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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**, *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**, *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
- 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 (Actual)	2025 (Expected)
ATTENDEES	
1,700+	2,000+
STATES	
50	50
AGENCY PARTICIPATION	
1,000	1,250+
TRAINERS	
85	100
SPEAKERS	
30	40
HOURS OF TRAINING	
67	75
DIRECT SERVICE PROJECTS	
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)

# Schedule

## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

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

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

## DAY 3: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

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

9:00am–10:00am	General Plenary
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

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



# PLECET Conference Photos

## Meetings & Interaction



## Service Projects



# 2025 PLECET NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Watch 2025 Promotional Video



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