

WAKE COUNTY LOCATE RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017

PSNC Energy

4211 Global Street

Raleigh, NC

John Lecco, Chair

Sandra Johnson, Co-Chair

Donna Zuniga, Secretary

- John Lecco called the meeting to order at 12:42pm

WHITE LINING / LOCATE TICKETS

- John Lecco recommended all utilities require their contractors to white line. Spectrum requires their contractors to white line all work which is not considered usual or normal.
- Since white lining is not required by law, some do not want to take the time to do it.
- George Medeiros advised Bechtel white lines for their contractors. White lining benefits everyone (utilities, contractors, homeowners, locators).
- Tim Yarbrow noted some Home Owner Associations will not allow white lining.
- Robert Yu added USIC is a strong supporter of white lining. They even provide white paint to contractors. Locators communicate with excavators when white lining and locate ticket instructions do not match.
- There are issues with locators being confused when the white lined area is different than the locate ticket instructions. Which should be used??
- Eric Smith asked for guidance regarding the radius of locating around white lines, 10'-20'? Guy Smith advised the excavator should determine the radius in their locate description. Jeff Bartley added the white lines are the boundary. The CGA Best Practices for white lining was distributed to the group.
- 3-Hour Notice tickets are a problem, most should really be destroyed mark tickets. Offenders need to be identified and educated. There needs to be a limit on ticket updates.
- Guy Smith advocates for each excavator being required to request their own locate tickets, no subs working under general's ticket.
- George Medeiros advised Bechtel requests the tickets for their contractors to ensure consistency and have a SPOC for ticket concerns and questions. He also noted that when working large projects, you have to request more than you need in order to have a contingency plan for your crews.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Robert Yu noted more damages come from road projects/DOT projects as it is almost impossible to communicate with all contractors and sub's involved with such large projects.
- Jeff Bartley recommended NCDOT be a part of this group.
- John Lecco recommended everyone look internally to improve their own operations and reduce update tickets.
- Education and communication are the keys to success. Share responsibility. We are better off than we were a year ago.
- Communication of critical infrastructure is vital. Ann Rushing is working on a process – texts, distribution list, etc.