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Dear ILACP members,

I write to bring to your attention a unique and innovative training opportunity that stands to make a lasting impact on the future of law enforcement-community relations in Illinois and across the country.

The 2025 Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement Training (PLECET) National Conference – **June 4–8, 2025**, at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago – is a groundbreaking event designed to elevate and institutionalize how agencies engage with and serve their communities.

I encourage you to consider sending your agency's community outreach personnel to this important training. You can view a short video featuring national law enforcement leaders discussing the need for and impact of PLECET here: plecetconference2025.org/video.

About the PLECET Conference

Launched in 2023 by the U.S. Department of Justice and MovementForward, Inc., in collaboration with leading national law enforcement organizations, PLECET is the nation's only training event dedicated exclusively to outreach and engagement within policing. The first two conferences were held in Atlanta and welcomed law enforcement – including ILCAP member agencies – from all 50 states. Unlike other specialized areas of law enforcement, community engagement has historically lacked structured training and professional development. PLECET is addressing that gap with a curriculum specifically designed for both sworn and civilian personnel responsible for outreach and engagement efforts. The conference organizers are working with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board to secure approval of the training courses so that sworn officers can receive credit hours for attending the classes that will be offered at PLECET 2025.

Key Benefits of Attending Include:

- Expert-led training classes and workshops on innovative strategies in community engagement
- A research-based, instructionally designed curriculum developed by top law enforcement professionals, scholars, and subject-matter experts
- Opportunities for community-focused personnel to connect with peers nationwide to exchange insights and develop collaborative solutions to today's community policing challenges
- Seminars on the latest programs, tools, and resources in community policing

Registration, Travel, and Lodging Information

To encourage broad participation from Illinois agencies – and in recognition of ILACP's ongoing collaborations – the PLECET Conference is offering a special discounted rate of \$399.00 for the first registrant from each Illinois agency, and just \$99.00 for each additional registrant (*upon request*). This represents a significant savings off the standard \$399.00 per-person registration fee and includes access to all conference sessions, ancillary activities, meals, and networking events.

Since this national event is taking place in our state, travel costs should be minimal. A government-rate lodging discount of \$199.00 per night (single or double occupancy) is available at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, which is directly connected to the convention center. Hotel reservations can be made using the promo code "PLECET Conference" by calling (312) 567-1234 or visiting plecetconference2025.org/hyatt.

I strongly encourage you to register your agency's community engagement personnel as soon as possible at plecetconference2025.org, as space is limited. Illinois agencies have long been at the forefront of innovative policing strategies – this is an opportunity to further that leadership by advancing the way we connect with and serve our communities.

I've attached a flyer with additional details. For further information, please contact the PLECET National Office at (404) 605-7000 or via email at registration@plecet.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to the communities we serve.

Sincerely,



Chief (ret.) Kenny Winslow
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