

*Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting*

PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office

Located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

April 24, 2018



**Meeting Time:**

The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting was called to order by Mazetta Wynn at 11:03 am on April 24, 2018.

**Total Members Present**

There was a total of **51** members present at the March Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting according to the sign in sheet. **Members have been asked to please sign in so an accurate count of attendees for each meeting can be documented.**

**Welcome of Members and Guest:**

Mazetta Wynn with PSNC Energy welcomed everyone to the **4rd** UCC meeting of the year. Housekeeping rules given out for newcomers. Bathrooms are located out the double doors and straight down the hallway to the left. In case of a fire emergency, everyone should exit out through the double doors turn right into the hall way exiting out the door and walk towards the street and wait at the PSNC Energy Logo sign at the front of the entrance.

**Blessing of the Food:** Given by Mazetta Wynn with PSNC Energy before breaking for lunch at 11:06 am.

**Introduction of the Members and Guest:**

Mazetta Wynn with PSNC Energy welcomed everyone to today's meeting again and a formal introduction of the guests and members from left to right announcing their name along with the company they are affiliated with.

**Safety Moments:**

Guy Smith with Precision Network Incorporated provided the first safety moment. HE wanted to remind everyone that it's that time of the year where the weather is getting warmer and getting sunny and motorcycle drivers are polishing up their bikes and starting to go out on the road. Please be sure to STOP completely at STOP signs and STOP completely behind the STOP bar. If anyone doesn't know what a stop bar is that will be the very heavy white stripe and stop behind it and not over it or behind it please. Please pay attentions to drivers, look twice, and save a life.

**Second Safety Moment:**

Sandra Johnson with PSNC Energy advise that she while she was traveling back from the NC 811 Board of Directors Meeting Friday and as she was looking to her left she noticed a lady had a magazine on a steering wheel while driving going down Highway 40 going about 70 mph. Just be careful of what's around you.

**Third Safety Moment:**

Nash Hardy with Hardy Landscapes added a safety moment. If there should be outrage in this country it should be about the kids in the ages of 16 to 21 years old. The latest highway safety figure show that 14 a day die from texting.

**Fourth Safety Moment:**

Frederick Hawley with the Town of Cary added a safety moment advising that it's getting warmer outside and he advise that the ticks are out there. Just be careful out there.

**Fifth Safety Moment:**

Robert Yu with USIC advised that April 22-28, 2018 is National Locators Awareness Week. Make sure we are safe and using PPE. We just need to recognize the folks that are dealing with the challenges every day.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**First Approval:** [Guy Smith with Precision Network Incorporated](#)

**2nd the Motion:** [Sandra Johnson with PSNC Energy](#)

**Old Business:**

Sandra Johnson with PSNC Energy advised that the NC/SC Joint Utility Coordinating Committee Conference at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort was the largest conference in her almost 26<sup>th</sup> year working the conference. There were approximately 49 vendor's onsite and well over 200 attendees and their guest. We had to pull the registration. She had to turn down a few vendors due to not having any more spots available. They have moved us from one large room to another.

Tim Yarbrow with Ansco and Associates advised there will be approximately 300 people at the conference. We will have a bigger conference room and we have golf attendance up to about 66 people. We are currently wrapping up any loose ends of the conference.

Also, Sandra Johnson reminded everyone for those who will be attending the NC/SC Joint Coordinating Committee Conference to bring door prizes to help represent your company. There will be two-\$250.00 cash door prizes and drawings throughout the conference.

**New Business:**

Jason with Century Link apologize to all the members and NC811 who help to facilitate communications with everyone. He advised that he has not done his due diligence on this system that we have for contractor and utilities to function as good as it can. Apparently he think there are some challenges and problems with this system that we have and wanted to let everyone know that part of the problem was that he would have a contractor or a situation where I would have an abuse going on incorrectly using the NC811 system and yes he would get irate and scream at the contractor for calling in a bad ticket. He would also call NC811 and scream at them questioning them how they let the ticket go through.

What he kept going around in circle was that it really wasn't their fault. Contractor didn't know any better and NC811 is just a facilitator. The problem was with education and knowledge and contractor benefit from the fact that our services provided by my company is to protect assets and resources of our fiber. We provide it at no cost to the contractor and that lies a problem, because they don't have any recourse of how many tickets they can open and there's no cost to them on how many tickets that they put out there on the system.

Guy Smith with Precision Network Incorporated advised that for those of us who live, work, and play in this area are frustrated and annoyed and as an excavator that does work for Century Link we appreciate exactly what they are saying and we will get together after this meeting and have a discussion further. We will continue to work with our liaisons and NC811 who's the facilitator. They don't make the law or enforce the law as that is a separate body. Justus and I are thrilled that we have a mechanism that in 2014 where we have a complete driven system. Now we have a way of filing a complaint. Guy Smith and Ann Rushing welcome Jason to attend the next liaison meeting directly after the Wake Utility Coordinating Meeting to further discuss his concerns.

Guy Smith with Precision Network Incorporated agreed to be the New Chair Person for the Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting starting in May 2018 and over the next couple of months, Guy will start the transition process. Congratulations Guy on your new position at the local level.

Robert Yu with USIC advised that as of May 1, 2018 they will start locating for Aqua.

**NC811 Presentation:**

- Kevin Smith is the new Education Liaison for the Piedmont Triad Region. Kevin Smith presented the NC811 report for the month of April 2018 and then later Ann Rushing with NC811 presented the remaining of the NC811 report.

**Every9Minutes**

**An underground utility is damaged because someone didn't call**

- The NC811 Center received locate request totaling **166,950** in 2018. The total locate request in **2017** was **172,850**. This was a difference of -3.41%. Transmission Locate request was **822,463** in 2017. Current Locate request in Transmission was **925,225** in 2018. This was a difference of -6.08%.
- There was a total ticket volume of **62,473** for Wake County in 2018. The average locate per day was **992** base on **63** work days.
- **County Ticket Distribution** was a total of **21,448**. The **Raleigh** area have the highest number showing a total of **9,072**.

**Top Creators of Emergency Locates**

**AnSCO & Associates, LLC #57**

**Pike Electric #15**

**PSNC Energy #13**

**Town of Cary #11**

**Vaughan Utility #11**

**Duke Energy #8**

**TCR Rooter and Plumbing #8**

**PSNC Energy – Emergency Code #7**

**R L T Construction Company #7**

**C & M Plumbing #4**

**City of Raleigh Public Utilities #4**

**Mastec #4**

**Ingles**

- **Over 3 Million circular inserts weekly in NC, SC & GA that will run weekly beginning in April-August**
- **Hanging Baskets will be in all of their garden centers**
- **Banners for the Garden Centers**
- **Ingles Table Magazine**

- In-Store radio ads in all stores

Both Home Depot & Lowes are sharing the 811 safe digging information on their tree wraps.



We share the 811 message all the time, but it means so much more coming from you. Create a link to [nc811.org](http://nc811.org) on your company website. We provide everything your webmaster will need. Visit [www.nc811.org/share-nc811.html](http://www.nc811.org/share-nc811.html) for more information.

**APRIL is National Safe Digging Month. Get the toolkit and help us promote safe digging month at NC811. [www.nc811.org/safe-digging-month.html](http://www.nc811.org/safe-digging-month.html)**

#### **2018 NC811 Board Meetings**

1Q18 on April 20, 2018 at Harrah's in Cherokee, North Carolina

2Q18 on July 20, 2018 in Lake Lure, North Carolina

For booking information, contact Tonya Hargraves: [tonya@nc811.org](mailto:tonya@nc811.org)

#### **NC/SC 2018 Joint Utility Coordinating Committee Conference**

**May 2-4, 2018, NC/SC Joint Utility Coordinating Committee Conference at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort at 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, North Carolina**

**NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board Meetings located at 2550 Operations Way, Raleigh, North Carolina. Located on the corner of Operations Way and Westinghouse Blvd.**

- July 17, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm
- October 16, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm

**Next UCC Meeting:**

The next Wake County Utility Coordinating meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 11:00 am at [PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office](#) located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Lunch will be provided by Brett Boswell with Vermeer Mid Atlantic. Thank you Vermeer Mid Atlantic for providing lunch for us during this meeting.

The following companies have volunteered to bring lunch for us during our future meetings:

- ❖ June 2018-NC 811
- ❖ July 2018-PSNC Energy
- ❖ August 2018-The Town of Cary
- ❖ September 2018-Tom Miller with ITS
- ❖ October 2018-Justus Everett with ABE Utilities

**\*\*A Special Thank You to All the Companies/Members who volunteer to help to provide lunch for the Wake County Utility Coordinating Committee throughout the year\*\***

**\*\*Another Special Thank You to All the Members for your time and support throughout the year as well\*\***

**Bonding Together is what makes our County a Great Success!!!**

**Meeting Adjourned:** The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by Tiffany Elie, PSNC Energy, Telephone Number 919-836-2439**



