

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK & SAFETY TRACK**

## ECONOMIC FORECAST 2023 AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU, YOUR CUSTOMER, AND YOUR AGENCY | DR. ERIC THOMPSON, UNL

Dr. Eric Thompson, department chair, K.H. Nelson Professor, Chair of the Department of Economics, and the director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebras-ka-Lincoln will present his insights and an economic forecast for Nebraska for 2023. He will also provide expectations for the economy in 2024 and 2025. The presentation will touch on the outlook for the U.S. economy as the Federal Reserve Bank continues to take actions to reduce inflation. The talk also will examine the outlook for key Nebraska industries such as agriculture, construction, manufacturing, retail, finance and services. You won't want to miss this invaluable information!

# NEBRASKA THRIVING INDEX: STRATEGIES FOR A BETTER FUTURE DR. BREE DORITY, UNK

Interested in developing strategies to build a better future in your community? The Nebraska Thriving Index is the first economic and quality of life benchmarking tool for rural Nebraska. Developed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Bureau of Business Research and the College of Business & Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the Index allows Nebraska's eight rural regions to see how they are doing in important areas including education and skill, growth and renewal, infrastructure, quality of life and much more, as compared to similar areas across the upper Midwest.

### ACTIVE SHOOTER PRESENTATION | OFFICER PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, KEARNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the rise of workplace violence in the U.S., IIAN invites our agents to attend a proactive active shooter training facilitated by the Kearney Policy Department. It is imperative that agents commit to strategies that minimize the risk and devastation of a potential active shooter. This training will provide valuable information and practices that will help agents be prepared in the event of an emergency.