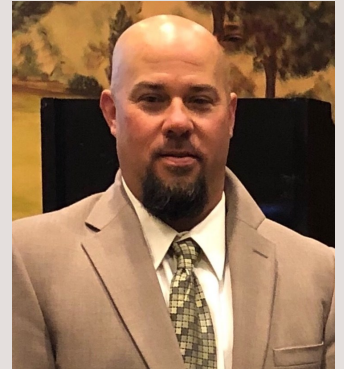


"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

August, 2020

Well HOT weather is here and COVID-19 is the only thing that it hasn't affected. We had all hoped that the heat would slow down or even stop the virus, but it seems to only have made it mad. All we can do is continue to fight through it and inform each other as much as possible to keep our family, friends, and community safe. I was one of the unfortunate people that got the virus, so I know firsthand the effects it can have on a person. Fortunately I was lucky that my case was a mild one and I was able to fight it off. Many people have not been that fortunate.



The pandemic has also put a halt to many events and it looks like there isn't going to be much happening anytime soon. The Trench Safety Stand Down was a success and a big thank you goes out to all those that participated. The NUCA Open date has come and gone but we have hopes of fitting it in sometime by the end of the year if the course will allow. Unfortunately the Fall Conference has been cancelled due to the restrictions still in place for the COVID19 Pandemic. We plan to pick back up in 2021 with our conferences! Most of you have seen the gun that will be raffled off on Oct. 24th. If not, go [HERE](#) to see it and to purchase some tickets. With so many events being cancelled due to COVID-19, this fundraiser is important. We need to support it and get all the tickets sold!

NUCA, AGC, and other organizations continue to send out information and webinars that cover many different topics. We need to pay attention to as much of this information as we can to stay in the loop of what is going on in our industry and to educate ourselves and others.

Lastly, with this year being an election year and a new candidate for the North Carolina Department of Labor will be voted on, we need to support Political Action Committee (PAC). We have worked very close with the DOL for many years and it is a vital part of being able to negotiate changes needed in our industry. Others that we need to continue to support are those that work closely with updating our Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Laws, DOT policies, and OSHA standards. Go to the NUCA PAC contribution page [HERE](#) and support our PAC today.

Stay safe,

John Barringer, B.R.S., Inc.

NUCA of the Carolinas President

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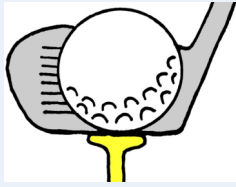
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NUCA OPEN— Due to the lingering effects of COVID19 and the restrictions on mass gatherings the NUCA Open has been cancelled for the time being.

We are not giving up yet! We hope to be able to golf later in the year. Stay Tuned for more information!

Fall Conference 2020

We regret to announce that due to the continuation of COVID19 restrictions on mass gatherings, we will not be able to hold our Fall Conference this October.

We look forward to celebrating NUCA of the Carolinas 40th Anniversary in 2021!

Many THANKS to everyone that has supported NUCA of the Carolinas the past 40 years! Let's go for another 40!





safety & Risk Management Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the South in August!! It's hot and the humidity is high. Let's make sure that all of our employee's knows the importance of a Heat Stress Program. We all need to hydrate, take breaks, and schedule work accordingly. We just hope that September will bring some cooler weather. This has been a crazy year! We have had some extraordinary events this year and its only August. We have experienced Covid 19, we have had flooding, tornados, a hurricane, an earthquake and then we will have an election in November. The election even has potential to be worse than all these events put together.

As Chairman of the Safety and Risk Management Committee for NUCA of the Carolinas, I have had the privilege of meeting on Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry. I have heard her speak at many of the events that I have attended and it was always a privilege to listen to her. She has given 20 years of service to North Carolina and NCDOL. She has served us well and she will be missed, so we need to thank her for her service. Thanks to Cherie Berry for your service and dedication to North Carolina. This also means that we will be electing a new Commissioner of Labor in November. Cherie Berry has endorsed Josh Dobson. The NUCA Board of Directors has also chose to endorse Josh Dobson as our next Commissioner of Labor. Good luck Josh!

As NCDOL update the statistical data on fatalities for the year- October 2019 through July 2020, we have had 50 fatalities in North Carolina. Falls (14) and Struck bys (15) are the leading causes of these fatalities. Construction Industry has had 20 fatalities. Falls are at 11 and Struck bys are at 7. North Carolina has also had an inhalation death as well as one trench fatality. As I researched the data, I also found about 10 deaths from Covid 19 . With all the focus on Covid 19 sickness and death, we are still having fatalities in the Focus Four Group – Falls, Struck bys, Caught in Between and Electrical. We must stay focused on all hazards that are on our jobsites. We can prevent some of these fatalities by educating and training our employees. Daily jobsite inspections by the Competent Person will also reduce some of these fatalities. We are facing some difficult times but let's not lose our focus of every company's biggest asset and that's our employee's. Safety is all day, every day!!

I am working to plan a Safety and Risk Management Committee meeting for late September or in October. We will wait to see if some restrictions will be lifted before we make that decision. In the meantime, I hope that everyone stays safe and their families are safe.

I hope to see you soon, without a mask!

From the quarantined, isolated, social distancing trenches,

Wes Sells
Chairman, Safety and Risk management Committee
NUCA of the Carolinas



TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN

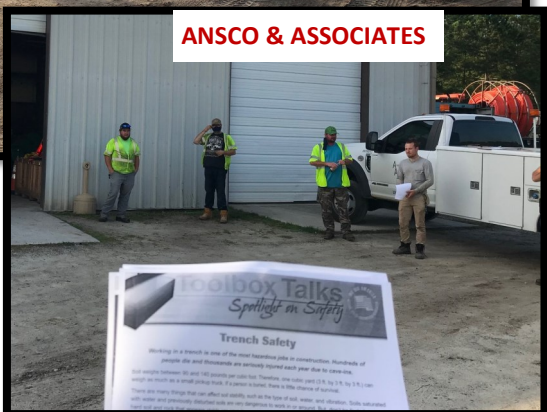
The interim numbers are in on this year's **Trench Safety Stand Down** held in June. 19,420 employees at 2,256 jobsites focused for a day on trench and excavation hazards and using the safety systems provided by their employers. The final numbers will be announced next month. Thanks to all that participated!



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AUGUST SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING

Postponed due to COVID19 - Stay tuned for a possible September meeting!



The CDC has released guidance for employers wishing to establish workplace COVID-19 testing protocols for their employees. For more information go [HERE](#)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

<https://www.nuca.com/panflu>

Toolbox Talks: Protecting Employees Against the Coronavirus

NUCA has released two public Toolbox Talks for utility construction crews to use for COVID-19 prevention on the jobsite. These are ready for your crew leaders and employees to use today. [Toolbox Talks](#)



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Henry Golden Boy 22LR

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\$25.00 Each or 5 For \$100.00

Only 500 Tickets to be sold!

Drawing to be October 24th

If all 500 tickets are sold by October 1st any NUCA members that sell 20 or more tickets will be included in a separate drawing for an additional Henry Golden Boy also to be donated by BRS, Inc.

FOR TICKETS—EMAIL LINDA GOSLEE @ Lgoslee@nuccarolinas.org

TO PURCHASE TICKETS ON LINE GO [HERE](#)

Tickets purchased on line will be filled out by Linda Goslee and copy of ticket(s) will be emailed to you!

NUCA News on COVID19

OSHA Releases Daily Tips for Social Distancing and Staying Safe

To assist in keeping our essential workforce safe during the pandemic, OSHA has released a series of daily tips to help reinforce social distancing and other important best practices. [These tips](#) include documents and videos designed to help facilitate effective communication with your employees.

Webinar Wednesdays Online

Next Webinar Wednesday: Small Jobsite Changes Can Reap Big Rewards? - Sept. 9

Making small changes at your jobsite can reap big rewards in terms of results and profits. Proper analysis of the job at hand can help you determine what size machines, how many, and the right configuration to ensure you get the job done quickly. In an upcoming free webinar, NUCA National Partner Komatsu will review how by utilizing the most important data points from your telematics systems, you can understand true owning and operating costs, increasing your efficiency.

Head over to our webinar [page now](#) to register now or to view previous webinars.

House Committee Passes WRDA

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure unanimously passed today the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (HR 7575). The bill authorizes the construction of several major U.S. Corps of Engineers projects around the nation and unlocks about \$10 billion in federal funding. The bill is strongly supported by NUCA. Read more [here](#).

Washington Summit

Due to the COVID19 Pandemic the 2020 Washington Summit will be held virtually. Click [HERE](#) to register for the virtual Legislative Briefings and Keynote Speakers.

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*			
Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
Monday, September 14 th	2:00 – 3:00 PM EST	Legislative Briefing/Issues	TBD
Tuesday, September 15 th	2:00 – 3:00 PM EST	Legislative Briefing/Issues	TBD
Wednesday, September 16 th	2:00 – 3:00 PM EST	Legislative Briefing/Issues	TBD
Wednesday, September 23 rd	9:00 – 10:00 AM EST	Keynote Speakers	TBD
Wednesday, September 23 rd	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST	Virtual Hill Visits	n/a
TBD	TBD	Wrap Up Conversation	NUCA Government Relations Team

Times and dates of events are subject to change. Please be sure to check back often for updates.*

Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to the NUCA of the Carolinas Scholarship Recipients

**Allison Shingleton—Stantonsburg, NC
University of Mt. Olive**

**Ryan Schroer—Willow Springs, NC
Wake Tech Community College**

**Anna Wisniewski—Goldsboro, NC
Meredith College**

**Sarah Hobby—Raleigh, NC
Appalachian State University**

**William Armentrout
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Overall YTD NC 811 shows a decrease in volume of about 6%. However we know that doesn't tell the story as there is plenty of work happening around the state. Homeowners continue to get the message and we are seeing a significant increase in their numbers.

We have launched the Single Address Ticket 2.0 which is a pass through application provided a parcel is matched for work being done. This will help us tremendously as it frees up employees from the task of qualifying each request before it is sent to the field.

August 11, 8-1-1 day, is upon us! We have several interviews scheduled as well as appearances at Lowe's with the fleet of "Safety Sam" vehicles.

Finally we continue to see live meetings Cancelled through October and our Q3 Board meeting is one of the casualties. It will be conducted on October 16th via Zoom as have the past 2 meetings.

Stay safe out there and know we appreciate what you do to help protect your crews, the public and the facilities!

Louis Panzer, NC811

Many stakeholders often begin each meeting with a safety message. Below NC811 has provided talking points that can be presented at your company's next safety meetings to help educate employees about 811 and its role in protecting the safety of workers, customers and entire communities.

Key messages:

- Every digging project requires a call to 811.
 - Calling 811 (3) working days prior to digging notifies utility companies of the intent to dig and gives representatives time to mark the appropriate lines.
- Aug. 11 is 8/11 on the calendar, a natural reminder for people to call 811.

How 811 works:

- 811 can be called from anywhere in the country.
 - A representative from your local one call center will answer the call to find out the location and description of the digging site.
 - The affected utility companies will be notified of the intent to dig.
 - The utility companies will each send a professional locator to the digging site to identify and mark the approximate location of the underground lines.
- Once lines have been marked, you should respect the marks and dig carefully around them.

Types of projects:

- Lines need to be marked for each separate project, such as installing a rural mailbox, putting up a fence, planting trees or building a deck.
 - Call (3) working days prior to digging to allow time for professional locators to mark the utility lines.
- Even if you've hired a contractor, make sure the contractor calls 811 to have lines marked.

Consequences:

- Every few minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.
- Hitting an underground utility line while digging can cause serious injuries, disrupt service to entire neighborhoods, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

More information:

To learn more about 811, visit <http://www.nc811.org/811day.html>



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What We Need from NUCA Members

Your contact information – name, email address, mailing address (for geotargeting purposes), and phone number – please ensure that your Chapter has your latest information, as Chapters will serve as our database

NUCA will be using an OPT-OUT system –

Please contact your ED as soon as possible if you do not wish to be contacted with NUCA grassroots communications. If you wish to opt-out in the future, please email zack@wymanassociates.net with your name and NUCA Chapter.

Note: this option will also remove you from member surveys and news broadcasts sent out through Muster