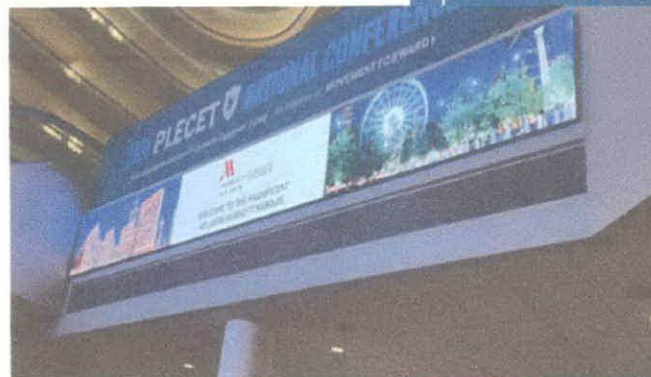


# PLECET CONFERENCE

June 4-8, 2025 | Chicago, IL

Professionalizing Law Enforcement -  
Community Engagement Training

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## CONFERENCE-WIDE SESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

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6:00pm-  
7:00pm

#### State and Regional Networking Conclave

This opening session will bring attendees together by state and region to create connections that they will utilize throughout the conference and when they go back to their agencies.

7:00pm-  
9:00pm

#### Welcome Reception

Join your fellow attendees for refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, welcoming remarks, and a chance to learn about the upcoming sessions.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

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8:00am

#### Opening Ceremony and General Plenary

This session will provide a general introduction to the conference and highlight the critical role attendees play in keeping our communities safe! Law enforcement leaders will provide an overview of how to combat violence and protect our communities.

12:00pm

#### Panel Discussion and Luncheon

Topic and Speakers TBD.

4:30pm-  
5:30pm

#### Breakout Workshops with Community Engagement Organizations

Meet with and learn about the resources and approaches of a host of organizations that are dedicated to providing tools to connect with the community.

7:00pm

#### National Town Hall

This Town Hall will explore practical solutions to bolster law enforcement agencies' efforts to partner with and protect their communities. Many of these solutions are already being used in communities across the country and showing real results. From real-time community survey technology to community mapping software, attendees will take away implementable strategies from this session and will learn about benefits, challenges, and implementation strategies.

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

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- 8:00am **General Plenary**  
Keynote Speaker: To Be Announced
- 12:00pm **Panel Discussion and Luncheon**  
Topic and Speakers TBD
- 4:30pm-5:30pm **Breakout Workshops with National Law Enforcement Organizations**  
An opportunity to learn from the expertise and resources made available by veritable law enforcement-serving organizations.
- 7:00pm **Colleague Connection - Partying with a Purpose**  
An important goal of the PLECET Conference is building strong professional networks; this session is aimed at just that. This is an off-site and largely social networking event with live entertainment, casino games, great food, dancing, cigars, bar, and more. It will include an introduction and overview of the Law Enforcement Community Engagement Network and will provide ample opportunity for meeting and learning from colleagues from across the nation. Attendees will be bused to this event from the conference convention center.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

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- 9:00am **The 2025 Torch Awards**  
The Torch Awards recognize influential public figures who carry forward the torch of servant leadership and the spirit of service and nonviolent social change that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his cohorts embodied. While icons of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s are rightly celebrated for their historic work to create a better world, each generation must produce its own leaders who forge justice. Mrs. Coretta Scott King often said, "Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation." For that reason, the Torch Awards recognize the contributions of national leaders born after April 4, 1968, the tragic day when Dr. King was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.  
Each year, the Torch Awards honor prominent individuals who contribute to a better world in one of the following categories: Advocacy, Arts, Business, Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, Education, Entertainment, Government, Health, Law, Media, Philanthropy, Public Safety, Science, Sports, and Technology. By honoring recipients from all walks of life who light the way to improving humanity, the Torch Awards celebrate torchbearers building the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King, Ms. Clayton, Ambassador Young, and their counterparts envisioned - in communities of every kind.  
This year's honorees are exemplary national leaders in the areas of public safety and criminal justice.
- 1:00pm **Community Service Projects**  
Conference attendees will participate in community service projects at seven sites across the Chicagoland area on Saturday, June 7, in partnership with prominent local non-profits, increasing conference visibility and fostering positive interaction between PLECET conference attendees and partners, local civic and community leaders, and law enforcement in service to the community at large.

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## CONFERENCE-WIDE SESSIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

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9:00am

### State and Regional Caucuses

The State and Regional Caucuses will provide an unprecedented platform for law enforcement-community engagement practitioners to connect, exchange ideas, and develop strategies alongside their colleagues on a state and regional basis to enhance community engagement efforts. The session is dedicated to fostering collaboration and unity in the field and attendees will have the chance to come together with their peers from the same state and the same region, creating a forum for ongoing dialogue and collaboration. Participants will explore ways to leverage collective strengths, address common challenges, and share best practices for building trust and rapport.

10:30am

### Closing Ceremony and Conferral of Training Certificates

This closing session will mark the culmination of several days of intensive learning, collaboration, networking, and inspiration, as dedicated law enforcement professionals from across the country come together to deepen their commitment to community-focused policing.

Central to the Closing Ceremony is the conferral of training certificates which will reflect the specific number of hours each attendee spent doing classroom training, seminar training, networking, and community service. Attendees are encouraged to submit their training certificates to the peace officers' standards and training council/authority in their respective states.

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## POTENTIAL SEMINARS

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5 from 4:30pm-5:30pm

The community-centric organizations listed below provide comprehensive programming that fosters partnerships between law enforcement and the public in various ways. Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend a one-hour seminar conducted by these organizations, aimed at familiarizing them with the specific services they offer and broader insights that can be applied universally.

- Coffee with a Cop, Inc.
- International Conference of Police Chaplains, Inc.
- National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc.
- National Citizens Police Academy Association, Inc.
- National Crime Prevention Council, Inc.
- National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
- Police Executive Research Forum, Inc. (PERF)
- Serve & Connect, Inc.
- United States Department of Homeland Security

### FRIDAY, June 6 from 4:30pm-5:30pm

These specialized law enforcement organizations have extensive resources, strategies, and/or technologies that support law enforcement agencies in fostering positive relationships with the community. The seminars organized by the entities listed below will offer a valuable opportunity to familiarize oneself with the particular methodologies of each organization and to integrate them into the operations of one's own agency.

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
- United States Marshals Service
- Joint Session of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA)
- \*\*\*Researchers Caucus\*\*\*