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# 2025 PLECET NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*PROFESSIONALIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TRAINING*

**JUNE 4-8, 2025 | CHICAGO, IL**



**“[The PLECET Conference] is about lifting up good, positive, strategic, and effective communities of practice in engaging with our community.”**

**Hugh T. Clements**, *Former Director,*  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services,  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(05/02/2024)

**“Whether it’s around recruitment and retention or reducing violent crime... We need to build a community of practice around community engagement officers.”**

**Karhlton F. Moore**, *Former Director,*  
Bureau of Justice Assistance,  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(05/02/2024)

# About MovementForward, Inc.

**MovementForward, Inc. (MFI)** is a modern, inclusive social change organization dedicated to protecting, promoting, and advancing the human and civil rights of all people.

MFI's mission is to carry forward the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Beloved Community" by providing innovative, inclusive, and solution-focused advocacy that supports social justice, peace, and equality across the United States and around the world.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, MFI is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization recognized for its excellence with a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Guidestar. The organization's bridge-building work focuses on three core initiatives in public safety and community-police relations: **National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue)**, the **Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Network (LECEN)**, and the **Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training (PLECET) National Conference**.



# The Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training (PLECET) National Conference

The **Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training (PLECET) National Conference** is a specialized training, networking, and professional development summit designed for sworn and civilian personnel assigned to community engagement roles within law enforcement agencies nationwide.

This conference is truly one of a kind—there are no other national, regional, or local conventions offering this essential training, despite more than 20,000 law enforcement professionals being tasked with dedicated community engagement responsibilities.

Effective law enforcement requires strategic community engagement to build trust, foster cooperation, and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve. The PLECET National Conference equips law enforcement professionals with the tools, strategies, and best practices needed to enhance community engagement efforts in their jurisdictions.

## PLECET 2025 will occur over five days and include:

- Officers from all 50 states, assigned to community engagement roles, in every type of law enforcement agency in the U.S.
- Top law enforcement officers from the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including the FBI, ATF, USMS, DEA, and USSS
- Senior government officials and law enforcement leaders
- Seven conference-wide sessions for all attendees with prominent leaders in the field
- Eight custom training tracks providing best practices on law enforcement-community engagement
- A citywide service project where attendees will work alongside residents to improve the external environment, which has demonstrated impact on public safety
- An awards ceremony that recognizes leaders building a better world in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- High-impact networking opportunities
- A special networking party where officers and sponsors socialize and build rapport
- Ongoing communication for all attendees throughout the conference, and more!

## STATISTICS

| 2024<br>(Actual)               | 2025<br>(Expected) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ATTENDEES</b>               |                    |
| 1,700+                         | 2,000+             |
| <b>STATES</b>                  |                    |
| 50                             | 50                 |
| <b>AGENCY PARTICIPATION</b>    |                    |
| 1,000                          | 1,250+             |
| <b>TRAINERS</b>                |                    |
| 85                             | 100                |
| <b>SPEAKERS</b>                |                    |
| 30                             | 40                 |
| <b>HOURS OF TRAINING</b>       |                    |
| 67                             | 75                 |
| <b>DIRECT SERVICE PROJECTS</b> |                    |
| 8                              | 12                 |

# The Challenge

Research shows – and both community members and law enforcement professionals agree – that enhanced and expanded training for public safety personnel is essential to reducing crime, building trust, and fostering successful community collaboration.

As crime rates rise, there is growing consensus that strong community–law enforcement partnerships are increasingly critical for public safety. While improved academy and in–service training on topics such as de–escalation, mental health, human trafficking, and opioid overdoses is being implemented nationwide, there remains a significant lack of training and professional development opportunities for those in community engagement roles within law enforcement.

Many agencies have promising community engagement program concepts but often lack the expertise, organizational capacity, standardized practices, and resources necessary for effective implementation. Additionally, most agencies have not received formal training on best practices for engaging with community members, promoting outreach programs and events, or sustaining ongoing activities.

Some agencies have successfully organized impactful events but lack the knowledge to turn these efforts into long–term strategic partnerships that reduce crime and build lasting trust. These are just a few of the community engagement training gaps that will be addressed at the **2025 PLECET National Conference**.





## The Solution

During the 2025 PLECET National Conference, public safety community engagement practitioners will learn about best and promising community outreach practices and resources that will help them excel in their roles. Participants will also have an opportunity to formally and informally network with other law enforcement professionals working in similar roles across the nation, which will provide immediate and sustained professional development opportunities.

The conference will utilize a standard seminar, workshop, caucus, and plenary structure with planned opportunities for networking. After an opening plenary session with prominent national leaders, each participant will complete eight specialized training courses. The training will include sessions with an instructionally designed curriculum constructed to equip community engagement officers with best-in-class competencies to maximize their potential impact in local communities. The conference will include a televised national town hall meeting focused on effectively utilizing community engagement to reduce crime. Local, state, federal, tribal, and campus law enforcement agencies throughout the United States will attend the conference.

Based upon tenets of Intergroup Contact Theory, the PLECET Conference further “professionalizes” the critical and highly specialized community engagement sector of the law enforcement profession. Designed for law enforcement personnel with community engagement and outreach responsibilities, the conference attendees will also include agency heads, researchers, municipal staff and officials, nonprofit representatives, communications professionals, and technologists.



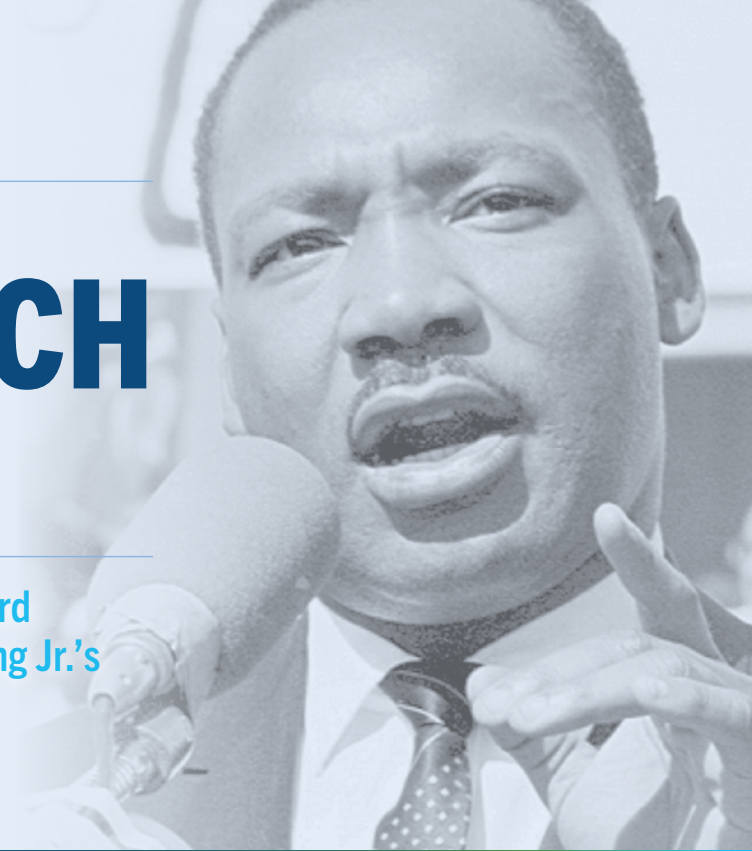
**“Thanks for an amazing conference. I’ve been going to police training for 33 years and this was hands down the best conference I’ve attended.”**

**Chief Rich Lockhart**  
Lawrence Police  
Department  
(Kansas)



# 2025 THE TORCH AWARDS

Honoring leaders carrying forward  
the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s  
'Beloved Community'



The Torch Awards, presented annually by MovementForward, Inc. (MFI), recognize influential public figures who carry forward the torch of servant leadership and the spirit of service and nonviolent social change that 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. For that reason, the Torch Awards recognize the contributions of national leaders born after April 4, 1968, the tragic day Dr. King was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Torch Awards honor prominent individuals who contribute to a better world in one of the following categories: *Advocacy, Arts, Business, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, Health, Law, Media, Philanthropy, Public Safety, Religion, 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 envisioned in communities of every kind.

The 2025 Torch Awards will occur during MFI's 2025 Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training (PLECET) national conference in Chicago, Illinois, and will be attended by a diverse audience from throughout the United States, including corporate, political, business, government, faith, and civic leaders, along with college and high school students as well as the general public.

MovementForward, Inc., is a modern, inclusive social change nonprofit working to protect, promote, and advance the civil and human rights of all people in the great tradition of Dr. King and his contemporaries. We are building a multiracial, multifaceted, and intergenerational movement for social justice, economic parity, educational equity, racial reconciliation, and global peace by bringing diverse people together to solve problems in innovative, inclusive, and solution-driven ways.

# PLECET Conference Photos

## Meetings & Interaction



## Service Projects



# Schedule

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## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

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| 2:00pm        | Registration Opens                     |
| 6:00pm–7:00pm | State and Regional Networking Conclave |
| 7:00pm–9:00pm | Welcome Reception                      |

## DAY 2: THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

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| 7:00am–8:00am   | Registration/Information Desk Open                         |
| 8:00am–8:50am   | Opening Ceremony and General Plenary                       |
| 9:00am–10:15am  | Training Sessions  |
| 10:30am–11:45am | Training Sessions  |
| 12:00pm–1:20pm  | Panel Discussion and Luncheon                              |
| 1:30pm–2:45pm   | Training Sessions  |
| 3:00pm–4:15pm   | Training Sessions  |
| 4:30pm–5:30pm   | Breakout Workshops with Community Engagement Organizations |
| 7:00pm–9:00pm   | National Town Hall Meeting                                 |

## DAY 3: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

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| 7:00am–3:00pm   | Registration/Info Desk Open                                    |
| 8:00am–8:50am   | General Plenary  |
| 9:00am–10:15am  | Training Sessions  |
| 10:30am–11:45am | Training Sessions  |
| 12:00pm–1:20pm  | Panel Discussion and Luncheon                                  |
| 1:30pm–2:45pm   | Training Sessions  |
| 3:00pm–4:15pm   | Training Sessions  |
| 4:30pm–5:30pm   | Breakout Workshops with National Law Enforcement Organizations |
| 7:00pm–10:00pm  | Colleague Connection – Partying with a Purpose                 |

## DAY 4: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

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| 9:00am–11:00am | The Torch Awards  |
| 1:00pm–5:00pm  | Community Service Projects throughout the City of Chicago (Buses depart at 12:00pm) |
| 7:00pm–8:00pm  | Small Group Meetups   |

## DAY 5: SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

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| 9:00am–10:15am  | Regional and State Caucuses                             |
| 10:30am–11:30am | Closing Ceremony and Conferral of Training Certificates |
| 11:30am         | 2025 PLECET National Conference Officially Ends         |
| 12:00pm         | Hotel Check Out   |



# 2025 PLECET NATIONAL CONFERENCE

*Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training*

Watch 2025 Promotional Video



Scan the QR code or visit: <https://youtu.be/MVe95GvZWnl>

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