

NACo provides opportunity to attend training programs at no cost to new UCCI Member Counties



At the February 25th UCCI Membership Meeting held in Springfield, guest speaker Matt Chase, NACo Executive Director, expressed appreciation to the UCCI Executive Committee for the payment of 2019 dues for approximately 60 new Illinois NACo members; and, announced that as a gift in return, NACo would provide a scholarship (valued at \$1,495) for the first person of each UCCI member county to register for the NACo High Performance County Leadership Academy.

This Leadership Academy, developed by General Colin Powell, is a 12-week online program designed for frontline professional staff/supervisory staff. Although participation requires 3-5 hours of time a week, the program's proprietary online learning management system is non-disruptive to busy schedules; and, throughout the course of this program, the supervisor of the county participant will be provided reports on the participant's activities.

More than one person from each member county can register for the program. However, only one person per UCCI member county (the first to register) will receive the program free of charge.

NACo has recently provided to UCCI the information below, which provides an overview of additional training opportunities being offering to new UCCI Member Counties at no cost.

- The NACo Enterprise Cybersecurity Leadership Academy (valued at \$1,495) is another 12-week online training program available to UCCI member counties. This program also qualifies for the NACo scholarship (valued at \$1,495), as outlined above, for the first person from each UCCI member county to register. More than one person from each member county can register for the program. However, only one person per UCCI member county (the first to register) will receive the program free of charge. Please note ... the first to register and receive the scholarship can choose between the NACo High Performance County Leadership Academy or the NACo Enterprise Cybersecurity Leadership Academy; but, only one free program per county, not one free for both programs.
- Both Leadership Academies will be offered at the following times: April 22nd; August; and, September 2019. However, a price increase (\$1,695) goes into effect in August for both of these programs. NACo will honor the scholarship offer at the increased pricing for the first person from each UCCI member county signing up for the August or September sessions. However, any additional participants from that same county will be invoiced at the increased price (\$1,695).
- Program Registration is open now. You need to register for programs at least one week prior to the starting date, as there are things you will need to do in preparation for the first session of either program. To get more information on these programs, including registration, go to <http://www.naco.org/skills> for the High Performance Program or <http://www.naco.org/cyberskills> for the Cyber Program. Once you register you will receive a phone call from NACo with further details.

- As an additional offer to UCCI **new** member counties, NACo is offering one free conference registration for the July 12-15, 2019 Annual Conference to be held in Las Vegas. This offer is available to **first time NACo UCCI members only**. It does not apply to those counties UCCI paid 2019 NACo dues for that were already NACo members. This free 2019 Annual Conference registration will again go to the first person from each new member UCCI county that registers for the conference. Any others attending from that same new member UCCI county will be invoiced at the conference member rate. Registration is now open for the 2019 Annual Conference. To get more information, including registration, go to <http://www.naco.org/annual>. To use the free conference registration, email membership@naco.org.
- For assistance in finding out if your county is a **NEW** NACo member, please contact either NACo Membership Services at membership@naco.org or 1-888-407-NACo (6226), or the UCCI office.

For more information on the National Association of Counties, including the training programs and conferences offered by NACo, you can also visit the UCCI website ... www.unitedcounties.com ... under the 'Legislative' menu bar tab.