

A tall, white, stone obelisk (the Washington Monument) stands against a cloudy sky. The monument is the central focus of the left side of the page.

# 2026 NATIONAL SUMMIT

**MAY 11-13, 2026**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Washington DC Convention Center**

900 10th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

## **SPEAKERS INCLUDE**

**Raul Aguilar**

Senior Director of Law Enforcement Partnerships at Auror

**Carl Bentzel**

President of National Association of Waterfront Employers

**Barb Bergin**

CEO of Crimestoppers

**Dermot Fitzsimons**

Senior Manager Asset Protection Public Sector Liaison at Macy's

**Jennifer Heins Davis**

Chief of Staff in the Office of Senator Chuck Grassley

**Howard Mergler**

President of Mid Atlantic Organized Retail Crime Alliance (MAORCA)

**Bryan Laurie**

Chief of Police at BNSF Railway Police

**Adam Parks**

Baton Rouge Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
at Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)

**Jason Ruiz**

Senior Corporate Counsel of Amazon Customer Protection  
and Enforcement (CPE)

**Noah Taicher**

Legislative Assistant in the Office of Representative Russell W. Fry

***Additional speakers to be announced***

# 2026 NATIONAL SUMMIT

DAY 1 | MONDAY MAY 11, 2026

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## FROM INTELLIGENCE TO PROSECUTION: LEVERAGING PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION TO COMBAT IP CRIME

9:00 AM –  
12:00 PM

*An optional morning session on Day 1 offering a three-hour specialized training course through CTIPS.*

*\*Note: The official Summit program begins at 12:00 PM.*

Taught by Thomas Dougherty, Senior Counsel of the Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS), participants will examine when suspected IP crime intelligence should be escalated to public authorities, how public-private collaboration works in practice, and how to navigate roles, deconfliction, and common risks.

## INDUSTRY-LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION & SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS

12:00 PM –  
5:00 PM

An afternoon focused on strengthening collaboration across state, local, and federal partners and advancing effective prosecution strategies.

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### Welcome Lunch & Remarks

### Industry-led Trainings

**Panel:** Inside Successful Prosecutions

### Refreshments and Networking

**Panel:** Cross-Sector Information Sharing

# 2026 NATIONAL SUMMIT

DAY 2 | TUESDAY MAY 12, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Washington DC  
Convention Center

900 10th St NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

## POLICY PRIORITIES, PARTNERSHIPS & CASE BUILDING

8:00 AM –  
9:30 PM

A full day of substantive programming focused on the evolving policy landscape and actionable enforcement strategies.

### MORNING SESSIONS

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast & Networking
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote Address
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Overview of USA-IT 2026 Policy Priorities
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Panel: Upcoming Legislative and Policy Developments
10:50 AM - 11:05 AM	Refreshments and Networking
11:05 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel: Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch & Networking

### AFTERNOON SESSION CASE STUDIES

Presented by **OUR Rescue, National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE), BlackHawk, InComm, Macy's, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and BSNF Railway Police.**

*More presenters are to be announced*

### EVENING

**Private Cocktail Reception & Dinner at RARE Steakhouse**  
1595 I St NW, Washington, DC 20006

# 2026 NATIONAL SUMMIT

DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2026

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Washington DC  
Convention Center

900 10th St NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

## POLICY PRIORITIES, PARTNERSHIPS & CASE BUILDING

8:00 AM –  
12:30 PM

A capstone experience featuring  
off-site engagement opportunities:

### Law Enforcement Track

Guided tour of Macy's with a focus on organized retail crime prevention and response

### Private Sector Track

Separate off-site experience (*details forthcoming*)