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National Mine Rescue Competition crowns winners

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The 2024 National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench, Pre-shift and Technician Team Competition, held this year from August 12-15 in Lexington, Kentucky, wrapped with a number of winners in 13 different categories.

They include:

BioPak 240R Bench Competition Final Results

- 1st Place, Tunnel Ridge, Jake Sayra
- 2nd Place, Tunnel Ridge, Brendon Watkins
- 3rd Place, Foresight Energy South Black, Jayson Land

Draeger BG 4 Bench Competition Final Results

- 1st Place, Consol Energy Bailey White, Michael Corely
- 2nd Place, Consol Energy Bailey Blue, Zach Scott
- 3rd Place WVU Mining Extension Mine Rescue, John Helmick



First Aid Competition Final Results

- 1st Place, Bevill State Community College Alabama Green Team, Matt Miller
- 2nd Place, Arch Resources Leer Mine, Jerry Vance III
- 3rd Place, Alpha Metallurgical Resources Southern WV, Adam Sipes

Preshift Competition Final Results

- 1st Place, Alliance/Warrior Coal, Forrest James
- 2nd Place, Alliance Coal River View, Chris Williams
- 3rd Place, Alliance/Warrior Coal, Jeff Clark

Technician Team Competition Final Results

- 1st Place, SIMCO WIPP Red, Chris Smith
- 2nd Place, Alpha Metallurgical Resources Southern WV, James Thomas
- 3rd Place, SIMCO WIPP Blue, Colton Ridgway

Day 1 Mine Rescue Competition Final Results - Coal

- 1st Place, Wolverine Fuels Sufco Black, Thayn Larsen
- 2nd Place, Blackhawk Mining Blackhawk WV, Brent Bender
- 3rd Place, Iron Senergy, Cumberland Blue, Brett Balabon

Day 1 Mine Rescue Competition Final Results - MNM

- 1st Place, SIMCO WIPP Red, Mark Long, Jr.
- 2nd Place, Intrepid Potash-New Mexico Intrepid Blue, Josh Nichols
- 3rd Place, Vulcan Materials Vulcan Black, Brian Jennings

Day 2 Mine Rescue Competition Final Results - Coal

- 1st Place, Paramount Contura, Adam Phillp
- 2nd Place, Blackhawk Mining Blackhawk WV, Brent Bender
- 3rd Place, Alliance Coal River View, Josh Gibson

Day 2 Mine Rescue Competition Final Results - MNM

- 1st Place, Sisecam Wyoming Big Island Mine Blue, Kaei Brady
- 2nd Place Mississippi Lime St. Genevieve Operations, Kyle Clark
- 3rd Place, Nevada Gold Mines Carlin, Steve St. Germain

Overall Mine Rescue Competition Final Results - Coal

- 1st Place, Blackhawk Mining Blackhawk WV, Brent Bender
- 2nd Place, Iron Senergy Cumberland Blue, Brett Balabon



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3rd Place, Consol Energy Bailey White, Chuck Sochor
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- 1st Place, Sisecam Wyoming Big Island Mine Blue, Kael Brady
- 2nd Place, Nevada Gold Mines Carlin, Steve St. Germain
- 3rd Place, Intrepid Potash-New Mexico Intrepid Blue, Josh Nichols

Combination (Mine Rescue + First Aid) Two Day Competition Final Results - Coal

- 1st Place, Blackhawk Mining Blackhawk WV, Brett Bender, Brenton Crouse
- 2nd Place, Iron Senergy Cumberland Blue, Brett Balabon, Chris Harvey
- 3rd Place, Consol Energy Bailey White, Chuck Sochor, Byran Hryniewich

Combination (Mine Rescue + First Aid + Technician Team) Two Day Competition Final

- 1st Place, Sisecam Wyoming Big Island Mine Blue, Kael Brady, Dustin Smith
- 2nd Place, Nevada Gold Mines Carlin, Steve St. Germain, Joe Shine
- 3rd Place, Doe Run Company Maroon, Andrew Hampton, Jarred Tackett

The location of the next Nationals event in 2026 is still being discussed. Dates are also still not known, though it will be in the August or September timeframe.

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