

My name is **Larry Pluss** and I'm the owner and operator of Red Badger Underground. We are a utility locating service in the Fayetteville area that has served North Carolina and South Carolina for the last three years. Prior to that I worked for East Coast Underground as a utility locator. Prevention of damage to underground utilities is a passion of mine. Prior to working with utilities, I worked as a heavy equipment operator from 2014 to approximately 2001. My focus was installing sewer, waterlines and building pads for commercial structures, so I had a good knowledge of the safety and time management required in the construction trade. Reading prints and plans, communicating with contractors, superintendents and project managers.

I served in the army from 1993-2013 as a combat engineer and mechanic, our tasks include the use of heavy equipment, clearing, runway construction, bridgework installation and numerous other tasks. I have attended UCC meetings in Fayetteville, NC and the information and learning involved has really motivated me to become more involved so that I can become a productive member in this trade. It would be a honor to have the opportunity to serve in a position that can benefit the state of North Carolina and its 811 needs. I know that this is a team effort that requires working together and educating the public about safety and procedures. Something that must be done in a timely matter.

Thank you for the opportunity
Larry Pluss