



**Utilities Coordinating Committee (UCC)
Jones/Onslow Counties
Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

Opening prayer at 11:46 am

Lunch ~ Courtesy of Jones Onslow EMC ~ Thank you!

Meeting began at 12:08 pm

Chairman Ralph Murphy welcomed the committee and asked that everyone sign in and silence their cell phones. Ralph gave a special welcome to *Jody Kiker with Charter Communications* who was in attendance today. He also took a moment to ask for prayers for the victims of the recent Hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

He advised that Howard Corey is on vacation, so he would be reviewing the NC 811 updates. Ralph let everyone know that the Mock Line Strike event has been re-scheduled for November 7th at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. He said that NC 811 had hoped for 500 guests and almost 600 people have registered so far.

Surveys were sent out recently from NC 811 to evaluate how to make things better at the local UCC meetings. They are asking for suggestions from all members.

NC 811 made a \$200 donation to help sponsor the October breakfast meeting. They are also donating the goody bags to hold all the small items to give to each person in attendance.

Looking at the numbers...

- Statewide Tickets in **NC for August** was **178,099** – a **9.6% decrease** from **August 2016**.
- **Onslow County** Ticket Volume in **August 2017** was **2,279** - a **16.6 % increase** over **August 2016**. **Jones County** Ticket Volume in **August 2017** was **82** – a **54.7% decrease** from **August 2016**.
- For **Jones County**, the majority of locates were requested in the **Pollockville** and **Trenton** areas. For **Onslow County**, the majority of locates were requested in the **Jacksonville** and **Richlands** areas.

In Other News...

Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer (H2GO) in Leland, NC was recently recognized as a Safe Digging Partner for going above and beyond to help spread the message of calling before you dig.

NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board Meeting

The Review Board meetings are held at 2550 Operations Way in Raleigh four times per year and are open to the public. The remaining date for 2017 is:

October 17, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm

NC 811 Board Meeting

3rd Quarter 2017

October 19-20

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, New Bern River Front, New Bern, NC

State UCC Meeting

Piedmont Natural Gas

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

10 am to 12 pm

1321 S 10th St

Wilmington, NC 28401

You can see Howard's video presentation, the attendance sheets and meeting minutes at www.ncucc.org. Use the UCC Issues form to voice your concerns to both local and state level UCC meetings in North Carolina. The form is available on both the NCUCCE website and the NC 811 app.



MOCK LINE STRIKE
EDUCATION THROUGH DEMONSTRATION

You're invited to attend a pipeline safety event hosted by North Carolina 811 & Pipeline Operators on **November 7, 2017**, at the NC State Fairgrounds at **1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607**. *There will be education, vendors, food, action, and prizes!*

RSVP online at www.mocklinestrike.com or by telephone at (336) 601-8644

On-site registration begins at 8:00 AM. Arrive early to participate in the Pipes Plus training or come at 11:00 to visit with vendors and enjoy lunch being served prior to the Mock Line Strike presentation!

Other Business...

Chairman Ralph Murphy announced the election of officers for 2018 would be held and asked for nominations. Marty Sheppard (JOEMC) made a motion that the committee close the nominations for officers and have all three positions remain as is. The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed upon by the committee.

Ralph asked if any committee members would like to volunteer as a guest speaker at one of the meetings in 2018. He asked if they enjoyed having guest speakers and if there were any particular topics they would like to hear about or learn more about. Lastly, he asked if they had any suggestions to make the local UCC meetings better. Since nobody answered, Ralph asked that if anyone had any suggestions or feedback on those questions, please email or call him or Sherry Jones (secretary).

The **Annual UCC Damage Prevention Breakfast meeting** will be held **October 19, at 6:30 am**, at the **Jones Onslow EMC warehouse**. Please decide on what you are able and willing to donate, whether it is money for food/drink/supplies, door prizes, small items for the goody bags, or time helping to prepare, cook, set up, or clean up. The deadline is October 5th to get those donations in, as JOEMC needs time to purchase the food and supplies. We appreciate everyone's participation in making this year's breakfast meeting another successful event!

There was a discussion concerning the various speakers that may be presenting information during the breakfast meeting. Vice-Chairman Donnie Smith discussed possibly speaking on the topic of how to handle issues such as reporting downed trees and power lines after tropical storms or Hurricanes. Donnie, Wynne Ray (ONWASA) and Brian Kelly (Onslow County Fire Marshal) discussed the group effort of creating a plan to handle the dangers, what to look for and working together to assess damage and share information in the aftermath and destruction in the community after a storm has passed.

****LOCAL UTILITY UPDATES****

JOEMC - Staying busy. Working in Pender County, in Cypress Creek area, working on Queens Creek Rd, still changing out transmission poles, lots of new services. Some crews went to North Georgia to assist with storm recovery. Working on Wheeler Creek substation in Sneads Ferry. An outage is scheduled Oct 2 in Surf City where the new Publix is being built.

Jacksonville Mechanical/Sadale Utilities/R&W – Finishing up pump station and force main in Duplin County, in Sneads Ferry working on Bridgeport project, will be working at Marshall Farms Townhomes off of Piney Green Rd, and also working on Catherine's Lake Rd.

NCDOT – Lonnie Sleeper stated that when he first attended the UCC meeting, the complaint was made that one of their contractors had been digging and installing signs without a utility locate. He wanted to advise the committee that since that time, many conversations have taken place and the problem is being addressed. Starting next year there will be many projects going on in Onslow County. Chairman Murphy offered a suggestion that the DOT asphalt contractors be reminded to update their tickets. Wynne Ray (ONWASA) discussed an issue where DOT is parking their equipment on the property without permission. She asked that they ask for permission first and make sure that they do not block access to utilities. Gary Whitehead agreed that respect for the property owner is a valid point and that he had seen problems on Hwy 53 with those issues.

Century Link - Trending down towards the end of the busy season. They are working on Hwy 53 and trying to minimize downtime.

Lambert's Cable – Staying busy; trying to finish up work on Hwy 53, also in Holly Ridge and Sneads Ferry.

Onslow County Fire Marshal Brian Kelly - Discussed their smoke alarm program and asks for volunteers to install those smoke alarms. There is currently a waiting list of 120 needy families in need of smoke alarms; some of those people are disabled and/or elderly persons. They will be an activity on October 7th at Lowes store from 9 am to 3 pm where volunteers will assemble to go install smoke alarms. Please let him know ahead of time if you interested in volunteering. Also, October 28 from 10-2 is the Meds Disposal day at Onslow Memorial Hospital. You can drive-thru to drop off unused meds; no questions asked. Lastly, make sure to have hurricane preparedness kits ready, just in case.

ONWASA – No updates on capital projects. Wynne Ray discussed issues with the future installation of the sewer line at the new Richlands Elementary. Robert Lanier (JOEMC) asked for a copy of those plans to be sent to him.

Piedmont Natural Gas – Still working on land acquisition; they are working on moving the city gate from Camp Lejeune to the City of Jacksonville. It will probably take until January to have the gas on and functioning there. Maintenance work on Brynn Marr Rd.

USIC – Business as usual. There are several road projects coming up soon.

Charter Communications – From the corporate level, they are looking at incorporating training into the UCC meetings to teach excavators Basic Damage Prevention 101 via PowerPoint.

PNG – Removing lines at Camp Lejeune gate is still pending and they are in a 6-month holding pattern. Scattered services around Jacksonville; S. Marine Blvd, Brynn Marr Rd.

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Please make sure to clean up behind yourselves after each meeting. Whichever member sponsors the lunch must remove the food/drink items from the premises.

This meeting ended at 1:16 pm. There were 23 attendees.

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Reminder: Our *final* UCC Meeting of 2017 will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, @ 6:30 am, at the Jones Onslow EMC Warehouse. Mark your calendar!

These minutes were prepared by Jones/Onslow UCC Secretary, Sherry Jones, (ONWASA).



If you cannot make it to a UCC meeting and would like to voice a concern, you may use the NC 811 app to send it - simply use the "UCC Issues Form" button. Concerns may also be submitted online at www.ncucc.org. Just click on "Local UCC Issue" on the home page. By sharing your concerns (and this can be done anonymously), you will accomplish two things. First, the concern will be shared with the chair of the local UCC for the county in which the problem is occurring. That gives them a chance to bring it up at the next UCC meeting. Second, the issue will post to a State UCC database for discussion at the next meeting. Hey, if a problem is happening in one area, it may also be part of a larger problem. This method allows all concerns to be shared with everyone so that a solution is more likely to be found.

September 2017

Jones/Onslow UCC



THOUGHTS...

We want you to get the most out of your time at this UCC meeting. We would also like to have more utilities, government agencies and contactors attend UCC meetings.

You will receive an email to take a brief survey and tell us your ideas on how we can better accomplish this goal.



Statewide Ticket and Transmission Data

August: 2017 / 2016 Comparison

Tickets

2017: 178,099

2016: 196,915

Difference: -9.6%

Transmissions

2017: 1,000,845

2016: 1,076,866

Difference: -7.1%



Statewide Ticket and Transmission Data

Year-to-Date: 2017 / 2016 Comparison

Tickets

2017: 1,307,783

2016: 1,296,902

Difference: 0.8%

Transmissions

2017: 7,410,337

2016: 6,978,942

Difference: 6.2%



County Ticket Volume



August: 2017 Stats Compared with 2016

	Type Ticket						
Jones	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
2016	0	0	79	2	100	181	
2017	1	0	65	1	15	82	
+/- Var	100%	100%	-17.7%	-50.0%	-85.0%	-54.7%	
	Locates per day						4

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	Type Ticket						
Onslow	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
2016	3	7	1554	20	371	1955	
2017	39	10	1528	88	614	2279	
+/- Var	1200.0%	42.9%	-1.7%	340.0%	65.5%	16.6%	
		Locates per day				104	

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Year-to-Date: 2017 Stats Compared with 2016

	Type Ticket						
Jones	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
2016	1	15	820	6	535	1377	
2017	39	15	753	18	353	1178	
+/- Var	3800.0%	0.0%	-8.2%	200.0%	-34.0%	-14.5%	
				Locates per day		7	

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Year-to-Date: 2017 Stats Compared with 2016

	Type Ticket						
Onslow	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets	
2016	30	99	10300	130	2125	12684	
2017	142	167	11570	378	3940	16197	
+/- Var	373.3%	68.7%	12.3%	190.8%	85.4%	27.7%	
				Locates per day		96	

County Ticket Distribution



County/Place	08 Aug
JONES	82
COMFORT	1
LONG POINT	3
MAYSVILLE	13
PLEASANT HILL	4
POLLOCKS	1
POLLOCKSVILLE	43
TRENTON	16
WISE FORK	1

County Ticket Distribution



County/Place	08 Aug
ONSLOW	2279
BEAR CREEK	1
BELGRADE	5
CAMP LEJEUNE	96
CHADWICK ACRES	3
DIXON	2
FOLKSTONE	9
HALF MOON	5
HAW BRANCH	6
HOLLY RIDGE	107
HUBERT	116
JACKSONVILLE	1196
MIDWAY PARK	17
NEW RIVER STATION	1
NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH	46

PINEY GREEN	50
PUMPKIN CENTER	4
RICHLANDS	273
SNEADS FERRY	193
SURF CITY	8
SWANSBORO	115
TARAWA TERRACE I	8
TARAWA TERRACE II	3
VERONA	1
WHITE OAK ESTATES	14

Matt's Safety Story

Events, Meetings, Holidays



State UCC Meetings

PSNC Energy

Tue, Sept. 12, 2017

10am – 12pm

1801 Trinity Church Rd.,
Concord, NC 28027

Piedmont Natural Gas

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10am – 12pm

1321 S 10th St,
Wilmington, NC 28401

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On the corner of Operations
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Board Meeting

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New Bern River Front
New Bern, NC

Brunswick Regional

H₂GO

Water & Sewer





MOCK LINE STRIKE

November 7th 2017

NC State Fairgrounds &
Kerr Scott Building
1025 Blue Ridge Rd,
Raleigh, NC 27607

ncpipesplus.org/mock-line-strike.html

Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life



**Congrats to Jeff Bartley
on his upcoming
retirement in April 2018**

How can an 811 liaison help you today?



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