



# Legislative Newsletter

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## State Issues

### Next Generation 9-1-1

We are excited to report that next generation 9-1-1 language was included in the final version of Ohio's state budget bill and was signed by Governor DeWine. Next generation 9-1-1 would upgrade Ohio's emergency response system to better respond to every-day emergencies and save lives. The new system allows for the capability to text 9-1-1, the ability to transfer information across county lines and multiple jurisdictions, and the precise positioning of the 9-1-1 caller, providing first responders with critical pieces of information such as medical information, pictures, and live video of the scene.

[Read the full report](#) from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

### New Services Directory for Survivors of Human Trafficking

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost announced that his Human Trafficking Commission has launched a [directory](#) of Ohio-based services and resources for victims of human trafficking.

## Federal Issues

### New Director for the Office on Violence Against Women

On July 18th, the Justice Department announced that Rosie Hidalgo was sworn in as the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The first Senate-confirmed OVW Director since 2010 and the first Latina in the role, Ms. Hidalgo will lead implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and advance OVW's critical mission.

[Read full story...](#)



*Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice. AG Swearing in Rosemarie Hildago. July 18, 2023*

### U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

The White House has recently released the first-ever [U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action](#). This groundbreaking national plan is a coordinated, comprehensive, whole-of-government approach to preventing and addressing sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and other forms of gender-based violence. Read the highlights of the national plan [here](#).

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