



2021 VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

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Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

10:00 P.M.	STATE AID STREET MEETING
1:00 P.M. to 1:10 P.M.	<p>WELCOME TO THE 2021 ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE—VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaking: Whitnee V. Bullerwell, Deputy Director Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Rick Rigsby, President and CEO, Rick Rigsby Communications</p>
1:10 P.M. to 2:15 P.M.	<p>REPORT FROM GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON’S TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE THE STATE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ARKANSAS (CONT. HOUR 1)</p> <p><i>Members of the Governor’s Task Force will share how they studied and analyzed best practices and procedures for Transparency, Bias and Community Policing, Usage of Body Cameras and the Future of Law Enforcement in Arkansas.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Introduction: Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director and Task Force Chairman Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA)</p> <p>1. THE NEED FOR A PUBLIC DECERTIFICATION DATABASE/REGISTRY</p> <p>Speaking: Police Chief Percy Wilburn Lake Village Police Department Bob McMahan Director, Arkansas Office of Prosecutor Coordinator</p> <p>2. BIAS AND COMMUNITY POLICING</p> <p>Speaking Layla Holloway, Citizen Activist, Van Buren Police Chief Mike Reynolds, Fayetteville Police Department</p> <p>3. USAGE OF BODY CAMERAS</p> <p>Speaking Police Chief Mike Reynolds, Fayetteville Police Department Police Chief Percy Wilburn, Lake Village Police Department Bob McMahan, Director, Arkansas Office of Prosecutor Coordinator</p> <p>4. FUTURE OF POLICING</p> <p>Speaking Mayor Shirley Washington, City of Pine Bluff Mayor James Sanders, City of Blytheville</p> <p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>Speaking Jami Cook, Secretary, Department of Public Safety (DPS)</p>

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2:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	BREAK
2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	<p>THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONT. HOUR 2)</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Mark R. Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Jack Critcher, Legislative Liaison, Arkansas Municipal League Chris Villines, Executive Director, Association of Arkansas Counties Gary Sipes, Executive Director, Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police</p>
3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	<p>BRIEFING FROM ARKANSAS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP (CORE HOUR 1)</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaking: Honorable Tim Griffin, Lieutenant Governor State of Arkansas Honorable Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General State of Arkansas Honorable Tommy Land, Commissioner of State Lands State of Arkansas Honorable John Thurston, Secretary of State State of Arkansas Honorable Andrea Lea, State Auditor State of Arkansas Honorable Dennis Milligan, Treasurer of State State of Arkansas Honorable Jimmy Hickey, State Senator President Pro Tempore Elect, District 92</p>
4:30 P.M.	WRAP UP AND RUN DOWN OF THURSDAY'S AGENDA

Thursday, January 14th, 2021

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	<p>OPENING GENERAL SESSION: THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP IN ARKANSAS</p> <p><i>Winter Conference officially begins with the Presentation of Colors and the singing of the National Anthem. Little Rock Mayor Frank D. Scott, Jr. and the new North Little Rock Mayor will welcome conference delegates, and Rex Nelson, Senior Editor for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette will offer our keynote address.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Color Guard: Little Rock Fire Department</p> <p>National Anthem: Sergeant Allison Walton, Little Rock Police Department</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry</p> <p>Host City Welcomes: Mayor Frank D. Scott, Jr., City of Little Rock North Little Rock Mayor, City of North Little Rock</p> <p>Speaking: Rex Nelson, Senior Editor, Democrat-Gazette</p>
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	<p>GENERAL SESSION II: CITY GOVERNMENT 101: WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT? (CORE HOUR 2)</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaking: John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Lanny Richmond, Legal Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League</p>
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<p>11:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p>	<p>2021 VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS RECOGNITION, PART I</p> <p><i>Arkansas Business Publishing Group (ABPG) will present the 2020 Trendsetter City Awards to cities and towns that have shown themselves to be innovative and creative at the local government level. These awards are presented in partnership with ABPG, Crews & Associates, the Arkansas Municipal League, Crafton Tull and the Arkansas State Chamber AIA. Also, Engage AR will present on the 2020 Community of the Year Award winners. Engage AR has invited the Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor of Arkansas, to be a part of their presentation today.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Introduction/Narrate of the Trendsetter City Awards: Mitch Bettis, President, Arkansas Business Publishing Group</p> <p>Presentation of the Don A. Zimmerman Pinnacle Award: Paul Phillips, Senior Managing Director, Crews and Associates</p> <p>Introduction of the Community of the Year Awards: Amanda Richardson Nipper, Commission Chair, Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and Volunteerism</p> <p>Closing Comments: Shana Chaplin, Director, Engage AR</p>
<p>12:15 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION III: CITY GOVERNMENT 101: COMMUNICATING WITH THE LEAGUE AND WITH YOUR LOCAL LEGISLATORS DURING THE 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CORE HOUR 3)</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaking: John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Blake Gary, Associate Legal Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Whitnee V. Bullerwell, Deputy Director, Arkansas Municipal League Mark R. Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League</p>
<p>2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION IV: CITY GOVERNMENT 101: HOW DO YOU HOLD A PRODUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING DURING A PANDEMIC? (CORE HOUR 4)</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaking: John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Lanny Richmond, Legal Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Jeff Melton, Senior Network Administrator, Arkansas Municipal League</p>
<p>3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>WRAP UP AND RUN DOWN OF FRIDAY'S AGENDA</p>

Municipal officials and personnel can register now at www.arml.org/reg.
 Deadline to register is Monday, January 11, 2021.

Contact Deputy Director Whitnee V. Bullerwell at wvb@arml.org
 for more information.

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Friday, January 15th, 2021

<p>9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION I: HOW CAN PARTICIPATION IN THE “BIG FIVE LEAGUE PROGRAMS” BEST BENEFIT YOUR CITY OR TOWN? (CONT. HOUR 3) Presiding: Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League Speaking: Katy Bodenhamer, General Manager, Municipal Health Benefit Program (MHBP), Arkansas Municipal League Katy Busby, General Manager, Municipal League Workers’ Compensation Program (MLWCP) Arkansas Municipal League John Wells, General Manager, Municipal Property Program (MPP) and; Municipal Vehicle Program (MVP) Arkansas Municipal League John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Municipal Legal Defense Program (MLDP), Arkansas Municipal League</p>
<p>10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION II: CITY GOVERNMENT 101: IN WHAT WAYS HAS COVID-19 CHANGED LOCAL GOVERNMENT? (CORE HOUR 5) Presiding: Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>1. LEGAL PERSPECTIVE, SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC Speaking: John Wilkerson, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League A.J. Gary, Director, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM)</p> <p>2. WORKPLACE CHALLENGES, LEAVE TIME DURING PANDEMIC Speaking: Tracey Cline-Pew, Director of Human Resources, Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>3. NETWORK SECURITY AND TELEWORKING Speaking: Jeff Melton, Senior Network Administrator, Arkansas Municipal League</p>
<p>11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>11:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.</p>	<p>2021 VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS RECOGNITION, PART II <i>The League will recognize the municipal officials and personnel who have achieved their Certified Municipal Official/Personnel status, in addition to recognizing members who have maintained their “Continuing Certification” status. Municipal officials who are retiring from office with ten or more years of service to the League will be recognized as Life members. Lastly, the Dean’s Chair will be awarded to the outgoing municipal official who has the longest tenure of service to the League.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League Dean’s Chair Presentation: TBD</p>
<p>12:00 P.M.</p>	<p>WRAP UP THE 2021 ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry President, Arkansas Municipal League</p>