

Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting

Dominion Energy-South Raleigh Office

Located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

April 30, 2019



Meeting Time:

The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting was called to order by Guy Smith with KCI Associates of North Carolina on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 11:03 am. Thank you for attending the Wake County Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting. We want to develop relationships and education about underground damage preventions and more importantly employee safety so that we all go home no worse than when we came in this morning. We want everyone to return home safely.

Moment of Silence:

- Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting had a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives and who were injured and to pay tribute to all those first responders who put themselves in risk adjusting the issues and circumstances over in Durham. Please bow your head for a moment. Dominion Energy have a Good Neighborhood Fund set up for the victims and injured and there's a Go Fund Me Page set up for general assistance for those in Durham.

Total Members Present:

There was a total of **43** members that signed the roster. **Members have been asked to please sign in so an accurate count of attendees for each meeting can be documented.**

Prayer: Given by Ann Rushing with NC811

Safety Moment:

Cort Bennett with Dominion Energy spoke about the severe storms that occur in May, June, July, and August. During these months we have severe storms and challenging weather conditions. Please use your head and be careful of driving two wheels motorcycles. Save a life and think of yourself.

Guy Smith with KCI Associates of North Carolina commented don't forget the stop bar. For those of you who don't know or not familiar with it that's the solid full white line at the stop sign. It's there for a reason and please don't drive over it. If you do that then motorcyclist will think that you are going to pull out. Please stop and stop sign and think twice. Also, think about your crews and the danger of heat stress.

Approval of Minutes:

First Approval: **Members Approve (Changes made due to one correction)**

2nd the Motion: **Members Approve (Changes made due to one correction)**

Old Business:

Sandra Johnson with Dominion Energy spoke about the upcoming contractor breakfast in October. Attached was a flyer of the agenda for the Wake County UCC Damage Prevention Breakfast held on October 22, 2019 at 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC at 7:00 am.

Sponsors Listed below (As of 4/30/19)

- **Dominion Energy**
- **Dixie Pipeline**
- **NC811**
- **Town of Wake Forest**
- **Lambert's Cable**
- **ITS**
- **Duke Energy**
- **City of Raleigh**
- **USIC**

New Business: (Contractor Side)

Justus Everett with ABE Utilities advised that one of our counter partners down in the Mecklenburg County area that are getting a third of their gas locate tickets late. There's about 1500 tickets. There are only 900 tickets that are being located and 300 tickets are late. Duke Energy hasn't changed locators in house down there. I've gotten a great response from Duke Energy and they are working to get them caught back up. Anytime you have a problem like that then you can call me on my mobile telephone number that listed on the sign in sheet. We can forward it on and do the best that we can. This time it worked, and we got to be visual and we must be polite.

Ann Rushing with NC811 advise that they had a good meeting in Mecklenburg County. One of the take away that will be very beneficially is that at the end of the day folks really want to know who are their local locators in the area or the area manager? What we would like to do for that UCC is create a spreadsheet for contractor information that can assist them should they have any issues then they will have more direct contact and we are doing that for that UCC. Just a heads up that we heard would be very helpful for that UCC and if it is that could be something that we could utilize in other UCC's. It was good feedback, and everyone was very cordial. If you have the data and you take it to the member or group hopefully there's a solution.

Welcome of Members and Guest:

Guy Smith with KCI Associates of North Carolina welcomed everyone to the 4th 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.

Private Line Locator:

Robert You with USIC commented that they are still getting a lot of telephone calls from excavators that are trying to reach someone with Century Link and I think that as of April 1 Direct Sap took over all the locates for North Carolina with Century Link. Going back to what Justus Everette mentioned they have some Century Link technician doing locates now and they also have some Landers folks doing locates now for Century Link. I noticed that we get multiple calls a day because I still don't see anything in Direct Sap under Wake County.

Ann Rushing with NC811 advise the last conversation that she had with Leslie was they were becoming a member, so it's not added because their membership have not been applied and they are being listed as a locator. Any century link ticket should have a century link contact. Century link screen their tickets and then they determine when their tickets go out to the locators. The question that we are getting are who are some of the locator Direct Sapp Locators? That is the way that Century Link wanted it set up so if you receive tickets and Century Link is showing up on it and there's a telephone number that will take you in to the call center and from there they will provide you information.

Jimmy Petrie with the City of Raleigh ask the question if there was a restriction putting in tickets on their behalf putting in telecom. In remarks they will have seven different sub-contractors that could possibly be showing up on the job. He thought they were supposed to be one sub-contractor that could be out there. Ann Rushing with NC 811 verified that they can have as many as 20 sub-contractors on their tickets.



Join us at the North Carolina State UCC Meeting to share and promote safety standards, prevent unnecessary damages to utilities infrastructure, and address common issues within the state of North Carolina. Please be prepared to discuss projects and any damages that have occurred since your last meeting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

****2019 Joint NC/SC Utilities Coordinating Committee Conference****

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Committee Conference
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center
May 1st – May 3rd, 2019**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Golf Outing: 12:00 pm at Myrtlewood Pine Hills Golf Course

Evening Reception

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019

General Sessions: Full Day

Friday, May 3rd, 2019

General Sessions: ½ Day

Hotel and Conference Registration Links at: www.scucc.org

****Locate Training will only be accepting 30-40 people for Class****

NC811 Presentation:

- Ann Rushing with NC811 presented the NC811 report for the month of April 2019.
- The NC811 Center statistics show that we received locate request totaling 197,224 in 2019 compared to 166,950 in 2018. That's a difference of 18.1%. Year to date tickets show 552,227 in 2019 and 468,868 in 2018. That's a difference of 17.8%.
- Transmissions locate ticket request show 1,056,430 in 2019 compared to 910,315 in 2018. Year to date tickets show 3,004,509 in 2019 compared to 2,563,902 in 2018. That's a difference of 17.2%.
- There was a total ticket volume of **24,707** for Wake County in March 2019. The average locate per day was **1,177**.

Locator Safety Awareness Week April 22-April 27

Established in 2014 by Infrastructure Resources and endorsed by Nulca, LSAW addresses the need to keep our locators safe on the job. Take the opportunity during this week to acknowledge the locators you work with and let them know how much you appreciate the difficult, challenging, and sometimes dangerous work our underground utilities.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Every seven seconds someone is injured in a car crash and every 15 minutes someone is killed in one. Employers absorb costs associated with these crashes whether they occur on or off the job. Workplace policies and employee education can help protect your employees, your organization, and your community.

Meetings:

NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board on April 16, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm at 2550 Operation Way, Raleigh, North Carolina.



Mission:

A collaboration of damage prevention stakeholders, partnering to reduce damages through data analysis and educational outreach.

NC811 Board Meeting 1Q19 on April 26, 2019 at 8:30 am at DoubleTree by Asheville Hilton-Biltmore, North Carolina

Board Meeting @ 2Q19 on July 19, 2019 at NC811 Event Center, Greensboro, NC

Next UCC Meeting:

The next Wake County Utility Coordinating meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 11:00 am at [Dominion Energy- South Raleigh Office](#) located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Lunch will be provided by Guillermo J. Amaya with GAC Enterprises LLC. Thank you for providing lunch for us during this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting adjourned on April 30, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

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