

Minutes February 7, 2018

Call to Order by Samuel Gonzales

- Welcome
- Introductions

Tami Stout:

- Stats slide presentation
- 811 link being added to website
- White lining video added to website
- 811 sub-committee looking to do Directional Drilling video/best practices
- Major projects: Luna in easement, Comporium is winding down

Samuel Gonzales:

- Damages:
 - PNG – 4 w/no locate
 - 13 Water hits
 - 1 Gas hit
 - 3 Power hits
 - 1 Cable hit
 - Homeowner hit gas w/saw zaw
- Power pole change outs:
 - Try to use same hole or put new pole as close to old pole as possible
 - Don't drill under poles
 - Stay away from poles

Guest Speaker: Matthew E. Cox, Attorney, handles construction claims

- NC General Assembly enacted Article 2013-407,S.2. The systematic orderly and uniform process to identify existing facilities in advance of any excavation or demolition in NC to implement safe digging practices. The act is necessary to protect from costly damages.
- NC tolerance zone is 24" each side of marks, 15 for water
- Utilities have a contract with the locators and the contractor
- Hits outside of tolerance – locator is responsible
- If you can't tell by marks you should hand dig to spot
- Take pictures: on arrival, during, of any hit and document date/time. Take accurate pictures – use hit kits

New items/Questions:

Emergency Tickets: Can only be made by calling 811. 811 Operator will ask questions to determine legitimacy. Should be:

- Life at stake
- Health at stake
- Property damage occurring or imminent

Not calling 811 for a locate is a misdemeanor

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