

July 31, 2026



The Ninety-Three

Institute of Excellence Registration Deadline TOMORROW!

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Building Leadership Skills to Move Your Nebraska County Forward



**AUG
6**

LEADING WITH YOUR STRENGTHS

In-person, Kearney
9am -12 pm CT

**AUG
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THRIVING THROUGH CHANGE

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

**AUG
20**

AI ESSENTIALS FOR OFFICIALS

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

**AUG
27**

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

In-person, Kearney
9am-12pm CT

TO REGISTER:

go.unl.edu/NACOIOE



Registration Fee: \$200

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026

Registration Now Open for 2026 NACO Fall District Meetings!

[Southeast District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 10th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Peter Kiewit Lodge, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Highway, Ashland*

[Northeast District Meeting](#) - Friday, September 11th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College - 601 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk*

[Central District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 17th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- *Younes Center North, 707 Talmadge Street - Kearney*

[Pandhandle District Meeting](#) - Wednesday, September 23rd - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 N Main Street, Bridgeport*

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FALL 2026 NACO DISTRICT MEETINGS

Sept. 10

Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney State Park

Sept. 11

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk

Sept. 17

Central District Meeting
Kearney

Sept. 23

Panhandle District Meeting
Bridgeport

Sept. 24

West Central District Meeting
Ogallala

NACO Annual Conference to be Held December 16-18 in Kearney

Hotel Room Reservation and Registration will open on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:30 PM MT/2:30 PM CT.

More information will be provided regarding the hotel reservation form submission in the coming weeks.

Send Us Your County Fair Photos!

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As we head into county fair season, NACO wants to help share photos from your fair! Snap pictures of the rides, the food, the animals, or any other fun moments, and email them to lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org so we can feature your county fair on our social media!



September 3rd Incident Command for Elected and Appointed Officials

This G402 Incident Command course that is specially designed for elected and appointed officials, including elected and appointed officials. This course has been offered in several different areas through the State for local officials, and we are offering it again here in Grand Island on September 3, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

The purpose of this ICS 402 course is to familiarize Senior Officials (executives, elected and appointed officials, city/county managers, agency administrators, etc.) with their role in supporting incident management within the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Senior officials at all levels of local government have a vital role to play in large incidents and disasters that affect their community. Unique and rare decisions must be made and can only be made by these senior officials. The ICS 402 course helps prepare an elected official to understand the scope of their role and responsibility in disasters as well as how they interface with emergency officials in their own area. It also helps define the interaction between senior officials at various levels of government.

This course is shorter than most ICS courses, so you are not asked to dedicate an entire day, but you will receive essential and foundational information to help you be more comfortable and capable with the decisions that senior officials are uniquely responsible for making.

To register, email jonr@grand-island.com with your contact information to be added to the roster.



G402 Incident Command for Senior Elected & Appointed Leaders

**Grand Island—Hall County
Emergency Management
1210 N. North Road
Grand Island, NE 68803**

**September 3, 2026
8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

Who should attend: Senior elected or appointed officials, organizational directors, hospital administrators, school superintendents and other agency administrators with responsibilities for their organizations in a disaster.

- There is no fee to attend this course.
- No Lodging is provided during this course.

Overview: What roles and responsibilities do Elected and Appointed Officials play in a disaster? How will your actions directly influence the outcome of disaster response?

The purpose of this course is to familiarize Senior Elected and Appointed Officials on their roles in supporting emergency incident management. Upon completion, officials will be able to explain the National Incident Management System and the role of the four command and coordination entities like ICS, the EOC, MAC Groups, and the Joint Information System.

REGISTER NOW

Space is limited to 30 students, applications will be accepted in the order they are received.

Register by email: jonr@grand-island.com

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Registration Open for Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Registration is now open for the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference!

Big conversations. Even bigger ideas. Join hundreds of people working for Nebraska's future.

This conference brings together people from across Nebraska who know that thriving communities don't happen by accident. They happen when educators, child care providers, business leaders, health professionals, advocates, nonprofits, and local champions come together to focus on Nebraska's most pressing early childhood challenges.

This year will feature inspiring speakers, practical breakout sessions, real stories from Nebraska communities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with others doing meaningful work in early childhood across the state.

Here's what to know:

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

Younes Conference Center North
Kearney, Nebraska

Even better? It's free to attend.

Visit the [conference website to register](#).

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

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