

2024 National Emergency Services Academy (NESA)



Camp Atterbury, Indiana
30 June to 13 July 2024

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This message is being sent to all CAP cadet and senior members that will be at least 13 years of age by the 30th of June. Applications are still being accepted for the 2024 National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) held at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh, Indiana. It's not too late to apply. Courses are being held during our two session weeks from the 30th of June through 13th of July 2024. There are courses for all members interested in emergency services, and this is a great opportunity for both new and old members to come train with hundreds of other personnel from across the country that have already signed up to attend.

Slots fill up fast and will be filled on a first come first served basis. We encourage you to apply soon to get into the course or courses you desire, preferably by the 1st Monday of May as historically most slots are filled by then, and some courses close sooner because of the lead time to order necessary supplies and equipment to support students. Registration will remain open as long as we can accept applications though. Some courses only have a few slots so we would encourage anyone interested to apply now. Registration is hosted in e-services, and you will need to login to apply online. Applications are not complete and cannot be submitted until release forms available online are properly signed and witnessed (if necessary) and uploaded. Please note that participants can register to take multiple courses back-to-back, but not at the same time.

Additional information about NESA can be found on the <u>website</u> along with the <u>downloadable NESA</u> <u>Course Dates</u>. Start and end dates listed are primarily for travel though introductory meetings are held the evening on the welcome date and graduation is held the morning of the end date. In addition to our normal complement of courses for ground teams, aircrews, and the incident staff we have several short courses again this year to allow personnel to participate if they have limited vacation time or need training in varied areas.

There are also staff positions available for the 2024 NESA as well. Staff members are normally prior NESA graduates, but some exceptions may be made by the NESA Director and Course Commandants to ensure the best qualified personnel are used to provide this training. In addition to qualified evaluators in mission specialties for the varied courses, there are specific additional needs that the staff is trying to fill:

- Transportation staff and drivers to support transportation needs across NESA; more drivers are needed in order allow for public health risk mitigation
- Logistics staff to help manage equipment and supply needs across NESA
- Qualified Ground Team Members and Leaders to serve in the Ground Search and Rescue School
- Medical staff that are paramedics or registered nurses preferably, but at least EMTs to assist the Medical Officer
- Public Information Officers and other interested public affairs staff to support each school and NESA overall
- Personnel to serve as kitchen workers and support the cook staff and kitchen operations both at Camp Atterbury and at Columbus Municipal Airport

Most staff members arrive the day before the scheduled start date and depart on the end date, but dates vary by assignment. A limited number of personnel are needed prior to the 30th of June and after the 13th of July to assist with setup and closeout as well; staff members interesting in assisting with this must coordinate with the Director, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff or School Commandants if you are available and willing to do so.

The normal student registration fee to attend NESA is \$120 for the short courses, and \$260 for a full course plus all students and staff pay a separate mandatory \$65 fee for NESA t-shirts and hats whether attending one or more sessions, if paid by the 1st of May. The registration fee includes, meals, lodging on site, printed training materials and aircraft and ground vehicle sortic costs for training on site. Adult members choosing to live offsite on their own are not eligible for a reduced rate and are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from NESA facilities and events.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from NESA, though many personnel are able to travel in corporate vehicles and aircraft funded through NESA as they are needed on site for training. Members bringing corporate vehicles and aircraft must get approval in advance and register them with the Transportation Officer at sign-in for insurance coverage and to be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred during and in route to and from NESA.

There are also a limited number of kitchen scholarships still available; personnel apply to work one week in the kitchen in order to pay for a week of training. If you are interested in this option, complete the scholarship application and upload it when you register.

If you have any additional questions please direct them to the NESA staff at NESA-ADMIN@nesa.cap.gov.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 NESA!