

2025 School Directors' Conference

Embassy Suites Greensboro –Airport
Greensboro, NC
September 21 – 23, 2025



Day One

Sunday, September 21, 2025

12:00pm – 5:00pm
Atrium Area

Conference Packet Pick-Up

1:00pm – 4:00pm
Timberlake Hall

Level Set – Orientation
(New School Directors & Qualified Assistants)

4:30pm – 6:00pm
Timberlake Hall

School Directors and Qualified Assistants Advisory Group

6:00pm – 8:00pm
Salons A-G

Networking Event

Day Two

Monday, September 22, 2025

7:00am – 8:00am
Atrium Area

Conference Packet Pick-Up

8:00am – 4:00pm
Vendor Area

Vendor Exhibits

8:00am – 8:20am
Salons A-G

Opening Ceremony/Comments – Director Jeff Smythe
Honor Guard – Greensboro PD
Invocation – Chaplain Lisa D. Taylor (Greensboro PD)
Pledge of Allegiance – Director Jeff Smythe

8:20am – 8:25am
Salons A-G

Welcome from Greensboro PD
Chief John W. Thompson

8:25am – 8:30am
Salons A-G

Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards
Commission – Chair Chris Blue

8:30am – 9:20am <i>Salons A-G</i>	Comments from NC Attorney General Attorney General Jeff Jackson		
9:20am – 9:30am <i>Atrium Area</i>	BREAK / VENDORS		
9:30am – 12:30pm <i>Salons A-G</i>	Keynote Presentation - Chief (ret) Harry P. Dolan Dolan Consulting Group		
12:30pm – 1:30pm <i>Atrium Area</i>	LUNCH		
	<i>Timberlake Hall</i>	<i>Salons A-C</i>	<i>Salons D-G</i>
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Importance of Stakeholder Collaboration Chief Terry Sult, Cary PD Sheriff Keith Stone, Nash County Dr. Jamie Wicker, Wake Tech CC	Instructor Programs (Basic and Specialized) NCJA	SMI Steve Parker, Holly Cardoza CJ Standards Terry Miller, NCJA
2:40pm – 3:30pm	Course Management, From A-Z Commission Forms Rosie Battles Lisa Bass	Building a Strong Foundation by Rolling Up Your Sleeves and Making the Investment Director Dan Hicks, Raleigh PD Training Academy	Introduction to Using AI in the Training Arena NCJA
3:30pm – 3:45pm	BREAK		
3:45pm – 4:45pm	ACADIS Updates Russell Henderson Vale Potter CJ Standards	Telecommunicator and Detention Courses – Leadership from Within Amanda Stephenson Melinda McClenny NCJA	BLET 2025 – Updates and Use of ELAD NCJA
4:50pm – 6:00pm	Sheriffs’ Standards Update Autumn Hanna, Sheriffs’ Standards	CJ Fellows Program Mary Burton Lacy McVey CJ Standards	

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Day Three

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:00am – 8:30am
Salons A-G

CJ Standards Update
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

8:30am – 9:30am
Salons A-G

Keynote Presentation – “Impact of Your Efforts”
Secretary Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr.,
NC Department of Public Safety

9:30am – 9:45am
Atrium Area

BREAK

9:45am – 10:45am
Salons A-G

Keynote Presentation, cont.

10:40am – 11:40am
Salons A-G

CJ Standards Update, cont.
Door Prizes

11:40am – 11:50am
Salons A-G

Closing Comments
Director Jeff Smythe

11:50am – 12:00pm
Salons A-G

Retirement of Colors – Greensboro PD Honor Guard
Benediction – Chaplain Lisa Taylor