

26th Annual Joint NC/SC UCC Meeting
April 30 – May 2, 2008
Crowne Plaza Resort
Asheville, NC

“Making a Difference in Damage Prevention from the Mountains to the Coast”

Attendees: See attached sheet.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Vendor Set up

Golf Outing, Asheville Municipal Golf course

Reception

Thursday, May 1, 2008

- **Call to order- Theresia Creswell**

Theresia Creswell, chairperson, opened the conference and welcomed everyone. Theresia thanked the attending vendors for their support of the joint UCC meeting. This year's conference had over 200 attendees.

- Threats to Utilities – Mamta Bansal of the Department of Homeland Security- Mamta explained the continuing threats to the domestic infrastructure. Power grids and soft targets continue to be high on the terrorist's list of preferred targets.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Golf Committee:** the golf tournament had a big turn out. 56 players attended. Two teams tied for first place with 12 under. The winners by run off were Leamond Strickland, Bill Woods and Tim King. Second place was also a run off with Bill Fink, Mike Fisher, Mark Attawa and Brain Isom taking the prize. The longest drive went to Chad Robinson on two holes. Our closest to the pin prizes went to Mark Sam and Rick Gould.
- **SC UCC chairperson-** Sandra Love- Sandra reported the SC has 13 local UCC operating in SC. They are working on safety action plan for their local UCC's. They have updated their web site; please visit www.SCUCC.org .The group is also committed to going green. They are working on changing out light bubs to conserve energy. Next year's joint conference will be held at Litchfield Resort, Pawley's Island, SC on April 29 – May 1 2009.
- **NC UCC chairperson-** Theresia Creswell- the NCCC continues to meet around the state bimonthly. The next meeting of the NCUCC will be in Hickory, NC on July 8, 2008 at Duke Energy's office. Please see the web site www.NCUCC.org for details. This year current officers are Theresia Creswell, president, Mark Hannah, vice-president, David Jackson, secretary, Sandra Johnson, treasurer. The UCC has provided home owner brochures and subdivision signs to promote damage prevention. There is currently 53 active UCC's operating in NC.

Local UCC reports:

Reports were given from the following UCC's..

Sandra Johnson-Wake County UCC-

Rick Mahaley -Yadkinville / Davie county UCC

Mark Hannah –Buncombe County.

Theresia Creswell- Foothills UCC

David Jackson – Forsyth / Stokes County UCC, Tarboro County

Highpoint UCC

Spartanburg County UCC

Iredell County UCC

Mecklenburg County UCC.

Contractors: Brad Barringer

- Pike Electric- Outdoor safety demonstration. Pike present a live safety demonstration in the parking lot. Safety tips were covered for working around power lines.
- NCDOT – Chris Howard- Chris presented the latest up date on Work Zone Safety. The NCDOT will have new flagger requirements starting in July 2009. Contractors will be expected to have trained individuals on site.

Dinner was held at the Grove Park Inn.

Friday May 2, 2008

- PUPS Report- Patsy Sharpe- Patsy is the new director of the PUPS; their ticket volume is steady while their transmissions are down. They are working on gaining new members.
- North Carolina One Call – Ron Fairbanks-The NCOCC will hold their next board meeting at the Grove Park Inn in January. This is a change from meeting in Greensboro, their open house will be held later in the year. Call volumes are down so far this year due to the economy. The NCOCC is changing the start time of locate request starting in July. The start time for all tickets will be 12:01 AM of the next business day. The 48 hour notice will start at this time. Pleas consult their web page www.NCOCC.org for details. The NCOCC is also updating the county maps of NC. The updated maps are matched to GIS information. This up date will provide more accurate maps to plot locates on.

- Office of Regulatory Staff- Vernon Gainey-Vernon reported they are working with the Office of Pipeline Safety to keep operators informed of changes with pipeline integrity rules.
- NC DOT – O’Hare Parker- the NCDOT is going through several changes. The office dealing with encroachments has moved and their phone numbers will be changing. The NCDOT is also outsourcing TIP pilot project to outside design companies. The NCDOT expects to spend 1.5 billion dollars for highway projects in 2008 & 2009.
- Successful negotiating for successful people- Ted Williams- Ted discussed tips for negotiating.
- “Listen to yourself”- Health and Safety compliance, Duke Energy- Mike McCallister- Mike presented a safety video and gave to group encouragement to promote work place safety.
- The committee would like suggestions for program material. A survey will be sent out by using e mails; the group was encouraged to participate to make the organization better. One suggestion is to find ways to make the meeting more open to excavators and get more input from them. UCC’s should make agendas available on thier web pages.
- Closing Remarks- Theresia Creswell

Next meeting of the NCUCC will be held at – Duke Energy Hickory. See the NCOCC web page for information.

- 2008 Meetings
 - Sept- Piedmont Natural Gas, Wilmington, NC - Sept. 9 2008 10 AM
 - 1321 S. 10th St. Wilmington, NC 28401
 - Nov- Tarboro Piedmont Natural Gas -Nov 11, 2008 10 AM

NCUCC MISSION STATEMENT

The North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee will provide a forum for utilities, governmental agencies, and contractors within the state of North Carolina to discuss situations which impact planning, engineering, construction, and new technologies among the member organizations. This committee will also serve as a resource for local UCC’s on issues that could be better addressed and resolved on a statewide basis. This committee will promote underground damage prevention and the use of the North Carolina One Call Center for notification of all excavation activity.

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