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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

And We're Back

Both the House and Senate have returned to session for 2020, but events further afield have captivated Washington this week. The New Year kicked off sharply with events involving Iran with state and local governments subsequently reporting significant increases in systems scanning and other cyber-incidents.

These events have captured the Hill's attention, resulting in House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, & Recovery members asking questions about the impacts of potential Iranian retaliation on state and local threat environments during a hearing this week on DHS Preparedness Grants at which North Carolina Director Mike Sprayberry testified.

In other news, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told Senate Republicans this week to expect President Trump's impeachment trial to start next week. Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has asked Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler to bring a resolution to the floor transmitting the articles of impeachment to the Senate next week in preparation. With the recent frigid air in D.C. expected to warm this weekend, perhaps there will be a thaw in House-Senate relations that moves this and other delayed legislation forward.

Hearings the Week of January 13, 2020

[A Public Health Emergency: State Efforts to Curb the Opioid Crisis](#)

House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Tuesday, January 14, 10:00am EST

[U.S.-Iran Tensions: Implications for Homeland Security](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security
Wednesday, January 15, 10:00am EST

[An Update on the Climate Crisis: From Science to Solutions](#)

House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology
Wednesday, January 15, 10:00am EST

[Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security
Wednesday, January 15, 2:00pm EST

More News from the Nation's Capital...

FEMA Releases Additional \$50 Million in Funds for 2019 Mitigation Grant

After repurposing unused prior funding from previous grant cycles, the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program's available funds this cycle total \$210 million.

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North Carolina Director Sprayberry Testifies on Importance of DHS Preparedness Grants

Director Sprayberry testified on the SHSP and UASI grants' impacts on state preparedness and how the removal of Charlotte from the UASI recipients list has impacted the state.

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National Dam Safety Program Releases Dam Incident Planning Guide

The Guide is designed to support state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency managers in planning for dam incidents and failures and any cascading impacts to their community.

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GAO Reports DHS Primarily on Schedule for System Acquisitions

Twenty-seven DHS acquisition programs were assessed for cost, schedule, and performance parameters. Twenty-five were termed on track to meet current goals.

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Technology Forecast 2020: What State and Local Technology Officials Can Expect

NASCIO and the Public Technology Institute are hosting their annual webinar providing an overview of the pressing technology issues impacting state and local governments for 2020.

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Other News from DC and Around the Country:

AP News: [Ohio Toolkit Helps House of Worship Prep Responses if Attacked](#)

GovTech: [After Irma Failure, Village Seeks \\$3.5M to Prevent Future Toxic Flood](#)

HS Today: [Fire Deaths Rise While Injuries from Blazes Decrease, Says USFA Report](#)

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