

## **2025 PLECET National Conference: Credit Hour Briefing Document**

### **Subject: Justification and Credit Hour Breakdown for Attendance at the 2025 PLECET National Conference**

**Introduction** The 2025 PLECET National Conference offers a unique and comprehensive learning experience designed to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement officers and other public safety professionals in community engagement. This groundbreaking training opportunity is designed to enhance professional development, community engagement skills, and inter-agency collaboration.

Attendees will have the opportunity to earn credit hours in four distinct categories: **Training Hours, Seminar Hours, Networking Hours, and Community Service/Volunteer Hours**. These hours are structured to provide a comprehensive learning experience that aligns with the highest standards of law enforcement education and community engagement.

This briefing document outlines the credit hours that are available, the four categories of hours, the content of each category, and the purpose behind each, providing a clear justification for agency investment in personnel attendance.

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### **Breakdown of Credit Hours and Reporting**

- **Training Hours:** 16.5 hours
- **Seminar Hours:** 7 hours
- **Networking Hours:** 8.25 hours
- **Community Service/Volunteer Hours:** 4 hours

The conference organizers will meticulously track and report the number of credit hours each attendee receives. Each attendee will be required to check in and check out of each session to ensure accurate tracking of earned hours, and a formal certificate will be issued at the conclusion of the conference. These hours may be used to fulfill training requirements and submitted to relevant state Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) authorities.

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### **1. Training Hours (16.5 Hours)**

**Purpose:** To provide critical law enforcement education, strategic insights, and practical skills necessary to effectively serve and protect their communities via community engagement.

**Activities Included:**

- Training Sessions (classes)
- Expert-led Panel Discussions
- Breakout Workshops with Community Engagement Organizations
- Breakout Workshops with National Law Enforcement Organizations

**Mission:** The training component of the PLECET National Conference is structured to ensure that law enforcement professionals and other public safety officials receive hands-on, practical instruction from subject-matter experts on pressing issues relative to community engagement, officer wellness, law enforcement strategy, and violence intervention. These sessions equip attendees with knowledge and skills that can be immediately applied in their respective agencies.

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## **2. Seminar Hours (7 Hours)**

**Purpose:** To expose attendees to high-level discussions and insights from law enforcement leaders, policymakers, and distinguished speakers regarding emerging trends, challenges, and best practices in public safety.

**Activities Included:**

- Opening Ceremony and General Plenary
- General Plenary
- The Torch Awards
- National Town Hall Meeting
- Closing Ceremony and Conferral of Training Certificates

**Mission:** Seminar sessions provide attendees with broader perspectives on the field of public safety and leadership by addressing key societal challenges, management strategies, and innovative approaches to community policing. Participants will gain inspiration and knowledge from high-ranking officials, renowned thought leaders, and community stakeholders.

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### **3. Networking Hours (8.25 Hours)**

**Purpose:** To foster professional relationships, peer learning, and inter-agency collaboration among law enforcement professionals and other public safety personnel from across the country.

**Activities Included:**

- State and Regional Networking Conclave
- Welcome Reception
- Colleague Connection – Partying with a Purpose
- Small Group Meetups
- Regional and State Caucuses

**Mission:** Networking is a vital component of professional development. The PLECET Conference provides structured networking opportunities that allow attendees to connect with peers, share best practices, and build a strong support network that extends beyond the conference. These relationships can enhance inter-agency cooperation and collaboration on local, state, regional, and national levels.

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### **4. Community Service/Volunteer Hours (4 Hours)**

**Purpose:** To provide attendees with hands-on opportunities to engage in service projects in the Conference’s host city that set a powerful example of how to strengthen ties between public safety personnel and the communities they serve.

**Activities Included:**

- Community Service Projects throughout the City of Chicago

**Mission:** The PLECET Conference emphasizes the importance of direct community involvement. Attendees will participate in service projects that contribute to positive community relationships, enhance public perception of law enforcement, and demonstrate the commitment of public safety professionals to making a tangible difference in society.

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## Why Public Safety Agencies Should Send Their Personnel to the 2025 PLECET National Conference

1. **Comprehensive Training & Development:** Attendees will receive over 16 hours of training in critical areas that can be directly applied to their work.
2. **Enhanced Community Engagement Strategies:** Exposure to community policing and public safety best practices will help personnel build stronger, more effective relationships with the communities they serve.
3. **Networking & Collaboration:** Attendees will engage with colleagues from agencies nationwide, fostering cross-jurisdictional partnerships and collaboration.
4. **Leadership Growth:** Participants will gain insights from top law enforcement and public safety leaders, providing them with the knowledge and motivation to advance in their careers.
5. **Community Impact & Public Perception/Trust:** Through participation in volunteer activities and town hall meetings, attendees will demonstrate the profession's commitment to community service and strengthen public trust.
6. **Recognition & Certification:** Participants will receive training certificates reflecting their participation and the number of hours earned – in each category - which can be submitted to POST authorities and other relevant accrediting bodies.

The 2025 PLECET National Conference is not just another conference — it is a worthwhile investment in the professional growth of law enforcement and public safety personnel, the future of community outreach, and the advancement of public safety broadly. Agencies that send their personnel will see immediate and long-term benefits in effectiveness, community relations, and overall excellence in public safety service.

For more information and to register, visit [www.plecetconference2025.org](http://www.plecetconference2025.org).