

September 2026 in Review

Domestic violence news, law enforcement response, and policy — United States

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Executive Summary

September 2026 was the research-and-reports month of the year to date. Driven by the lead-in to Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) and NNEDV's 21st Annual DV Counts Survey conducted September 9, major federal, academic, and advocacy releases landed throughout the month: HHS/ASPE published 9 issue briefs on DV exposure and child welfare; Tulane/UCSD released a landmark study finding nearly two-thirds of US women have experienced intimate partner violence (84% of trans/gender-nonconforming people); The Week published national coverage of rising DV killings even as homicide rates fall; and NIJ-funded research on family court protection gaps was synthesized in a widely circulated September 22 analysis.

OIDV continued its sustained 2026 pattern with two more September arrests. Hammond PD (LA) Officer Corey Bergeron arrested September 28 on Battery on Dating Partner with Strangulation (felony) + Battery on a Dating Partner; multiple victims suspected. Jacksonville SO Officer Michael Schrum arrested September 30 for a September 16 domestic battery incident; wife's injunction petition detailed escalation with racist elements; Sheriff T.K. Waters announced JSO is moving to fire him. Cumulative YTD running total: **12 OIDV incidents** across May–September.

Federal FY26 OVW NOFO pipeline closed its major deadline cluster. State & Territory Coalitions Program (\$18.9M, closed September 2 on JustGrants); Consolidated Youth Grant Program (\$14M, closed September 10); Abuse in Later Life Program (\$8M, closed September 16). Anticipated notifications by September 30 for most programs. However, the **FY25 \$150M+ OVW backlog remains unresolved as the October 1 statutory distribution deadline passes** — a central October story to come.

NFL DV docket had one clearing (Jameson Williams) and three continuing cases. Lions WR Jameson Williams cleared September 30 after Novi (MI) Police + prosecutor jointly concluded no cause to file charges. Cooper (Broncos) pretrial hearing set for October 30, trial November 10. Jacobs (Packers) misdemeanor first court date November 17. Jackson (Rams) case continuing in early proceedings.

▲ RESEARCH CONVERGENCE — DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH LEAD-IN

New data from Tulane/UCSD, The 19th, and NNEDV reframes the national DV conversation heading into October DVAM

A cluster of significant September 2026 releases together argue that national DV prevalence is *higher* than previously measured and that trend lines are *diverging* from the broader decline in violent crime. Tulane/UCSD (September 16, published via The 19th): nearly two-thirds of US women report IPV; 68% report sexual violence; 84% of trans/GNC people report IPV; 85% report sexual violence — building on CDC NISVS baseline data. The Week (September 11): DV crimes rose 2.5% in four years even as homicides dropped; National DV Hotline calls up

from 637K (2020) to 1M (2025). HHS/ASPE (September): 9 issue briefs on DV/IPV exposure and child welfare system involvement. CCJ mid-year 2026 city crime report (July, continuing context): DV down 7% vs 2019 across sample cities, but DV killings have remained persistently high. **Framing opportunity for Forseti:** the data argues that LAP adoption and coordinated community response are more needed, not less, as the broader violent crime category declines. Useful anchor references for Q4 state coalition and OAG conversations.

Monthly Themes

1. The DV data story has shifted — prevalence higher, trend diverging from falling homicides

September delivered three major research touchpoints that collectively argue the national DV picture is *worse* than previously measured. Tulane/UCSD's expansive assessment (co-led by Dr. Anita Raj at the Newcomb Institute) found nearly two-thirds of women have experienced IPV — higher than prior CDC NISVS baselines. The study's finding that 84% of trans/gender-nonconforming people have experienced IPV is a major quantification of a population that has been underrepresented in federal datasets. The Week's September 11 coverage framed DV killings as "rising even as homicide rates fall" with specific statistical evidence (DV crimes +2.5% over four years, National DV Hotline calls up ~57% from 2020 to 2025). The CCJ mid-year 2026 report (continuing context) shows DV declining 7% vs 2019 across sample cities but DV killings remaining persistently high. The combined signal: DV is becoming a *distinct* public safety category requiring targeted intervention, not simply a subset of violent crime that will decline with the broader trend.

2. OIDV pattern continues — 12 incidents across May–September 2026

Two more September OIDV arrests brings the cumulative five-month total to twelve: Cleveland PD (McAndrews, May 3), Wichita PD (Hoofer, May 4), Gwinnett County PD (Downer, May 4), Fresno PD (Lopez, May 26), Boulder PD (Herkalo, June 15), LVMPD (Jordan, June 19), Modesto PD (Foketi, June 20), LVMPD (Wheeler, July 4), Florence AL PD (Belew, July 13), Pinellas County SO (Savetz murder-suicide, August 10), Hammond PD LA (Bergeron, September 28), Jacksonville SO (Schrum, September 30). The Bergeron case includes a felony strangulation charge with multiple victims under investigation. The Schrum case includes a victim injunction petition alleging escalation patterns and racist conduct in front of a toddler — Sheriff Waters announced JSO will seek to fire Schrum, calling it the ninth JSO officer arrest. The Hammond case marks the first Louisiana OIDV in our 2026 tracking.

3. FY26 OVW grant pipeline closed major deadline cluster; FY25 statutory deadline passes unresolved

September was the single busiest OVW NOFO deadline month of 2026 to date. Major deadlines closed: State & Territory Coalitions Program (\$18.9M, September 2 JustGrants); Consolidated Youth Grant Program (\$14M, September 10); Abuse in Later Life Program (\$8M, September 16). Anticipated notifications by September 30 for most programs. This represents the first fully functioning OVW NOFO season of the current administration. However, the **FY25 \$150M+ backlog remains structurally unresolved as the October 1 statutory distribution deadline passes**. The House Bipartisan Working Group on DV letter to DOJ (March 6) remains publicly unanswered after nearly seven months. Trump FY27 budget proposal continues to include a ~\$208M OVW cut. The dual reality — FY26 pipeline operational, FY25 pipeline frozen — is the structural federal context DVSPs must navigate.

4. NFL DV docket partially cleared; three cases still carry into Q4

Jameson Williams (Lions WR) case was dismissed September 30 after Novi (MI) Police + prosecutor jointly concluded no cause to file charges — one clearing of the five pending NFL DV cases. Three cases carry into Q4: Jonathon Cooper (Broncos, on NFL commissioner's exempt list, pretrial Oct 30, trial Nov 10–13 during Broncos bye week); Josh Jacobs (Packers, misdemeanor charges only after DA dropped felony strangulation, first court date Nov 17); Alaric Jackson (Rams, continuing in early proceedings). Civil-side matters continue for Tyreek Hill (Dolphins) and Rashee Rice (Chiefs). The sustained pattern — four pro-season active NFL DV cases simultaneously — remains unprecedented in recent memory. Combined with the Q1–Q2 cluster (Pearce diversion resolved April; Branch dropped July), 2026 is on pace to be the highest-NFL-DV year since 2014.

5. State implementation planning accelerates for IL, CO, and FL

Illinois SB 3048 implementation planning continues at the state agency level. IL State Police Director Brendan Kelly publicly framed the law in September: "Domestic violence incidents are some of the most volatile situations police officers encounter, and identifying high-risk cases early is critical to protecting victims." IL State Police + IL Department of Human Services continue developing the "domestic violence lethality tool kit" required by January 1, 2028, with feedback from "interested groups" required by August 1, 2027. Colorado HB26-1009 training development continues at the AG's office; the Colorado Sun's September reporting cited that 44 of CO's 64 counties already use LAP voluntarily. Florida's October 1, 2026 statewide LAP training deadline for all currently sworn officers (per Gabby Petito Act) arrived at month-end. These three states together represent the actionable Q4 2026 Forseti opportunity set.

6. NNEDV's 21st Annual DV Counts Survey positions DVAM data for October release

NNEDV conducted its 21st Annual DV Counts Survey on September 9, 2026 (8:00 AM EDT Sept 9 through 7:59 AM EDT Sept 10). This one-day, unduplicated count of adults and children seeking DV services across the United States has been conducted annually since 2006 and is the single most-cited point-in-time measurement of US DVSP demand. The full 21st Annual Report will typically publish during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) and provides state-by-state service-request data, unmet-need figures, and advocacy budget context. Watch for the October release as a leading data point for the national funding conversation and for state coalition partnerships.

Top Stories of September 2026

1 Tulane/UCSD research: nearly two-thirds of US women have experienced intimate partner violence; 84% of trans/GNC people

The 19th / Newcomb Institute at Tulane / UC San Diego · Published September 16, 2026

New research led by Dr. Anita Raj (Newcomb Institute at Tulane University) found that nearly two-thirds of US women have experienced IPV; 68% report sexual violence (including verbal/online harassment, forced sex, or physically aggressive sexual harassment); 84% of trans and gender-nonconforming people report IPV; 85% report sexual violence. Builds on CDC NISVS baseline data as one of the most expansive violence-against-women assessments in the US. Raj: "Many people bucket violence. They think in terms of community violence, family violence, domestic violence and sexual violence — not understanding that these are issues that intersect." Major anchor reference for Q4 2026 and 2027 DV prevalence discussions.

2 FY25 OVW \$150M+ backlog remains unresolved as October 1 statutory distribution deadline passes

The 19th / National Alliance to End Sexual Violence / National Task Force to End SV & DV / DOJ · Deadline passed October 1, 2026

The statutory distribution deadline for FY25 OVW grants passed October 1 with over \$150M still undistributed per The 19th's May 28 investigative report. House Bipartisan Working Group on DV letter to DOJ (March 6) remains publicly unanswered after ~7 months. Victim services programs have now been waiting over 12 months for the release of FY25 grants that were originally scheduled for October 1, 2025 distribution. Trump FY27 budget proposal continues to include ~\$208M OVW cut (~30% reduction). Expected October outcome: escalating advocacy pressure, possible litigation, Congressional oversight movement. Direct impact on 250+ DVSPs documented by The 19th as reporting layoffs, voluntary pay cuts, and reduced services.

3 Jacksonville SO Officer Michael Schrum arrested on domestic battery; Sheriff Waters moving to fire; wife's injunction petition details escalation + racist conduct

104.5 WOKV / News4JAX / Jacksonville Sheriff's Office · Incident September 16; arrested September 30, 2026 · Jacksonville, FL

JSO Officer Michael Schrum (nearly 7 years with agency) arrested on domestic battery following internal investigation of a September 16 incident. Investigators said a woman reported Schrum became drunk and angry, striking her several times, leaving visible injuries. Already stripped of police powers; Sheriff T.K. Waters announced JSO is moving to fire him: "When a member of this agency violates the law, that person will be held accountable. (That person) does not need to be a police officer anymore." Schrum's wife filed a domestic violence injunction petition detailing a pattern of escalation from verbal/emotional to physical abuse, drinking issues, racist remarks (including using a racial slur during the September assault), and derogatory comments in front of their toddler. Case marks the ninth arrest of a JSO officer.

4 Hammond PD (LA) Officer Corey Bergeron arrested on felony strangulation; multiple victims suspected

Mt. Hermon Web TV / Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office / Hammond PD · Arrested September 28, 2026 · Tangipahoa Parish, LA

Officer Corey Bergeron (28) arrested at the Tangipahoa Parish Courthouse by TPSO following at least two DV incidents. Booked on Battery on a Dating Partner with Strangulation (felony) + Battery on a Dating Partner. Bond set at \$50,000. Victim came into the TPSO Victims Unit on September 24 to report an altercation earlier that morning; during investigation, evidence related to at least one prior incident involving the same victim was obtained. Warrants issued and executed. TPSO stated: "This investigation is ongoing and additional investigations are actively underway involving other potential victims." First Louisiana OIDV in Forseti 2026 tracking.

5 NNEDV conducts 21st Annual DV Counts Survey September 9 — data for October DVAM release

National Network to End Domestic Violence · Survey conducted 8:00 AM ET September 9 – 7:59 AM ET September 10, 2026

NNEDV conducted its 21st consecutive annual one-day unduplicated count of adults and children seeking DV services across the US. Report publication typically falls during October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The DV Counts Survey is the single most-cited point-in-time measurement of US DVSP service demand and unmet need. State-by-state figures will anchor the October national DV funding conversation. Direct relevance to Forseti: state coalition partners will reference these numbers in Q4 funding conversations and state advocacy.

6 The Week: “Domestic violence killings are rising as homicide rates fall” — national-media framing shift

The Week / The Guardian / National Domestic Violence Hotline · Published September 11, 2026

The Week published national-outlet coverage reinforcing the emerging consensus that DV is a distinct public safety story diverging from the broader (declining) homicide trend. Key data: DV crimes rose 2.5% in four years even as overall murders dropped; National DV Hotline received 637K calls in 2020 vs 1M in 2025 (~57% increase). Nikhita Ved, National DV Hotline Chief Programs Officer: “number one need articulated over and over again is housing, and number two is legal support.” Article included Shreveport mass shooting memorial imagery (April 19 Cedar Grove incident, 8 children killed). Continues the CBS News / FBI UCR / PBS Amanpour / The 19th narrative frame establishing DV as its own crisis.

7 HHS/ASPE: 9 issue briefs on DV/IPV exposure and child welfare system involvement

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services / Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation · Published September 1, 2026

HHS/ASPE published a 9-brief issue series examining DV/IPV exposure and child welfare system involvement. Key findings: DV is a significant but often hidden factor in child welfare involvement and foster care entry; variation in how states screen for and document DV in child welfare families produces inconsistent risk identification; children in families where DV was reported face elevated out-of-home placement risk; a majority of families involved with child welfare experiencing DV do not receive services to address it. Directly relevant to the HART/County Connect value proposition of real-time data sharing between LE DV incident response and child welfare / DVSP referral pipelines.

8 NIJ-funded research synthesis: Family court DV protection gaps quantified across jurisdictions

Office of Justice Programs / National Institute of Justice / KEYT via Stacker · Published September 22, 2026

A synthesis of NIJ-funded research on DV in family courts quantified key protection gaps: 16% violation rate for protective and no-contact orders in an Iowa DHR study reviewed by OJP; wide variability across 69 contested NYC custody cases reviewed in NIJ-funded research, with professional training and investigative approaches producing inconsistent outcomes across similarly situated families. BJS survey data on non-reporting cites multiple reasons including belief that police will not do anything, fear of reprisal, desire to protect the person who harmed them. Framing: “variability in judicial training on DV cases, inconsistent custody evaluator standards, geographic disparities in access to legal services, and the structural difficulty of enforcing protective orders all contribute to outcomes that research identifies as unpredictable.” Follow-up to AZ HB 2995 and TX H. v. N. judicial reform context from Q2.

9 OVW FY26 State & Territory Coalitions Program NOFO closed September 2 (\$18.9M)

DOJ / OVW / grants.gov / JustGrants · Closed September 2, 2026

OVW FY26 State and Territory Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program NOFO closed on JustGrants September 2 (grants.gov August 31). Total funding: \$18,868,575. Expected awards: 87. Award range: \$106,581–\$343,065. Anticipated notification by September 30, 2026. Direct funding for state DV coalitions Forseti partners with (NCCADV, TCFV, SCADAVSA, MNADV, CCADV-CO, CCADV-CT, PCADV, WSCADV, ICADV, UDVC, and others).

10 OVW FY26 Consolidated Youth Grant Program NOFO closed September 10 (\$14M)

DOJ / OVW / grants.gov · Closed September 10, 2026

OVW FY26 Consolidated Grant Program to Assist Children and Youth Affected by DV, Dating Violence, SA, and Stalking closed September 10 on JustGrants. Total funding: \$14,000,000. Expected awards: 30 (award range \$350,000–\$500,000). Award period 36 months starting October 1, 2026. Anticipated notification date: by September

30, 2026. Supports community-based prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies for children and youth (ages 0–24) and engages men/youth as allies.

11 OVW FY26 Abuse in Later Life Program NOFO closed September 16 (\$8M)

DOJ / OVW / [grants.gov](#) · Closed September 16, 2026

OVW FY26 Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program NOFO closed September 16 on JustGrants. Total funding: \$8,000,000. Anticipated notification by September 30, 2026. Supports multidisciplinary efforts to prevent and address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation — a growing policy focus area as US demographics shift. Relevant background: Nebraska DADRT 2026 annual report (released in August) tracked elder DV fatalities as an emerging category.

12 Lions WR Jameson Williams DV investigation closed with no charges; cleared September 30

Total Pro Sports / Novi (MI) Police / Oakland County Prosecutor's Office · Cleared September 30, 2026 · Novi, MI

Detroit Lions WR Jameson Williams was cleared of DV allegations September 30. Prosecutor spokesman Jeff Wattrick: "Based on the facts presented to us at this time, the Novi Police and our office jointly concluded that there is no cause to file charges against Mr. Williams." Investigators examined text communications, photographs, statements, and videos involving both parties. Defense attorneys Jason Lampert and Larry Margolis called the allegations "baseless." Williams warmed up with the Lions for the September 27 Jets game at Ford Field. One of the few 2026 NFL DV cases to conclude without charges — procedural data point for how LE/prosecutor collaboration can resolve ambiguous cases.

13 Illinois State Police Director Kelly publicly frames SB 3048 implementation

WAND TV / Illinois State Police / Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence · Published September 2026

IL State Police Director Brendan Kelly publicly framed the new SB 3048 (signed August 18): "Domestic violence incidents are some of the most volatile situations police officers encounter, and identifying high-risk cases early is critical to protecting victims." ICADV reported a 14% increase in DV-related homicides since 2024 and 140% since 2022. Illinois State Police and IL Department of Human Services continue working with stakeholders to develop the toolkit and model policies for police departments required by January 1, 2028. Police will only administer the lethality assessment with explicit consent; officers must document when survivors decline and refer them to a DV center. **Priority Forseti engagement window continues — IL DHS + ISP are defining the state's model.**

14 D.C. DOJ files new DV murder charge in Walden-Hatcher case — prior open DV case against perpetrator

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia / MPD / CT Fugitive Task Force · Charged September 4, 2026

U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C. announced arrest in the DV shooting death of Walden-Hatcher. Per court documents, Bazemore shot the victim once in the head in his apartment, then fled to Connecticut; located and extradited by the Connecticut Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force. Critical lethality context: **Bazemore had an open DV assault case concerning the same victim at the time of the killing, and had been ordered to stay away from her as a condition of his release.** Case cite: 2026 CF1 003647. Textbook escalation-after-inadequate-intervention pattern that LAP instruments and no-contact-order enforcement are designed to prevent.

15 D.C. unsolved homicides include two September DV-adjacent cases on major case list

Metropolitan Police Department of D.C. · September 2026

MPD's 2026 Major Case/Unsolved Homicides list includes two September cases: Reginald Dorsey (September 7, 2026, 700 block of Southern Avenue SE); Jovon Graves (September 11, 2026, 1900 block of 18th Street SE). Cases

remain under investigation. Included here for completeness of September homicide reporting; DV connection not confirmed in public reporting but worth tracking as potential DV-adjacent cases.

16 Research — Journal of Family Violence: DV survivors and pet-care intersections

[Journal of Family Violence / Phys.org / James Cook University](#) · Published September 1, 2026

Published in the Journal of Family Violence September 1. Study found that women experiencing DV are often forced to choose between their own safety and the safety of their pets, with limited pet-inclusive crisis support contributing to additional trauma. Dr. Jasmine Montgomery et al: "Pet-inclusive short-, medium- and long-term accommodation is required to reduce the barriers to victim-survivors fleeing domestic violence." Policy connection: Florida HB 277 (signed May 21, 2026, effective July 1) added threats to kill family pets as a factor judges consider for DV injunctions. September research reinforces the policy direction.

17 Colorado HB26-1009 implementation planning — AG training development continues

[Colorado AG's Office / Colorado Sun / CCADV-CO](#) · Ongoing September 2026

CO AG's office continues mandatory LAP training development per HB26-1009 signed June 3. Colorado Sun September reporting cited that the Colorado measure requires officers to ask 11 standardized questions as part of the lethality assessment screening tool, which 44 of CO's 64 counties already use voluntarily. Bill directs the AG's Office to develop LE training for the lethality assessment protocol and requires annual reporting on how many DV incidents officers respond to, how many assessments are conducted, how many high-risk survivors are identified, and how many referrals are made. 9 months to July 1, 2027 effective date.

18 Florida Gabby Petito Act LAP training deadline reaches October 1 — all currently sworn officers

[FL Statute §741.29 / FPEDV / FDLE](#) · Deadline arrived October 1, 2026

October 1, 2026 statewide deadline for all currently sworn Florida law enforcement officers to complete the one-time lethality assessment training before administering a lethality assessment on a DV call. Officers entering Basic Recruit Training on/after July 1, 2026 satisfy the requirement through BRTP. Marks a full-state rollout milestone for mandatory LAP enforcement in one of the largest LE workforces in the US. Combined with CO (July 2027 effective date), CT (POST Council mandate), and IL (July 2028 officer administration effective date), FL's October 1 milestone brings the mandatory-LAP framework into its first full-state active enforcement window.

DV in Professional Sports

September 2026 was the "clearing month" for one NFL case and continuing month for three others. Williams (Lions) cleared September 30 after joint police + prosecutor review. Cooper (Broncos) on commissioner's exempt list awaiting November 10 trial. Jacobs (Packers) misdemeanor-only charges, first court date November 17. Jackson (Rams) continuing in early proceedings. Historical baseline: NFL athletes DV arrest rate 55.4% higher than general population; NBA athletes 38.2% higher (per academic research).

NFL

- **Jameson Williams (Detroit Lions, WR) — CLEARED.** September 30 announcement from Oakland County prosecutor and Novi (MI) PD: no cause to file charges after review of text communications, photographs, statements, and videos. Attorneys called allegations "baseless." Warmed up for Lions' Sept 27 Jets game at Ford Field.

- **Jonathon Cooper (Denver Broncos, LB) — EXEMPT LIST.** Pretrial hearing October 30; jury trial November 10 (during Broncos bye week). Pled not guilty September to five charges including felony second-degree assault by strangulation. Cannot practice or play while on commissioner's exempt list. Broncos coach Sean Payton has deferred to the NFL investigation and legal process; team therapy guidelines in place.
- **Josh Jacobs (Green Bay Packers, RB) — MISDEMEANORS ONLY.** First court date November 17 on misdemeanor battery + criminal damage to property. Felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors dropped by Brown County DA August 27. Attorneys emphasized charges "do not include domestic violence."
- **Alaric Jackson (LA Rams, OT) — CASE CONTINUING.** June 9 arrest; case still in early proceedings. Felony DV charge. Served two-game suspension in August 2024 for prior personal conduct policy violation.
- **Tyreek Hill (Miami Dolphins, WR) —** May 2026 civil suit continues. No September developments of note.
- **Rashee Rice (Kansas City Chiefs, WR) —** April 2026 \$1M civil suit continues. No September developments of note.

MLB · NBA · NHL · MLS · WNBA

- **MLB:** No new September 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced. Clevinger investigation (eyeblack May 8 report) continues as ongoing scrutiny.
- **NBA / NHL / MLS / WNBA:** No new September 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced.

Cross-league observation: The Williams clearing provides the first full-dismissal data point in the 2026 NFL DV cluster. The combination of local PD, prosecutor review, and defense documentation (text/photo/video evidence) produced a clean resolution in roughly a month. Compare to the Jacobs case (93 days from arrest to misdemeanor-only charging) and Cooper case (now 4+ months with felony re-charging and exempt list placement). The variance across these three cases — dismissal, misdemeanor-only, exempt list + felony — defines the current NFL DV response envelope.

Statistical Snapshot

12 Cumulative OIDV incidents May–September 2026	\$40.9M FY26 OVW NOFOs closing in September alone (Coalitions + Youth + Later Life)	~2/3 US women reporting IPV in Tulane/UCSD September study	\$150M+ FY25 OVW backlog unresolved as Oct 1 deadline passes
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Other notable counts and figures:

- **84% of trans/GNC people** reported experiencing intimate partner violence (Tulane/UCSD, Sept 16).
- **1M calls** to National DV Hotline in 2025, up from 637K in 2020 (per The Week, Sept 11).
- **+2.5% DV crimes** over four years even as overall murders dropped (per The Week).
- **9 issue briefs** published by HHS/ASPE on DV exposure and child welfare system (Sept 1).
- **16% violation rate** for protective and no-contact orders per Iowa DHR / OJP study (synthesized Sept 22).
- **Sept 9** — NNEDV's 21st Annual DV Counts Survey conducted; report publishes during October DVAM.
- **Nov 10, Nov 17, Oct 30** — Cooper trial, Jacobs first court date, Cooper pretrial hearing (all upcoming NFL DV milestones).
- **44 of 64 Colorado counties** already use LAP voluntarily per Colorado Sun Sept reporting.
- **4 mandatory-lethality-assessment states** (FL, CT, CO, IL) now have state-level framework; FL training deadline arrived October 1.
- **9 months** until Colorado HB26-1009 effective date (July 1, 2027).

- **NBA DV arrest rate 38.2% higher** and **NFL DV arrest rate 55.4% higher** than general population (unchanged academic baseline).

Looking Ahead — October 2026 Priorities

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) — full-month advocacy and media cycle

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, driving month-long national and state coalition media coverage, legislative activity, fundraising campaigns, and awareness events. Expect state governors to issue proclamations, state coalitions to publish annual reports, and increased national press coverage. Priority Forseti outreach window for coalition partners and state agency stakeholders.

Watch: NNEDV 21st Annual DV Counts Survey report publication

Full report typically publishes during October DVAM. State-by-state service-request data, unmet-need figures, advocacy budget context. Will anchor Q4 state coalition and legislative conversations.

Federal: FY25 OVW statutory deadline has now passed — monitor for litigation / Congressional action

October 1 statutory distribution deadline for FY25 OVW grants has now passed with \$150M+ undistributed. Watch for advocacy escalation, possible litigation by state coalitions or impacted DVSPs, Congressional oversight movement. The 19th and CT Mirror continuing investigative coverage expected.

Watch: Cooper trial (Nov 10–13) and NFL discipline decision

Pretrial hearing October 30, jury trial begins November 10. Trial outcome will shape NFL personal conduct policy response for Cooper and set precedent for how state courts prosecute cases with rapid escalation (arrest → protective order → second arrest) inside a single month.

Track: OVW FY26 Coalitions / Youth / Later Life NOFO notifications

Anticipated notifications by September 30 for most September-closing NOFOs. Expect notifications to continue arriving through October. Direct impact for Forseti state coalition partners (NCCADV, TCFV, MNADV, SCADAVSA, CCADV-CO, CCADV-CT, PCADV, WSCADV, ICADV, UDVC).

Upcoming events: IACP 2026, TCFV Statewide, CA Partnership Annual

IACP 2026 — October 24–27, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL (16,000+ public safety professionals). TCFV Statewide Conference — October 27–29, Kalahari Resorts, Round Rock TX (Forseti partner coalition). California Partnership Annual Conference — November 18–19, Sacramento. All three represent Q4 field presence opportunities.

Monitor: Florida HB 277 Sixth Judicial Circuit electronic monitoring pilot early data

Pilot has been operational since July 1, 2026 under HB 277. Watch for first implementation data releases from FL DCF / FL Partnership to End DV. Also: FL statewide LAP training compliance data following the October 1 deadline.

Continue: OIDV pattern tracking; LVMPD, JSO, Hammond PD agency-level response

Twelve OIDV incidents May–September. Watch for institutional response at agencies with multiple incidents (LVMPD twin arrests June/July; JSO ninth officer arrest with Schrum). Departmental policy changes or public commitments would be leading indicators.

Sources Scanned

General news: CBS News, NBC News, PBS, 104.5 WOKV, News4JAX, Mt. Hermon Web TV, KEYT (via Stacker), The Guardian, The Week, Phys.org, KSLA, KOLO 8 News, KTLA, FOX 11 LA, WAND TV, Total Pro Sports · **LE trade press:** Police1, Police Chief Magazine (IACP), Officer.com, PERF, NFL.com, FBI press releases · **Sports coverage:** ESPN, CBS Sports, The Athletic, NBC Sports, Yahoo Sports, OutKick, Fox News Sports, Pro Football Rumors, Denver Sports, Yardbarker · **Policy & legislation:** congress.gov, LegiScan (multi-state), Illinois Governor's Office, Illinois State Police, Colorado AG's Office, AZ Governor's Office, Hawaii Office of the Governor, FL Senate, state AG press release pages · **Courts:** U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Metropolitan Police Department of D.C., Douglas County Court CO, Brown County DA WI, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, FVAP, CourtListener · **Federal:** FBI UCR, OVW, NIJ, BJS, DOJ, grants.gov, simpler.grants.gov, HHS/ASPE, Office of Justice Programs · **Coalitions / advocacy:** NCADV, NCCADV, TCFV, SCADAVSA, MNADV, NNEDV, VAWnet, FPEDV, WSCADV, OPDV, CCADV (CT), CCADV (CO), ICADV, UDVC, PCADV, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, National Task Force to End SV & DV, Violence Free Minnesota · **Investigative journalism:** The Marshall Project, The 19th, CT Mirror, Ms. Magazine · **Research databases:** Henry A. Wallace Police Crime Database (BGSU), Oxford Academic, PubMed, Journal of Family Violence, Newcomb Institute at Tulane, UC San Diego, NIJ-funded research index · **Tech & innovation:** GovTech, StateScoop · **Professional events:** NDAA, IACP, PERF.

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