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Sheriff McFadden To Speak at the Inaugural Professionalizing Law Enforcement Community Engagement Training Conference

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – Sheriff Garry L. McFadden is scheduled to be a presenter during the “Building an Organization-Wide Culture of Community Engagement” panel discussion, at the inaugural Professionalizing Law Enforcement Community Engagement Training Conference (PLECET) on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in Atlanta, GA. Our Community Engagement Team will also take part in the conference as Sheriff McFadden is set to introduce the Cops and Barbers Initiative during the panel.

The Cops and Barbers Initiative was created in 2015 by Sheriff McFadden and Shaun Corbett, as an opportunity to bridge the gap between law enforcement and community they serve. The initiative has been credited with establishing meaningful relationships, making it easier to have much needed dialogue for sustainable community growth. The effort received significant attention when former President, Barack Obama invited the duo to participate in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing

The PLECET Conference will feature a premiere group of instructors, speakers, presenters, community leaders, scholars, researchers, and community engagement practitioners with proven success. During the conference, attendees 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.

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