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The Ninety-Three

This edition of The Ninety-Three is sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network ([NRIN](#)).

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*

[West Central District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 24th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *NACO West Training Center, 102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala*



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

From the NACo/WIR Community Board: Wildfire Resilience Resources

As a member of NACo and the Western Interstate Region (WIR), the National Center for Public Lands Counties maintains a member community board with a library of resources and discussion forums built specifically for counties managing public lands. [Visit the community board here.](#)

A recent featured resource: [Community Wildfire Protection Planning Guide for Counties \(Part 2\)](#), which lays out how counties can lead the charge on wildfire-resilient communities.

Fewer than 10% of at-risk communities nationwide have an active Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

CWPPs, established under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, give counties a formal seat at the table to influence where federal agencies (USFS

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A strong CWPP does more than reduce risk — it strengthens grant competitiveness for funding like the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (opening late summer 2026), State Fire Capacity Program, and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Head to the community board to connect with peers already navigating CWPP development, share templates, and ask questions of counties who've been through the process.

Wildfire Protection Planning Guide

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!

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!

Big thank you to Daryl Clark from the Saline County Assessor's Office for all of these great photos from several different county fairs!



Douglas County Assessor to Host IAAO Course 101 - Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal

Course Information:

Instructor: Scott Barnes

Dates: December 7-11, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location:

Douglas County Assessor's Office
1819 Farnam Street, 4th Floor
Omaha, NE 68102

Registration Fee: \$355.00 per participant

Registration Deadline: October 23, 2026

Class Size: Limited to 15 participants. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of real property appraisal. It is designed for assessors, appraisers, and assessment professionals seeking a strong foundation in mass appraisal concepts and assessment practices.

Registration Instructions: To register, please [complete the registration](#) form and submit it along with payment by the registration deadline of October 23, 2026.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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.



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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

COURSE CONTACT:

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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](#).

Elite Business Member Spotlight: Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN)

Locally Owned Network

From Chadron to Nebraska City, Nebraska's first responders have access to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network ([NRIN](#)), a locally owned communications network designed to improve interoperable communications across the state.

NRIN connects many of Nebraska's Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), allowing local agencies to take advantage of statewide communications resources and emerging technologies through its high-capacity transport network. Because the network is locally owned and governed, it remains responsive to the needs of Nebraska communities.

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Reliable & Secure

NRIN is a point-to-point, IP-based microwave network capable of transporting data at speeds up to 100 megabits per second. The system is designed with five nines (99.999%) reliability, providing redundant communication paths to maximize network availability.

The network efficiently and securely transports radio traffic, voice communications, video, and other data across Nebraska. The multiple network rings that have been created provide redundancy, allowing communications to continue even if a portion of the network experiences an outage.

Unlike traditional networks, NRIN is not connected directly to the public Internet, significantly reducing cybersecurity risks while providing a secure platform for critical public safety communications.

Local-State Partnership

NRIN provides local communities with a wide range of communications capabilities. It serves as the primary 911 transport network in the East Central Region and in Beatrice and many other communities and counties. It also supports radio systems by improving connectivity between local law enforcement agencies and fire departments.

In Cass County, NRIN provides the backbone for their county-wide communications system, and in the City of Madison, NRIN provides the communications link for remote activation of outdoor warning sirens. Counties across Nebraska also rely on NRIN to support the Statewide Radio System (SRS).

NRIN is governed by a Board of Directors made up of 911 Directors, Emergency Managers, and other public safety stakeholders dedicated to protecting Nebraska communities.

Today, NRIN operates from more than 200 sites and is utilized by 30 public agencies throughout Nebraska.

Learn More About NRIN

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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