



## 2026 Agenda | San Diego, CA

### Pre-Conference - Tuesday, September 8, 2026

| Time              | Event                    | Location      |
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| 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Conference Badge Pick-Up | Pacific Foyer |
|                   | Exhibitor Set-Up         | T&C Foyer     |
| 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | WLLEF Chapters Meeting   | Palm Room 7   |
| 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Welcome Celebration      | Flamingo Lawn |

### Day 1 - Wednesday, September 9, 2026

| Time                | Event                                                                                                                                     | Location              |
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| 7:00 am - 8:00 am   | Check-In<br><i>Sponsored by Jones Mayer</i>                                                                                               | Pacific Foyer         |
| 8:00 am - 9:00 am   | Opening Ceremony                                                                                                                          | Golden State Ballroom |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am  | Featured Speaker: <b>Dr. Jen Welter</b><br><i>Sponsored by University of San Diego</i>                                                    |                       |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am | Break                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  | Mock Interviews<br><i>Brought to you by the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Foundation</i>                                               | Palm Rooms 1-8        |
| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | <b>From Silence to Strength:<br/>Building Cultures of Resilience</b><br><i>Carryn Baker, Detective, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office</i> | T&C A                 |
|                     | <b>Stop Waiting to be Chosen</b><br><i>Tracy Miller, Law Enforcement Executive Coach, TM Consulting</i>                                   | T&C B                 |

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| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | <b>Trauma Recovery, Resilience, and Wellness</b><br><i>Dan Willis, Captain (Ret.), National Command and Staff College</i>                                                                                                                                      | T&C C                 |
|                     | <b>Connected Leadership: Building Resilient Officers, Families, and Agencies Through Wellness-Informed Practices</b><br><i>Neil Cervenka, Chief (Ret.), Fort Bragg Police Department and Coralee Schmitz, Licensed Independent Counselor (AZ), GoMo Health</i> | T&C D                 |
|                     | Roundtable Discussions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Connection Cafe       |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  | Networking Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Golden State Ballroom |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm   | <b>Leading the Culture: How Leaders (Not Managers) Shape the Future of Policing</b><br><i>Chris Hsiung, Executive Director/Undersheriff, The Curve/San Mateo County Sheriff's Office</i>                                                                       | T&C A                 |
|                     | <b>Title TBD</b><br><i>Jennifer Grasso, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Police Department</i>                                                                                                                                                                          | T&C B                 |
|                     | <b>The Authentic Art of Connection</b><br><i>Faye Maloney, Lieutenant, Hayward Police Department</i>                                                                                                                                                           | T&C C                 |
|                     | <b>One Mission, One Table: Expanding the Leadership Lens</b><br><i>Tracy Avelar, Chief, Pleasanton Police Department and Megan Wilske, Police Services Commander, Pleasanton Police Department</i>                                                             | T&C D                 |
|                     | Roundtable Discussions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Connection Cafe       |

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| 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
|                   | Guided Meditation Session                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Pacific Ballroom E&D  |
| 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm | <b>Two Inches Too Short... and Other Things That Didn't Define Me: A Look Back at Three Decades of Public Service</b><br><i>Rachel Johnson, Chief, Manhattan Beach Police Department</i>                                              | T&C A                 |
|                   | <b>Stronger Together: The Power of Connection for Women in Policing</b><br><i>Deana Kahle, Executive Director, The Counseling Team International</i>                                                                                  | T&C B                 |
|                   | <b>Women Undercover Operatives: Challenges, Utilization and Value</b><br><i>Jennifer Benjamins, Owner, Covert Blue LLC</i>                                                                                                            | T&C C                 |
|                   | <b>Spiritual Wellness: How to Thrive in Law Enforcement</b><br><i>Jerry Hara, Captain (Ret.), San Diego Police Department/CIG: Christian Law Enforcement Fellowship, Misty Cedrun, Lieutenant (Ret.), San Diego Police Department</i> | T&C D                 |
| 3:15 pm - 3:30 pm | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | Raffle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Golden State Ballroom |
|                   | Podcast Experience with<br><b>Kristen Ziman &amp; Sylvia Moir</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | CHP Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | T&C D                 |

## Day 2 - Thursday, September 10, 2026

| Time              | Event        | Location    |
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| 6:00 am - 7:00 am | Sunrise Yoga | Lapper Lawn |

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| 7:00 am - 8:00 am   | Check-In<br><i>Sponsored by Jones Mayer</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | Pacific Foyer         |
| 8:00 am - 9:30 am   | Featured Speaker: <b>George Piro</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Golden State Ballroom |
| 9:30 am - 10:30 am  | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| 9:30 am - 9:45 am   | Guided Meditation Session                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Pacific Ballroom E&D  |
| 10:30 am - 11:30 am | <b>Building Your Village: How to Grow Your Network Outside Your Agency</b><br><i>Julia Clasby, Lieutenant, Seal Beach Police Department and Dr. Alma Burke, Assistant Chief (Ret.), Burke Consulting Group</i>            | T&C A                 |
|                     | <b>Promotional Process Preparation Training</b><br><i>Andrew Jensen, Captain, and Charlene Jacquez, Assistant Sheriff, and Michael Rector, Captain/ In-Service Training Manager, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office</i> | T&C B                 |
|                     | <b>The Power of Connection: How Financial &amp; Legacy Planning Support Mental Wellness for Women</b><br><i>Jennifer Pratt, Founder, Odyssey Training Group and Erik Gomez, Instructor, Odyssey Training Group</i>        | T&C C                 |
|                     | <b>Navigating Workplace Challenges Without Derailing Your Career</b><br><i>Bridget Truxillo, Attorney &amp; Former SWAT, Lady Law Shield</i>                                                                              | T&C D                 |
|                     | Vision Board Workshop ( <i>pre-registration required</i> )                                                                                                                                                                | Connection Cafe       |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Networking Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Golden State Ballroom |

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| 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | <b>Through Pain. We Rise.</b><br><i>Tara Primasing, Special Victims Detective, Elk Grove Police Department</i>                                                      | T&C A                 |
|                    | <b>Connected Leadership: Building Trust Before Difficult Conversations are Necessary</b><br><i>Jessica Nowaski, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Athena Leadership Coaching</i> | T&C B                 |
|                    | <b>Inspiring and Growing Public Safety Trainers</b><br><i>Christine Law, Training Program Manager, Kitsap 911</i>                                                   | T&C C                 |
|                    | <b>Beyond Burnout: A Neuroscience-Based Framework for Women in Policing</b><br><i>Isabelle Tierney, Founder &amp; CEO, Choice Point, Inc.</i>                       | T&C D                 |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  | Break                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
|                    | Sound Bath                                                                                                                                                          | Pacific Ballroom E&D  |
| 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  | Featured Speaker:<br><b>Sheriff Tina Nieto</b><br><i>Sponsored by Peregrine</i>                                                                                     | Golden State Ballroom |

### Day 3 - Friday, September 11, 2026

| Time               | Event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Location          |
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| 6:30 am - 7:30 am  | Sunrise Pilates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lapper Lawn       |
| 7:30 am - 12:00 pm | Luggage Check                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | California Room 3 |
| 8:30 am - 9:30 am  | <b>Iron Sharpens Iron: How Supportive Work Environments Empower Women in Law Enforcement</b><br><i>Jessica Kuehn, Detective: Major Crimes Division, Anette Cabral, Senior Crime and Intelligence Analyst Homicide Unit, Juliet Dias, Detective Homicide Unit, San Diego County Sheriff's Office</i> | T&C A             |

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| 8:30 am - 9:30 am   | <b>Work Life Balance Panel</b><br><i>Cindy Pontes, Chief (Ret.), CHP (moderator), Rachel Tolber, Chief, Redlands, Julia Clasby, Lieutenant, Seal Beach, Suzanne Heath, Traffic Office Administrator, Anaheim, Cynthia Bearse, Captain, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department</i> | T&C B                 |
|                     | <b>Connected Through Candor: Courageous Conversations at the Leadership Table</b><br><i>Jamie Field, Chief, Los Gatos-Monte Sereno and Rebecca Albin, Captain, Los Gatos-Monte Sereno</i>                                                                                          | T&C C                 |
|                     | <b>Humanity as a Tactic</b><br><i>Ryan Lee, Officer, Homeless Assessment Liaison Officers (HALO), Anaheim</i>                                                                                                                                                                      | T&C D                 |
| 9:30 am - 10:30 am  | Brunch & September 11 Remembrance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Golden State Ballroom |
| 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Closing Featured Speaker:<br><b>Danielle Green</b><br><i>Sponsored by AT&amp;T</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| 11:30 am - 12:00 pm | Closing Ceremony                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  | Exhibitor Move-Out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | T&C Foyer             |