



2026 Agenda | San Diego, CA

Pre-Conference - Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Trauma Recovery, Resilience, and Wellness <i>Dan Willis, Captain (Ret.), National Command and Staff College</i>	T&C C
	Connected Leadership: Building Resilient Officers, Families, and Agencies Through Wellness-Informed Practices <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	Leading the Culture: How Leaders (Not Managers) Shape the Future of Policing <i>Chris Hsiung, Executive Director/Undersheriff, The Curve/San Mateo County Sheriff's Office</i>	T&C A
	Panel TBD (assembled by subcommittee) <i>Presenters TBD</i>	T&C B
	The Authentic Art of Connection <i>Faye Maloney, Lieutenant, Hayward Police Department</i>	T&C C
	One Mission, One Table: Expanding the Leadership Lens <i>Tracy Avelar, Chief, Pleasanton Police Department and Megan Wilske, Police Services Commander, Pleasanton Police Department</i>	T&C D
	Roundtable Discussions	Connection Cafe

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break	
	Guided Meditation Session	Pacific Ballroom E&D
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Two Inches Too Short... and Other Things That Didn't Define Me: A Look Back at Three Decades of Public Service <i>Rachel Johnson, Chief, Manhattan Beach Police Department</i>	T&C A
	Stronger Together: The Power of Connection for Women in Policing <i>Deana Kahle, Executive Director, The Counseling Team International</i>	T&C B
	Women Undercover Operatives: Challenges, Utilization and Value <i>Jennifer Benjamins, Owner, Covert Blue LLC</i>	T&C C
	Spiritual Wellness: How to Thrive in Law Enforcement <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 Kristen Ziman & Sylvia Moir	
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	CHP Meeting	T&C D
Day 2 - Thursday, September 10, 2026		
Time	Event	Location
6:00 am - 7:00 am	Sunrise Yoga	Lapper Lawn
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Check-In <i>Sponsored by Jones Mayer</i>	Pacific Foyer

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Featured Speaker: George Piro	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	Building Your Village: How to Grow Your Network Outside Your Agency <i>Julia Clasby, Lieutenant, Seal Beach Police Department and Dr. Alma Burke, Assistant Chief (Ret.), Burke Consulting Group</i>	T&C A
	Promotional Process Preparation Training <i>Andrew Jensen, Captain, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and Charlene Jacquez, Captain, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, Michael Rector, Lieutenant/ In-Service Training Manager, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office</i>	T&C B
	The Power of Connection: How Financial & Legacy Planning Support Mental Wellness for Women <i>Jennifer Pratt, Founder, Odyssey Training Group and Erik Gomez, Instructor, Odyssey Training Group</i>	T&C C
	Navigating Workplace Challenges Without Derailing Your Career <i>Bridget Truxillo, Attorney & Former SWAT, Lady Law Shield</i>	T&C D
	Roundtable Discussions	Connection Cafe
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Networking Lunch	Golden State Ballroom
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Through Pain. We Rise. <i>Tara Primasing, Special Victims Detective, Elk Grove Police Department</i>	T&C A

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Connected Leadership: Building Trust Before Difficult Conversations are Necessary <i>Jessica Nowaski, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Athena Leadership Coaching</i>	T&C B
	Inspiring and Growing Public Safety Trainers <i>Christine Law, Training Program Manager, Kitsap 911</i>	T&C C
	Beyond Burnout: A Neuroscience-Based Framework for Women in Policing <i>Isabelle Tierney, Founder & 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: Sheriff Tina Nieto <i>Sponsored by Peregrine</i>	Golden State Ballroom

Day 3 - Friday, September 11, 2026

Time	Event	Location
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	Iron Sharpens Iron: How Supportive Work Environments Empower Women in Law Enforcement <i>Jessica Kuehn, Detective: Major Crimes Division, San Diego County Sheriff's Office</i>	T&C A

8:30 am - 9:30 am	Work Life Balance Panel <i>Cindy Pontes, Assistant Chief (Ret.), CHP (moderator), Rachel Tolber, Chief, Redlands, Julia Clasby, Lieutenant, Seal Beach, Suzanne Heath, Traffic Office Administrator, Anaheim</i>	T&C B
	Connected Through Candor: Courageous Conversations at the Leadership Table <i>Jamie Field, Chief, Los Gatos-Monte Sereno and Rebecca Albin, Captain, Los Gatos-Monte Sereno</i>	T&C C
	Humanity as a Tactic <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: Danielle Green	
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Closing Ceremony	
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Move-Out	T&C Foyer