

Locate Committee Meeting March 29, 2017

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Meeting opened at 11:35 by John Lecco

Conversation from Wake-3rd month meeting yesterday. Covered variety of topics. On to something with working with NC811/USIC putting some guidelines into place about what actually constitutes white lining. CGA has some best practices and apparently people thought white lining meant different things.

Throwing it out to group-give locators best information possible, educate people as facility owner-hold each other accountable. Improve, help process, move forward.

Chris-from locating perspective-things that were instrumental to USIC, communication. Things learned from project, misnomer-we want good tickets, no overload of tickets. Good tickets to put paint on the ground. Giving good information is key to getting the marks on the ground (obviously). Make sure you know where you want to start/continue project. Again, good information. SW corner of intersection-don't call in entire intersection. Don't call in entire project at once if you aren't doing entire project in 15 days. This overloads resources. On larger projects (fiber builds) plan the work accordingly. Don't call in entire project if you are working on 3 addresses. It is NOT always the excavators fault. We are all human. Plan. Plan. Plan. Communicate. Put the job foreman and supervisor together. You don't need people not in the field doing the planning. Expose prior to boring!!! Blind boring-no potholing.

Yasan-don't update tix where the job is completed.

Roger-reminder-clean your own house. Plan your job accordingly.

Chris-Staffing improved. Jobs slowed down some. Communication became much more prevalent. In house (USIC) utility contractors have people that do their own tix. Make sure to let your staff know that jobs are completed when they are done to not do updates on completed projects. Field/office MUST communicate (Roger)

John-Knowing who to talk to, who to communicate with, and making sure we are educating internally. No dollar figure on amount of money wasted-but updating/retransmitting tix that are finished is a huge waste.

Shawn-we are having better tickets submitted as well. People were not visiting the job site. Using Google Earth and calling in entire intersection and not just area needed. We need excavators in the meeting, not just the facility owners. As USIC got locates completed, less excavators coming to meetings. We need excavators to attend meeting as well. Roger-again, communicate. The excavators don't have issues, they don't come to meetings.

John-As we continue to grow this meeting, reach out to stakeholders. Look at key stakeholder list of excavators. Bring them to the table.

Shawn-We also need the people actually putting the stuff in the ground. Not just damage prevention-but the actual employee.

BW-stop using Google Earth/Maps to design build.

Bret-same issue with City of Charlotte. Get out in the field and look.

Ann-gave information to Amanda about Feb meeting and facility owner's own contractors on list of violations of calling in retransmits and updates.

Shawn-Most of the numbers on this list tied to new builds.

Yasan-3 hour tic. Are people using remarks section? If contractor calls in 3 hour notice is there a way to remark about being back the next morning instead of dropping everything and go w/in 3 hours.

Shawn-abuse of 3 hour/destroyed marks. NC811 **** Slide for April-destroyed marks ticket

Roger-put offset, take pics. His crews can do this so they know where they are working. Two key words in these meetings-communicate, educate.

Amanda-big there education right now. Is there a list? We need to share with our contractors-maybe quick ref guide? (Shawn) disseminate information to field employees-upstream/downstream.

Chris-information coming from locator doesn't always help. Use the committee to come up with best practices including State law, USIC, NC811, etc. Utilities can hand out to staff from top to bottom. Best practices for Meck? Something coming from stakeholder group not one entity.

John-meet on site! We call in for this section. Next week we meet again. Then you call in next section.

Best practice guides/and a one pager to hand out to people.

Put together a small group to talk to contractors. Go to meetings, do a panel discussion, take questions from audience. Condense information to talk with people. Not just strictly facility owners, use contractors as well. NC811 would do as education. Contractor may look at as telling them how to do a job. They will buck.

Chris-not always excavator. Sometimes the employer creates demands. The stakeholders have some understanding of the effect it is having downstream. They are given x amount of time to get a job done. They have to get it done.

Ann-if you are having problems, make the complaint.

Chris-try to address first before complaint.

Meeting time-may need to move if necessary. Will discuss.

John Lecco announced retirement.

Need chair/co-chair

Tim-Ansco-steady work will continue through this year in Meck/Wake to the best of his knowledge.

Kevin-Spirit-prime contractor. Getting subs.

Matt-Google-steady work will continue. Unknown how long it will continue. Next few quarters at least. Drops. Apartment buildings.

Chris-when projects decide to ramp up, let us know so we can prepare.

Consensus-keep meeting right after Meck UCC.

Next month come back with one page best practice ideas.

Next meeting April 26th at 11:00 am