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## Course!

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## 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.

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).

This program has been approved for 1 CMC Education or 1 MMC Advanced Education credit. The course has also been submitted for CLE credit for attorneys.

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## THANK YOU!

Over 400 local government officials – including elected and appointed staff – travelled to Wichita this past weekend to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference. The 2017 conference focused on the theme of resiliency in cities. Over the course of three days, the officials spent time focused on the challenges of governing on many levels – managing fiscal challenges, addressing aging infrastructure, improving citizen engagement, maintaining quality personnel, discussing public policy and the opioid crisis, and strategizing solutions for blight and nuisance issues. Thank you for attending! If we didn't see you this year, we hope to see you in 2018 in Topeka. Mark your calendars now for October 6-8!



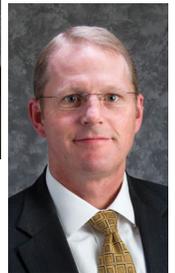
## LEAGUE LEADERSHIP ELECTED AT CONFERENCE

Mayor Jeff Longwell of Wichita was selected as President at the Business Meeting on Monday, September 18. Daron Hall, City Manager of Pittsburg, was selected as the Vice President.

Convention Delegates also selected three existing Governing Body members to continue their director positions for an additional, three-year term: Kendal Francis, City Manager, Coffeyville; Jerry Lovett-Sperling, City Clerk, Lindsborg; and James Toews, Mayor, Inman. Jason Jones, Councilmember from Hesston was appointed to a three-year term.

"I am honored to serve as the President of League of Kansas Municipalities," said Longwell. "As the voice of Kansas' cities, the League plays a key role in local government. We advocate for, and provide guidance to, hundreds of cities across the state and I am excited to lead the effort."

The League is proud to welcome these city officials to the 2017-2018 Governing Body.



## 2017 REGIONAL SUPPERS – NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

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!*



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## CHECK THIS OUT! 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. Download all of the files, curriculum and instructions for the program [on our website](#).

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

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## NEW WEBINAR!

### CYBERSECURITY: SIMPLE STEPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR ORGANIZATION

The League is partnering with Midwest Public Risk (MPR) to offer a one-hour webinar for municipalities on cybersecurity and best practices for protecting your city network and customer base from cyber-attacks. Cybersecurity threats can include identity theft, data theft, damaged business or personal reputation, lost revenue or income, spam and malware/network intrusions. This webinar will provide information that cities can use to discuss cybersecurity concerns with employees and/or elected officials, tips to reduce risk within your organization and more valuable information on cybersecurity concerns.



Who should participate? We recommend any elected or appointed official with organizational risk responsibilities should attend. This webinar will be taught in an understandable, non-technical manner. The League will be developing more, in-depth cybersecurity resources in the coming months but this is a great primer and introduction into basic steps your organization should take to form a first-line of defense against cyber-attacks.

Webinar Registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. [Register online for the webinar](#).

## KANSAS CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM NOW ENROLLING

The Kansas Certified Public Manager® (CPM) program is a professional education opportunity for managers working in government agencies, nonprofits, and organizations that contract to provide public services and meet community needs. CPM is a nationally accredited management program and certification in which participants develop and strengthen their management skills through our competency based curriculum. The program can fill a training gap for staff with significant technical expertise who seek to further their knowledge of current management practices.

This comprehensive 11-month program, which begins in January, meets once a month for 2 days, Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll spend the time learning with like-minded colleagues and peers who share your goals of boosting career potential and expanding your knowledge of strong public management.

For more information, [review the flyer online](#) or contact [Nikki Harrison](#), Member Services Manager, at (785) 354-9565.

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2018 KANSAS Certified Public Manager Program

**KANSAS cpm**  
certification

**Program Description:**  
The certification is a 11-month program, which begins in January and ends in December. Participants will spend the time learning with like-minded colleagues and peers who share your goals of boosting career potential and expanding your knowledge of strong public management.

**Program Location:**  
In 2018, courses will be held across the state in the following locations: Topeka and the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

**Program Costs:**  
The course fee for the Kansas Certified Public Manager® program in 2018, which is a year-long program, is:  
- \$3,000 for local and other employees  
- \$3,000 for state employees  
- \$3,150 for federal employees (10% discount)  
- Kansas Public Managers Grant offering set point of the KU Federal Executive Board Partnership

**Required Courses:**  
Principles of Leadership | Introduction and Orientation | Budget and Collaboration | Contracting and Performance Management | Ethics | HR Policies for Public Managers | Organizational Behavior and Change | Strategic and Budget Development | Public Service | Emergency | Crisis Management and Disaster Communication | The City Charter | Knowledge Management and Succession Planning | Refining Organizational Management Process | Personnel Management | Management Process (Private Management) | Management Process II (Government Program) | Individual Management Development Plan

**Graduates of the Certified Public Manager® Program may be eligible to receive up to 15 semester hours toward a bachelor's degree or up to six semester hours toward a public administration, management, or human resources master's degree. Please confirm with the educational institution.**

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