

October 4, 2024



# The Ninety-Three

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## Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) Award Nominations

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management is taking nominations to recognize outstanding contributions in emergency management.

Please note the nomination deadline has been changed to **January 3, 2025**.

Please use the following links to access the specific nomination forms or visit the NAEM Website [Award Nominations](#).

[Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[New Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year](#)

[Emergency Management Support Nomination](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination](#)

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## Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) SFY 2024 JAG Election Security Funding Announcement

The **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice** is pleased to announce the availability of the **SFY 2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY [JAG]**. The Funding Opportunity outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. Please read the solicitation thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application. The attached documents are also located at the following website: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

**2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY: \$300,000**

All applicants applying for the **2025 Byrne JAG ELECTION SECURITY [JAG]**. shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/14cd4f44-ec64-42ef-b88d-19e97ad030b8>

Applications are accepted electronically by completing the application and submitting all required documents to AmpliFund’s online application system (see applicable announcement for more information and instructions; announcements are attached and accessible in AmpliFund; announcements will be on the NCC website by the end of the next business day)

For assistance or questions regarding the SFY 2025 Byrne JAG Election Security please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or [christine.carlile@nebraska.gov](mailto:christine.carlile@nebraska.gov).

For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or [support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com). Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

Applications are due by **5pm CST on Friday, October 18, 2024.**

# 2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 18-20 | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register at [www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)  
Registration Deadline: November 22, 2024



**JOIN US IN DECEMBER**



### Annual Conference Registration Now Open

Conference registration is now open! The cost is \$160.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm CST.

All cancellations after November 22, 2024 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[NACO Annual Conference Webpage](#)

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## Annual Conference Agenda Overview

### Wednesday, December 18th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Group Sessions may start as early as 8:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
  - **Clerks, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioners** - 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
  - **County Board Members & Attorneys** - 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
  - **Emergency Managers** - 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
  - **Health Directors** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
  - **Sheriffs** - 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
  - **Treasurers** - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
  - **Veteran Service Officers** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
  - Estimated Time for Assessors, Clerks of District Court, Highway Superintendents, Engineers, Surveyors, Planning & Zoning, & Weed Superintendents Coming Soon
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

### Thursday, December 19th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Opening Session starts at 8:30 A.M.
- Breakout Sessions from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Lunch Provided)
- NACO Business Meeting at 3:15 PM (**New this year! Moved from Friday**)
- Door Prizes during Business Meeting between 3:15-4:30 PM
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

### Friday, December 20th

- Breakfast & NACO Legislative Forum (**New this year!**) from 7:00-9:00 AM

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## Hotel Reservation Form Now Available

The online form is available starting Wednesday, September 11th at 1:30 P.M. MT/ 2:30 P.M. CT until

Friday, October 11th at 5:00 PM CT.

All hotel reservations must be made using this online form. Reservations will not be accepted by calling the front desk. Please read over the following information carefully to ensure a smooth hotel reservation process. Please note that the hotel reservation form is NOT your registration as an attendee for the annual conference.

Please be sure to coordinate hotel arrangements with your county. If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email [youneshotels@gmail.com](mailto:youneshotels@gmail.com)

[County Official Hotel Reservation Form](#)

[More Information on Hotel Reservation Process](#)

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## Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2024 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](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org)

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 18th.

Announcement of the 2024 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[46th Annual County Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[2024 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[2024 Next Generation Award](#)

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## Last Chance to Pre-Register for the NACO Legislative Conference

# NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024  
NACO WEST, OGALLALA

Registration Fee: \$55 in Advance, \$65 Walk-in

**Registration Deadline: 10/4/2024 TODAY!**

Cancellation Policy: Registrants must submit written cancellation before 10/4/2024 deadline to be eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit written cancellation prior to 10/4/2024 deadline, do not attend and did not pay will be charged a \$20 administrative fee (includes No Shows). REGISTRATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE.

[NACO Hotel Block at the Hotel Inn Express, Ogallala](#)

\$110 - 308-284-6080

Registration

Agenda Overview

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# Legislative Conference Zoom Link

County officials who are unable to attend in person may register to attend the Legislative Conference via Zoom.

[Zoom Registration](#)



## NACO West Update

Thank you for following our NACO West updates this past year! We are so excited to open our new location and training center next week, and cannot wait to share this space with Nebraska counties and community organizations.

To celebrate, please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony next Thursday, October 10th.

More information is below.



## NACO West Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NEW WESTERN OFFICE

# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
12:00-1:00 PM MT



102 DIAMOND SPRINGS TRAIL  
OGALLALA, NE 69153

NACO invites county officials to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new NACO West office in Ogallala on Thursday, October 10th, at noon Mountain time.

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**Nebraska Association of County Officials Benefit  
Services + Savi**



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## Looking for support navigating your student loans?

*As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access\* to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

**Create your free account at  
[nacobenefits.bysavi.com](https://nacobenefits.bysavi.com) to see if you  
qualify for a lower monthly payment or  
student loan forgiveness**

*\*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org). Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.*



New this year is NACO's partnership with Savi!

Savi assists with the application process for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and other ideas to help manage student loan debt.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program was passed with bipartisan support under the Bush administration in 2007.

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family have access to Savi.

Create your free account at [naco.benefits.bysavi.com](https://naco.benefits.bysavi.com) to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness.

To receive a coupon code for Savi Essential, email [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org).

[View the Newsletter](#)

# Nebraska Broadband Office September Newsletter



# Cyber Security Key Points - Social Media

**CYBER SECURITY  
KEYPOINTS**  
September

*From the County  
Network Security  
Cooperative*



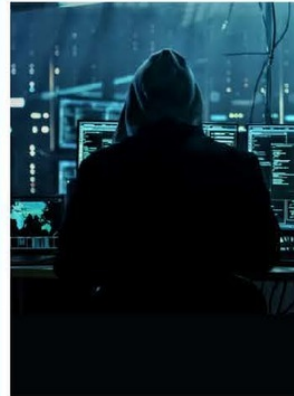
## 6 Tips and Best Practices

### 1. POSTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

- When posting personal information about yourself, keep the highest privacy settings and consider what you are posting.

### 2. REVIEW WHAT OTHERS POST ABOUT YOU

- Review, if possible, what others publish about you on their own sites and social media. Contact the website's abuse center if necessary. Be aware that photos, videos and private chat sessions can easily be shared.



## Staying Safe on Social Media

Social media has become a haven for hackers because they encourage you to share your personal information. These sites are designed to allow you to interact and share as easily as possible. Still, if you're not careful, their use can leave you vulnerable to identity theft, viruses, malware, privacy violations and more.



### 3. MANAGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most social networking sites offer privacy controls. Make use of them and review them often as they can change and are often complex.

### 4. BE WARY OF THIRD-PARTY APPS AND GAMES

Be careful of third-party programs and apps as they can be used to infect or access your computer.

### 5. KNOW WHO TO TRUST

Only accept friends or contacts you know and review their account to ensure they haven't been hacked.

### 6. USE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Most social media sites offer multi-factor authentication (MFA). Always turn MFA on in your settings to keep your account secure.



## Did you know?

In 2023, 25% of Facebook accounts were hijacked, while the hacking percentage of Instagram accounts reached 85%. Facebook accounts are the most compromised account types in the United States, reaching around 67,941 every month.

The County Network Security Cooperative is a collaboration of partners including:



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Disclaimer: This document reflects current guidance and is subject to change due to the evolving cyber security environment.

# Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

## OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

November 4-11, 2024



#OperationGreenLight | [NACo.org/OperationGreenLight](https://NACo.org/OperationGreenLight)



Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 NACO BUSINESS MEMBERS

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