



Spring 2026 Training Catalog Summary

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SCSO Training Opportunities

Session Title	Session Type	Session Time	Session Date(s)
FEMA IS-700.B	Virtual	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	02/05/26 (3.5 hrs)
FEMA IS-800.D	Virtual	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	02/25/26 (3.5 hrs)
Network and Cybersecurity Essentials with Palo Alto (8-Week Blended Cohort)	Blended	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	02/27/26-4/17/26 (3 hrs every Friday)
Threat Briefing with the State Cybersecurity Office (SCSO)	Virtual	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	03/18/26 (1.5 hrs)
Cyber Hygiene, Incident Management, and Critical Supply Chain with CISA	Little Rock, AR	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	05/12/26 (6.5 hrs)
Cyber Hygiene, Incident Management, and Critical Supply Chain with CISA	Fort Smith, AR	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	05/14/26 (6.5 hrs)

Additional details and registration links can be found starting on page 3.

Partner Training Opportunities

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC)

Session Title	Session Type	Session Time	Session Date(s)
Cybersecurity for Educational Leaders (CEA)	Virtual	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	02/12/26
Comprehensive Cybersecurity Defense (CCD)	Texarkana, AR	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	04/06-09/26 (4 days)
Network Traffic Analysis (NTA)	Lowell, AR	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	04/13-16/26 (4 days)
Cybersecurity Proactive Defense (CPD)	Fayetteville, AR	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	05/26-29/26 (4 days)

Registration timelines vary, and hosts are often able to share information ahead of public registration. Please check back and watch the mailing list for announcements as seats become available. Seating is limited—register only if you can commit to attend. Course details: <https://cybersecuritydefenseinitiative.org/cdi-courses/>

Department of Homeland Security

Session Title	Session Type	Session Time	Session Date(s)
Cyber Analyst Webinar (CAW 26-05): The Cyber Crime Ecosystem	Virtual	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	02/18/26
Cyber Analyst Webinar (CAW 26-06): Mobile Device Exploitation	Virtual	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	03/02/26
Cyber Analyst Seminar (CAS)	Little Rock, AR	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	04/20-25/26 (5 days)

Registration for CAS is anticipated to open in February. Registration for CAW is now open. All registration will be available through HSELMS: <https://hselms-portal.acadisonline.com/acadisviewer/login.aspx>

Online Learning Opportunities

Grow with Google

Grow with Google provides Arkansans access to free and low-cost, self-paced online training designed to build in-demand digital and cybersecurity skills that support workforce readiness and career advancement.

<https://commerce.arkansas.gov/arkansas-grow-with-google/>

Arkansas Cisco Networking Academy

Arkansas Cisco Networking Academy offers self-paced online training in networking, cybersecurity, and IT fundamentals. The program has expanded to include IT Support Specialist pathways and industrial systems–focused courses, with additional offerings planned for 2026.

<https://sas.arkansas.gov/state-technology/cybersecurity/cyber-center-of-excellence/arkansas-cisco-networking-academy/>

Additional training opportunities are available from CISA, Fortinet, Palo Alto Networks, CrowdStrike, the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, and ISC². For information and registration, visit:

<https://sas.arkansas.gov/state-technology/cybersecurity/cyber-center-of-excellence/online-self-paced-training-opportunities/>

Future Training Opportunities

Introduction to Switching & Routing with Palo Alto

Registration opens soon for our Introduction to Switching and Routing cohort led by Mike Kelley, Solutions Consultant at Palo Alto Networks. This 8-week, hybrid series begins February 27 and concludes April 17, meeting Fridays from 8:30–11:30 a.m., with limited seating (20 participants, first come, first served). Sessions will be hosted across Northwest Arkansas and Central Arkansas, with remote participation available. A separate announcement will be sent to the mailing list when registration opens, so be sure to sign up at

<https://forms.office.com/g/DDM33WEDdN> to stay updated on this and other upcoming training opportunities.

*For more on learning opportunities through Arkansas Cyber Center of Excellence and upcoming courses, **sign up for our mailing list** (<https://forms.office.com/g/DDM33WEDdN>) and visit our page (<https://sas.arkansas.gov/state-technology/cybersecurity/cyber-center-of-excellence/>).*

For specific questions about the program or courses, contact:

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FEMA IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

Date	02/05/26
Time	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Targeted Audience	IT Staff, Emergency Management, Senior Leadership (max 100)
Location	Virtual
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/12LgfQu2BN
Presenter Name	Ray Girdler
Session Title	An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
Session Description	This course provides an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The National Incident Management System defines the comprehensive approach guiding the whole community - all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector - to work together seamlessly to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents. The course provides learners with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components.
Min. Requirements	No minimum skills are required. Intended for individuals involved in emergency planning, response, or recovery efforts.
NICE Framework	https://niccs.cisa.gov/workforce-development/nice-framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K0724: Knowledge of incident response principles and practices • K0824: Knowledge of incident response roles and responsibilities

FEMA IS-800.D: An Introduction to the National Response Framework

Date	02/25/26
Time	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Targeted Audience	IT Staff, Emergency Management, Senior Leadership (max 100)
Location	Virtual
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/QLtJ2Jh9VN
Presenter Name	Ray Girdler
Session Title	An Introduction to the National Response Framework
Session Description	This course provides an overview of how the whole community coordinates response efforts during incidents and emergencies. Participants learn the purpose and structure of the National Response Framework, the roles of response partners, core response capabilities, and how stabilizing Community Lifelines supports public safety and economic security. This course is intended for emergency management professionals, first responders, government officials, and private sector and nonprofit partners. Completion of IS-700.B is recommended.
Min. Requirements	No minimum skills are required. Intended for individuals involved in emergency planning, response, or recovery efforts.
NICE Framework	https://niccs.cisa.gov/workforce-development/nice-framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K0724: Knowledge of incident response principles and practices • K0824: Knowledge of incident response roles and responsibilities

Network and Cybersecurity Essentials with Palo Alto (8-Week Blended Cohort)

Date	02/27/26-04/17/26																											
Time	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.																											
Targeted Audience	IT Staff (max 25)																											
Location	Virtual & In-person																											
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/ONxHfiYaEv																											
Presenter Name	Mike Kelley with Palo Alto Networks																											
Session Title	Network and Cybersecurity Essentials with Palo Alto (8-Week Blended Cohort)																											
Session Description	<p>Participants will learn about the evolution of network technologies, TCP/IP core concepts, network device operations, and routing protocols. The cohort concludes with an introduction to Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewalls (NGFW) and their role in modern network security.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2/27</td> <td>Central Arkansas</td> <td>Plumerville, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/6</td> <td>Northwest Arkansas</td> <td>Farmington, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/13</td> <td>Central Arkansas</td> <td>Plumerville, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/20</td> <td>Northwest Arkansas</td> <td>Farmington, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/27</td> <td>Central Arkansas</td> <td>Plumerville, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/3</td> <td>Northwest Arkansas</td> <td>Farmington, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/10</td> <td>Central Arkansas</td> <td>Plumerville, AR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/17</td> <td>Northwest Arkansas</td> <td>Farmington, AR</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>📍 Central Arkansas: Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative, 101 Bulldog Dr, Plumerville, AR 72127</p> <p>📍 Northwest Arkansas: Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, 4 North Double Springs Rd, Farmington, AR 72730</p>	Date	Location	Address	2/27	Central Arkansas	Plumerville, AR	3/6	Northwest Arkansas	Farmington, AR	3/13	Central Arkansas	Plumerville, AR	3/20	Northwest Arkansas	Farmington, AR	3/27	Central Arkansas	Plumerville, AR	4/3	Northwest Arkansas	Farmington, AR	4/10	Central Arkansas	Plumerville, AR	4/17	Northwest Arkansas	Farmington, AR
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Min. Requirements	Intermediate-level IT professionals interested in starting or deepening their networking knowledge.																											
NICE Framework	<p>https://niccs.cisa.gov/workforce-development/nice-framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K0848: Knowledge of network systems management principles and practices • K0849: Knowledge of network systems management tools and techniques • K0915: Knowledge of network architecture principles and practices • K1011: Knowledge of network addressing principles and practices • S0688: Skill in performing network data analysis 																											

Executive Threat Briefing with the State Cybersecurity Office (SCSO)

Date	03/18/26
Time	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Targeted Audience	IT Staff, Non-technical Staff, Senior Leadership (max 300)
Location	Virtual & In-person (2301 S University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204)
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/iE7gYuXurE
Presenter Name	State Cybersecurity Office
Session Title	Executive Threat Briefing with the State Cybersecurity Office (SCSO)
Session Description	The Executive Threat Briefing provides senior leaders with critical insights into the latest cyber threats targeting organizations, highlighting emerging attack vectors, trends, and key vulnerabilities. Led by the State Cybersecurity Office, this session will equip executives with the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions on cybersecurity strategy, risk management, and organizational preparedness. Attendees will gain actionable intelligence to safeguard their enterprises against sophisticated threats, all while fostering a culture of resilience at the leadership level.
Min. Requirements	No minimum skills required.
NICE Framework	https://niccs.cisa.gov/workforce-development/nice-framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K1139: Knowledge of cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities • T1456: Determine the impact of threats on cybersecurity

Cyber Hygiene, Incident Management, and Critical Supply Chain with CISA

Date	05/12/26
Time	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Targeted Audience	IT Staff (max 45)
Location	Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 W. 9th Street, Little Rock, AR, 72201
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/8U12qHC6wb
Presenter Name	Mark Kirby, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Session Title	Cyber Hygiene, Incident Management, and Critical Supply Chain with CISA
Session Description	This session provides an overview of essential cyber hygiene practices, incident management fundamentals, and cybersecurity risks affecting critical supply chains, with a focus on CISA guidance and resources that support preparedness, response, and resilience.
Min. Requirements	No minimum skills are required. Intended for individuals involved in IT leadership, management, or daily operations.
NICE Framework	https://niccs.cisa.gov/workforce-development/nice-framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T1295: Provide cybersecurity awareness and training • K0724: Knowledge of incident response principles and practices • K0803: Knowledge of supply chain risk management principles and practices

Cyber Hygiene, Incident Management, and Critical Supply Chain with CISA

Date	05/14/26
Time	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Targeted Audience	IT Staff (max 45)
Location	The Blue Lion, 101 N. 2nd Street, Fort Smith, AR, 72901
Registration	https://forms.office.com/g/f2R7417EJB
Presenter Name	Mark Kirby, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
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