DOJ attorney's authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice.

## H.R. 150 - Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/17.

**Summary**: This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget, jointly with the executive department that issues the most federal grant awards, to: (I) establish government-wide data standards for information reported by grant recipients, (2) issue guidance directing federal agencies to apply those standards, and (3) require the publication of recipient-reported data collected from all agencies on a single public website.

### H.R. 268 - Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019

Status: Approved by the House on 1/16

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**Summary**: This bill provides \$12.1 billion in FY2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanos, earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters.

### H.J. Res. 28 - Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/17.

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**Summary**: This joint resolution provides continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through the earlier of February 28, 2019, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations legislation.

### H.R. 251 - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act

**Status**: Approved by the House on I/17; Approved by the Senate as amended on I/16; Approved by the House on I/8. **Summary**: This bill extends by two years the Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

#### Senate:

Note: Due to Senate scheduling and rules, additional items not listed may be added to the calendar for consideration.

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# Recap of Last Week's Hearings & Markups

Note: For more details on any of the following hearings, we can provide access to hearing transcripts upon request.

No hearings were held in the House or Senate.

# **Legislation Considered Last Week**

### House:

### H.R. 251 - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/8/19.

Summary: This legislation extends the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program by two years.

#### H.R. 247 - Federal CIO Authorization Act

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/15.

**Summary**: This legislation would formally reorganize an office that coordinates information technology policies across the federal government. The measure would codify changes to the position of the federal chief information officer CIO.

### H.R. 264 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019

**Status**: Approved by the House on 1/9.

**Summary**: This bill provides FY2019 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies, including the Department of the Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the judiciary, the District of Columbia, and several independent agencies. This bill funds the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to include \$280 million for HIDTA, and \$99 million for

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the Drug Free Communities program.

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### Senate:

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

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# Legislation Introduced Last Week

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Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
1/11/2019	HR 523	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA- 11)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to render overstaying a visa a criminal offense, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 516	Glenn Grothman (R-WI -6)	To make any city or county that has in effect any law or ordinance that is in violation of Federal immigration law ineligible for any Federal grant, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 514	Debbie Dingell (D-MI- 12)	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe a motor vehicle safety standard requiring motor vehicles to be equipped with an ignition interlock device that prevents a vehicle from being operated if the operator is intoxicated.
1/11/2019	HR 511	Anthony Brown (D-MD -4)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 509	Joyce Beatty (D-OH-3)	To require the Attorney General to designate Human Trafficking Coordinators for Federal judicial districts, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 508	Joyce Beatty (D-OH-3)	To require a study and report on the housing and service needs of victims of trafficking and individuals at risk for trafficking.
1/11/2019	HR 507	Karen Bass (D-CA-37)	To direct the Attorney General to study issues relating to human trafficking, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 505	Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)	To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 to reauthorize the grant program for education, training, and enhanced services to end violence against and abuse of women with disabilities.
1/11/2019	HR 504	Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 502	Juan Vargas (D-CA-51)	To require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on how virtual currencies and online marketplaces are used to buy, sell, or facilitate the financing of goods or services associated with sex trafficking or drug trafficking, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 495	Sheila Jackson Lee (D- TX-18)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require an annual report on the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement.
1/11/2019	HR 494	Sheila Jackson Lee (D- TX-18)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program, and for other purposes.
1/11/2019	HR 493	Luis Correa (D-CA-46)	To direct the Attorney General, in enforcing the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act relating to marijuana, to focus on certain enforcement priorities.
1/11/2019	HR 489	Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA- 1)	To prioritize the payment of pay and allowances to members of the Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement officers in the event the debt ceiling is reached or there is a funding gap.
1/10/2019	HR 480	Mike Rogers (R-AL-3)	To require an annual homeland threat assessment, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 467	Adam Kinzinger (R-IL- 16)	To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to encourage a victim-centered approach to combating human trafficking, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 461	Morgan Griffith (R-VA- 9)	To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure appropriate care by certain 340B covered entities for victims of sexual assault, and for other purposes.

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1/10/2019	HR 452	Chuck Fleischmann (R- TN-3)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 450	Ted Deutch (D-FL-22)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	<u>HR 449</u>	Val Demings (D-FL-10)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to direct the Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement to produce and disseminate an annual catalog on Department of Homeland Security training, publications, programs, and services for State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 443	Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)	To authorize the Attorney General to establish a five-year pilot program to make grants to local educational agencies for the hiring of school resource officers, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 440	Justin Amash (R-MI-3)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to take property using eminent domain, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	<u>HR 438</u>	Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)	To deny Federal funding to any State or political subdivision of a State that has in effect any law, policy, or procedure that prevents or impedes a State or local law enforcement official from maintaining custody of an alien pursuant to an immigration detainer issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 435	Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30)	To provide for a coordinated national research program to examine the nature, causes, consequences, and prevention of violence and unintended injury and death relating to gun ownership, use, and trafficking, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	HR 428	Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4)	To direct the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding terrorist use of virtual currency.
1/10/2019	<u>HR 424</u>	Bennie Thompson (D- MS-2)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	<u>S 108</u>	Rob Portman (R-OH)	A bill to provide deferred action for certain individuals brought to the United States and to establish a border security trust fund, and for other purposes.
1/10/2019	S 85	Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	A bill to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.
1/9/2019	HR 420	Earl Blumenauer (D-OR	To provide for the regulation of marijuana products, and for other purposes.
1/9/2019	HR 416	WI-5)	To amend section 524(c) of title 18, United States Code, to use lawfully forfeited drug seizures to increase border security.
1/9/2019	HR 388	Barry Loudermilk (R-GA -11)	To update thresholds for certain currency transaction reports and suspicious activity reports, and for other purposes.
1/9/2019	HR 385	Steve King (R-IA-4)	To require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

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1/9/2019	HR 384	= :	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the penalties applicable to aliens who unlawfully reenter the United States after being removed.
1/9/2019	HR 372	26)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of Transportation Security Administration employees to receive public safety officers' death benefits, and for other purposes.
1/9/2019	HR 365	·	To prohibit the construction of new border barriers, including walls or fences, on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.
1/9/2019	<u>S 69</u>	I John Cornyn (R-TX)	A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.
1/8/219	HR 329	Ted Lieu (D-CA-33)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a criminal penalty for certain Federal officers and employees using their public office for private gain, and for other purposes.
1/8/2019	HR 295		To increase the role of the financial industry in combating human trafficking.
1/8/2019	HR 282	Joyce Beatty (D-OH-3)	To improve public safety through sensible reforms to firearms regulations.
1/8/2019	HR 269	Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18)	Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 - To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, and for other purposes.
1/8/20019	<u>HR 8</u>	Mike Thompson (D-CA- 5)	To require a background check for every firearm sale.
1/8/2019	<u>S 42</u>	(hric Miirnhy (I)-(1)	Background Check Expansion Act - To require a background check for every firearm sale.



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# **Upcoming Events/Conferences**

National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition 2019 DC Conference February 3-6—Washington, DC

Major County Sheriffs of America & Major Cities Chiefs Association 2019 loint Winter Conference

February 12-14—Washington, DC

<u>Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network - 13th Annual Gang</u>
Training Conference

March 3-6—Hanover, MD

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies 2019 Spring Conference May 5-8—Gulf Shores, AL

<u>Major County Sheriffs of America 2019 Summer Conference</u> June 12-14—Louisville, KY

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Senate in Session

■ House & Senate in Session

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