



The Ninety-Three

October 6, 2023



Happening Now - Nebraska Broadband Office's County Webinar

- Today - Friday, October 6th
- 10:30-11:30 AM CST

During this webinar, the broadband office will discuss the release of the Nebraska Broadband Map, the Nebraska Broadband Office's Initial Proposal Volume 1, and the comment period.

Join here:

[Webinar Link](#)

Or by using the webinar number:

Webinar number (access code): 2494 670 3751

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Cybersecurity Awareness Month

OCTOBER IS
**CYBERSECURITY
AWARENESS
MONTH**



Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Toolkit

NACo Cybersecurity Leadership Academy

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



FROM THE NACO CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

October 2023 marks **20 years**
of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

As security education expands across organizations, so do the cyberthreats they face. In response, counties across the country are joining the NACo Cybersecurity Leadership Academy: a 12 week [virtual course](#) with the latest insights from industry experts and current CIOs/CISOs in the field, as well as the opportunity to network with cybersecurity professionals across the nation. It coaches participants on what it means to think and act as a cybersecurity leader.

**Throughout October, NACo is extending an
Academy BOGO to every county.**

Your county's first participant can join for \$1,995, and a second participant can join for FREE! The next Cybersecurity Leadership Academy kicks off January 8th. You can find out more at naco.org/cyberskills or reach out to our Academy contact, Luke Afeman (LukeA@pdaLeadership.com) to claim your BOGO.

Is your county prepared for a cyberattack?

We make leaders better.



NACo Cyberattack Simulation Course

In response to the growing threat landscape and complexity of the interdependent and networked business of counties, the NACo County Tech Xchange is partnering with the Professional Development Academy and their community of CISOs, CIOS, risk managers and cyber leaders to launch cyberattack simulation training.

The NACo Cyberattack Simulation is a reality-based simulation that prepares county risk leaders for cyberattacks by assessing counties' current state of readiness and identifying gaps. This simulation will help attendees evaluate their incident response procedures and tools and guide them in developing a detailed cyberattack response strategy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Provide a certified test of incident management plans.
- Baseline current cybersecurity and risk management work capabilities.
- Strengthen the leadership skills of managers responsible for risk planning and incident resolution.
- Improve the quality of the incident management plans and playbook details.
- Develop immediate action plans to strengthen people, process, and technical security controls.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The NACo Cyberattack Simulation is designed for cybersecurity managers, their teams and those responsible for risk defense, protection, and recovery, including HR, policy management, finance, public safety, and emergency services.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

30-60 minutes per day for one week. Activities can be completed on the participants' schedule and accessed online anywhere.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The retail price of the one week Cyberattack Simulation is \$795 per enrollee; however, the simulations are fully sponsored for all counties, bringing your price down to no cost.

UPCOMING DATES & TOPICS:

December 2023

Employee Management

February 2024

Medical Ransomware

June 2024

Supplier Management Access

September 2024

Financial Access

December 2024

Cloud Security

TESTIMONIALS:

*"This program is a **MUST HAVE** for cyber leaders. The simulation provides direct and immediate benefit."*

- *Bernie B., Director of Homeland Security*

*"The Cyber Simulation was a great exercise. Before I started this, I had reservations that I wouldn't be technical enough for it however it proved me wrong and I thoroughly enjoyed this program and I highly recommend this course. I am **highly recommending this program to my manager and colleagues.**"*

- *Sharon G., Cyber Security Project Manager*

Find more information [here](#).



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OCTOBER 21, 2023

NACO OFFICE

1335 H ST, LINCOLN, NE 68508



Pre-Register for the Annual Conference Now



2023 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 13-15, YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY, NE

PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Register at www.nebraskacounties.org

Registration Deadline: November 22, 2023

JOIN US IN DECEMBER

Conference registration will also open on August 1, 2023. The cost is \$150.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. CT.

All cancellations after November 22, 2023 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[Click Here for Registration and More](#)

Annual Conference Agenda

Wednesday, December 13 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Groups may start as early as 9:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
 - **County Board Session**
 - County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.

- Education to include topics on consumption tax, broadband, transportation, and open meetings.
- **Treasurer Session**
 - Education to include topics on motor vehicle fraud, tax sale updates, and investments.
- **Public Health Session**
 - All-day closed meeting.
- **Sheriffs Session**
 - Business meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M.
- Session information coming soon for Assessors, Clerks of the District Court, Highway Superintendents, Weed Management, Emergency Managers, Veteran Service Officers, Planning and Zoning, and NACREC.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Thursday, December 14 - 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- General Session begins at 9:00 A.M.
 - Speaker - Richard Hight
- Morning Breakout Session begins at 11:00
 - TIF (Tax Increment Financing) 2.0
 - Long Term Care Crisis in Rural Communities
 - Strategies to Address Mental Health in the Workplace
 - Natural Disaster Recovery and Community Impact
 - Childcare Demographics
- Lunch at 12:00
- Afternoon Breakout Session begins at 2:00
 - Tips on Effective State Legislative Advocacy
 - Planning for a Cybersecurity Incident
 - Grid Up, Power Down
 - Navigating Public Financing and Bonds
 - Housing Issues Facing both Rural and Urban Areas
- Door prizes in Exhibit Hall at 3:30 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Friday, December 15 - 7:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

- NACO Business Meeting (Breakfast Provided)

We have arranged for a single bus to provide transportation services for hotel guests in the Younes campus area. The bus will be available for pick up and drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. on both Wednesday and Thursday.



Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2023 **County Official of the Year Award**, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and **Next Generation Award** are available for submission.

Attach supporting documentation as necessary and please email all submission forms and backup documentation to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 20th.

Announcement of the 2023 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

[2023 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[2023 Next Generation Award](#)

Members of County PN-3 Taskforce Discuss Childcare on Local Podcast

Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast

Episode 23: Nebraska's Child Care Solutions

The lack of child care is a concerning issue across the state that impacts small towns. Mike and Rachel discuss the groups and programs impacting this issue and how increased early education and child care affect the economy and growth of small towns.



Revitalization in the Cornhusker State

Members of the Nebraska County PN-3 Taskforce, Rachel Sissel; Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, and Mike Feeken; First Five Nebraska, recently sat down with Marcie and Sheila from the Growing Small Town Nebraska podcast to discuss the concerning issue of the lack of childcare across the state and its impact on our communities.

Give it a listen wherever you get your podcasts, or find it below on their website.

[Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast](#)

Nebraska EMS Services Community Listening

Sessions

Community Listening Sessions will be hosted statewide regarding EMS in Nebraska.

These sessions seek information about your concerns, perspectives, and ideas about EMS in the State of Nebraska.

More information below.



October 3, 2023

To All Concerned About the Future of Nebraska EMS:

Nebraska EMS is engaged in an important strategic planning and statewide assessment process that has included two surveys gathering feedback from the EMS system providers, EMS services, and key stakeholders.

We're now seeking to hear your concerns, perspectives, and ideas in a series of Community Listening Sessions to be held statewide, in each of the four EMS regions. These will be carefully facilitated to ensure all voices are heard. The purpose of the listening sessions is to develop and more deeply understand the themes emerging from the survey data. This deeper understanding will enable the assessment work to better understand root causes, the current state, and opportunities for the future.

Please join us in:

Western Region

October 16, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm MT

- Alliance, NE: Knight Museum
- Ogallala, NE: Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department

Central Region

October 17, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Broken Bow, NE: Jennie M. Melham Medical Center, Conference Room A
- Atkinson, NE: Atkinson Fire and Rescue/Ambulance Service

Southeast Region

October 18, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Hastings, NE: Mary Lanning Healthcare
- Beatrice, NE: Beatrice Fire and Rescue

Northeast Region

October 19, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Norfolk, NE: Faith Regional Health Services
- Waterloo, NE: Waterloo Fire and Rescue

The process is being facilitated by SafeTech Solutions, LLP, an independent national EMS consulting firm with broad experience in EMS system assessment and strategic planning. SafeTech has been engaged by the State of Nebraska and the EMS Program to independently lead this process and guide participation.

Helping People Live Better Lives

Join Operation Green Light for Veterans

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

November 6-12, 2023



#OperationGreenLight | NACo.org/OperationGreenLight

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from **November 6 to November 12**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

[Click Here for the County Participation Toolkit](#)

Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Large Bridge Projects

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), link below, for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Bridge Project grants (costs greater than \$100 million) was published on September 27, 2023, on www.grants.gov.

A separate NOFO for the other two BIP categories, Planning Project Grants and Bridge Project Grants (Costs not greater than \$100 million), will be issued in the near future. Information on the program is available at [BIP - Funding Programs - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/management/programs/bip/), which includes a link to the NOFO, a fact sheet on the BIP, and an initial set of Q&As.

In the near future, links for an application template and a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) tool will also be provided. Additional information and guidance will be posted to the website in the near future including a recorded webinar that provides an overview of the BIP.

Nebraska Broadband Office Invites Comment on New Statewide Broadband Map

Do You Receive Access to High-Speed Internet?

As part of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, the Nebraska Broadband Office has launched the State Broadband Availability Map, which identifies the served, underserved, and unserved locations across the state. Unserved locations identified on the map will be prioritized to receive broadband buildout in this program. If there is an error, you must challenge the map to fix it. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map ([LINK](#)).

To ensure that Nebraska has access to federal funding opportunities, it is essential that the map reflects all the unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations. ***As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14. Details can be found at ([LINK](#)).***

The Office will only accept challenges from:

- nonprofit organizations;
- local and tribal governments; and
- broadband service providers.

Nebraskans may submit a challenge by contacting their local government or Regional Economic Development District (EDD) serving their county. The local government or EDD will then submit the challenge on behalf of the residents. A challenge guide will be made available on December 22, 2023, prior to the start of the Challenge Period in early January.

CONNECTING
NEBRASKA



The Nebraska Broadband Office invites comment on the New Statewide Broadband Map. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map at <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/broadbandavailabilitymap/>

As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14.

Details can be found at <https://ndot.info/community>

The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center and Nebraska Association of County Officials is proud to host...

Leadership and Ethics

Major Sam L. Davis is a graduate of the Mid-Michigan Corrections Academy and the Michigan Police Academy. He served as Chair of the Jail Administrators for the Michigan Sheriffs' Association until he retired as Jail Administrator with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) in Mason, Michigan. He was then appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity. He travels nationally to teach about various leadership topics.

Speaker Major Sam L. Davis

Dates October 24th and 25th, 2023

Time 0800 to 1600 hours (MST)

Location ... Gering Civic Center
1050 M st, Gering NE 69341

The event is \$75 per person for both days. The fee includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch will be provided.

RSVP and payment by October 13th, 2023. Payments can be made out to the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center.

Scan to register and make payment or go to:

www.eventcreate.com/e/leadershipandethics



Sponsors



The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center is proud to host Major Sam Davis of the American Jail Association on October 24th and 25th 2023 at the Gering Civic Center. Davis is the Secretary and Chair of the AJA's Training and Professional Development

Committee and is an Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Davis is well versed in many topics, but will be presenting on Leadership and Professional Ethics for this event. Davis has 30+ years in the Criminal Justice Field between Patrol and Detention settings. This event is not specific to only law enforcement though, as these topics apply to all aspects of business. Anyone and Everyone is welcome!

The event will be 2 days in total, and 16 credit hours of continuing education is available to those requiring it. A registration fee of \$75 per person covers both days, refreshments and lunch will be provided on those days. Payments will not be accepted at the event.

Event Registration

Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Program Deadline Oct. 13

The deadline for applying for loan forgiveness through the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Program is October 13, 2023.

The purpose of the Program is to recruit and retain qualified attorneys who: 1) are employed by tax-exempt charitable organizations and provide legal services to low-income people; or 2) provide legal services in designated legal profession shortage areas in Nebraska.

Eligibility criteria and application materials are [available here](#).

Greater Nebraska Rural Opportunities Interview Sessions Oct. 20

Friday, October 20, 2023 • 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In an effort to provide attorneys and law students with an opportunity to experience the practice of law in Greater Nebraska, the Nebraska State Bar Association is conducting its Rural Practice Initiative Program. We hope to connect participating law students with firms looking to hire associates or law clerks in Greater Nebraska.

If you are interested in interviewing, **return the completed form** (*find appropriate form below*) to **Sam Clinch** at the NSBA by email at sclinch@nebar.com or US Mail at 635 S. 14th St #200, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please return the form below by **October 13, 2023**.

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Vice President, Investment Services

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