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**NEW Course!**

**October 26 & October 27**

## Hiring Public Safety Officials

Attracting, hiring and maintaining quality public safety officials is an issue of great importance to cities. The League is offering a NEW Municipal Training Institute class for municipalities to learn the best practices for Kansas cities to use throughout the hiring process specific to public safety positions.

See page 2 of League News for more details and how to register.

Next week, we'll announce our October webinar -- another new class offering for League members!

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## VISITING US IN WICHITA?

### HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

If you're packing your bags for the League's Annual Conference, travel safe and we can't wait to see you when you arrive! We want every participant to get the most out of our conference. Here's a few tips to consider as you prepare for conference:

- Bring your business cards to hand out to speakers and other conference attendees.
- Before your session starts, introduce yourself to other attendees. Ask them about their city, why they are attending and current projects.
- Take full advantage of the networking opportunities and breaks. Visit our vendors and sponsors to learn about new programs and tools that can help your cities.
- Make sure to reach out to new attendees. Welcome them to the League conference and encourage them to be involved.
- If you are on social media, engage with other attendees through Facebook or Twitter. Use the hashtag #lkmcon17.
- Stop by the registration booth if you have any questions at all. The League staff will be there to answer questions or help!

## LEAGUE LAUNCHES NEW YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Citizen engagement is a priority for Kansas cities and the best place to start is with our youngest community members. This fall, the League is re-launching our youth civic education program. We started by crafting a Civic Learning Path to frame the new program and demonstrate a progression of civic growth. We expanded the program to include interactive lesson plans and a civic resource guide. To increase participation, we created an activity book, changed our "If I Were Mayor" writing contest to align with Kansas Department of Education guidelines and added new social media platforms to capture the interests of high schoolers.

**Introducing the League's Youth Civic Education Program!**

Please visit [www.LKM.org](http://www.LKM.org) for these interactive PDFs or download for FREE!

- INTERACTIVE LESSON PLANS!
- ACTIVITY BOOK & WRITING CONTEST!
- NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!

**BONUS!**  
Civic Resource Guide



LEAGUE OFFICES ARE CLOSED FROM NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 UNTIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 8:00 A.M.

ALL STAFF ARE WORKING AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WICHITA.

WE CANNOT TAKE LEGAL CALLS DURING THIS TIME. VOICEMAILS WILL BE RETURNED WHEN WE ARE BACK IN THE OFFICE.

## RESILIENCE: BUILDING A RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY



**2017 League Conference  
Sept. 16-18  
Wichita**



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## 2017 REGIONAL SUPPERS – ARE YOU JOINING US?

Each fall, League staff travels across the state to meet with state legislators and local government officials and staff to discuss the upcoming legislative session and gather input about local issues, efforts and challenges. This year we will visit these cities:

- October 4: Cimarron
- October 4: Hays
- October 5: Colby
- October 5: Derby
- October 11: Lawrence
- October 12: Coffeyville



We invite you to attend one of our Regional Suppers in a city close to you – invite your legislators - to meet League staff and talk with your colleagues and peers about League priorities and advocacy at the state capitol! *Sign up today!*

## ECONOMIC LIFELINES TOWN HALL & TOUR

Economic Lifelines is the statewide coalition of organizations and community groups which provides grassroots support for Comprehensive Transportation Programs in Kansas. The group will hold a series of town halls around Kansas this fall. As League members, you are invited to attend to discuss transportation issues that are important to your region.

The first town hall will be on September 27 in Garden City. This town hall-style meeting will take place at Garden City Community College from 1:00-2:45 p.m. in the Endowment Room of the Beth Tedrow Student Center. More information can be found on their [Facebook event page](#) or by contacting (785) 409-6500.



## NEW MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE COURSE: HIRING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

Attracting, hiring and maintaining quality public safety officials is an issue of great importance to cities. The League is offering a NEW Municipal Training Institute class for municipalities to learn the best practices for Kansas cities to use throughout the hiring process specific to public safety positions. This class will discuss:

- Recruitment strategies for public safety officials;
- Processes and procedures to use when performing background checks;
- Interview and hiring tips and techniques for public safety staff; and
- A discussion about the role of management and elected officials for oversight.



The class will be offered in two locations:

Thursday, October 26 in Belle Plaine

Friday, October 27 in Leavenworth

We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, human resource staff, city attorneys and elected officials. The course will be a coordinated effort taught by Jason Sharp, Parsons Chief of Police; Tammy Seely, City Clerk/Human Resource Officer, City of McPherson; and Amanda Stanley, Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities. This course has been submitted for IIMC and CLE credit.

The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. Register online at [www.lkm.org/events](http://www.lkm.org/events).



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