2026 PLECET National Conference
Credit Hour Briefing Document

Subject:
Justification and Credit Hour Breakdown for Attendance at the 2026 PLECET National Conference

Introduction
The 2026 PLECET National Conference offers a unique and comprehensive learning experience designed to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement officers and other public safety professionals assigned to community engagement roles. This groundbreaking training opportunity is designed to strengthen professional development, community engagement skills, and inter-agency collaboration.

Attendees will earn credit hours in four distinct categories: Training Hours, Seminar Hours, Networking Hours, and Community Service/Volunteer Hours. These categories collectively provide a rigorous and well-rounded learning experience aligned with the highest standards of law enforcement education and community engagement.

This briefing document outlines the credit hours available, the purpose behind each category, and the justification for agency investment in personnel attendance.

Breakdown of Credit Hours and Reporting

- **Training Hours: 14.5 hours**
- **Seminar Hours: 5 hours**
- **Networking Hours: 10.25 hours**
- **Community Service/Volunteer Hours: 2 hours**

1. Training Hours (14.5 Hours)

Purpose
To provide critical law enforcement and public safety education, strategic insights, and practical skills necessary to effectively serve and protect communities through enhanced 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 participants receive hands-on, practical instruction from subject-matter experts on pressing issues related to community engagement, officer wellness, public safety strategy, and violence intervention. These sessions equip attendees with applicable knowledge and skills to immediately enhance their work and agency operations.

2. Seminar Hours (5 Hours)

Purpose
To expose attendees to high-level insights from law enforcement leaders, policymakers, and national experts on emerging trends, challenges, and best practices in public safety.

Activities Included

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

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Mission
Seminar sessions broaden participants' understanding of complex public safety issues, leadership strategies, and innovative approaches to community policing. Attendees gain inspiration and knowledge from high-ranking officials, thought leaders, and community stakeholders.

3. Networking Hours (10.25 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 opportunities to share best practices, connect with peers, and build support networks that strengthen collaboration among local, state, regional, and national agencies.

4. Community Service/Volunteer Hours (2 Hours)

Purpose
To provide attendees with hands-on opportunities to participate in service projects within the conference host city, demonstrating the importance of community involvement and modeling positive law enforcement–community relationships.

Activities Included

- Community Service Projects throughout the Dallas region

Mission
These projects strengthen ties between public safety professionals and the communities they serve. Participation enhances community perception of law enforcement and demonstrates the collective commitment of conference attendees to making a tangible, positive difference.

Why Agencies Should Send Personnel to the 2026 Professionalizing Law Enforcement Community Engagement Training (PLECET) National Conference

Comprehensive Training & Development:
Attendees will receive over 14 hours of specialized training in critical areas that immediately strengthen on-the-job performance.

Enhanced Community Engagement Strategies:
Exposure to community policing best practices helps personnel build more effective relationships with the communities they serve.

Networking & Collaboration:
Attendees engage with colleagues from agencies nationwide, fostering cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

Leadership Growth:
Participants gain insights from top national public safety and law enforcement leaders to advance their professional growth.

Community Impact & Public Trust:
Volunteer activities and town hall sessions reinforce community trust and demonstrate the profession's commitment to service.

Recognition & Certification:
Participants receive certificates reflecting the number of earned hours in each category, suitable for submission to POST authorities and other credentialing bodies.

Conclusion

The 2026 PLECET National Conference is a strategic investment in the professional development of law enforcement and other public safety personnel. Agencies that send their staff will see both immediate and long-term benefits in effectiveness, community relations, and overall excellence in public safety service.

For more information and to register, visit *www.plecetconference2026.org.*