

# **"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

January, 2020

With 2019 behind us, 2020 has a full agenda on the horizon. We have lots of exciting meetings scheduled. The Board meeting and Clay Shoot at Drakes Landing turned out to be a great event. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. We also greatly appreciate the sponsors and donations for the raffle. A big thanks to Paul Hunter and TA Loving for all they do to make this event possible.



I am currently headed home from the One Call Meeting in Kansas City, MO. I attended this meeting along with Tim Haechten from Foremost Pipeline Construction and Misty Wise with South Carolina 811 from our Carolinas group. This meeting discussed challenges that not only the Carolinas are experiencing in locates, but also the entire country. There were discussions about timely locates and accurate locates that everyone is having. The group agreed that the contractors down time is very important and that we as contractors need to document and report our issues to DIRT as well as to our facility operators/owners. If we don't get this word out, we will not experience any changes.

Some upcoming events for this spring are the S&RM Meeting in Raleigh on Feb. 11th and the National Convention in Tucson, AZ on Feb 27th-29th. I am hoping that some of you can attend these events. It is a great opportunity to fellowship and learn from our colleagues. Please remember that February 12th is the Safety Application Deadline and March 31st is the Scholarship Application Deadline. Then on to our Spring Conference at the Wild Dunes Resort in the Isle of Palms, SC on April 23rd-25th. Hopefully this conference will leave behind the cold weather and get us ready for a nice spring/summer ahead. This conference will highlight some great speakers that will be covering safety, the ongoing challenges of our #1 liability, our drivers/vehicles on the road, and more from 811 NC & SC on locate issues. This conference will be a great event so please come out and join us.

I would like to recognize our new members that have come aboard in the past few months:

Driggers Construction  
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Lastly, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Super Bowl LIV – may your team win or at least the blocks you picked work in your favor.

John Barringer, B.R.S., Inc.  
NUCA of the Carolinas President

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## NUCA Announces New CEO

### Doug Carlson

(Fairfax, Va.) – The Board of Directors of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) announced today that it has named Doug Carlson as the association’s chief executive officer, and a member of the Executive Committee.



“Doug Carlson has a strong track record of construction industry leadership and organizational growth,” said Dan Buckley, NUCA Chairman of the Board. “With over 24 years of association experience and a background in every aspect of running a successful member-driven industry organization, the Board and I knew he would be the strongest candidate to achieve the goals of NUCA’s strategic plan. I welcome Doug to NUCA and I am confident he will lead this proud association to a brighter future.”

## NUCA Convention

2020 Annual Convention & Exhibit  
February 27-29, 2020

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort - Tucson, Arizona

Rooms and Conference Registration

[www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com)

## WASHINGTON SUMMIT

May 19-21, 2020

Holiday Inn Washington Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

*(Capitol Hill visits on May 20)*

Registration for the Summit will open soon!

## NUCA of the Carolinas Spring Conference

Spring Conference is just around the corner!

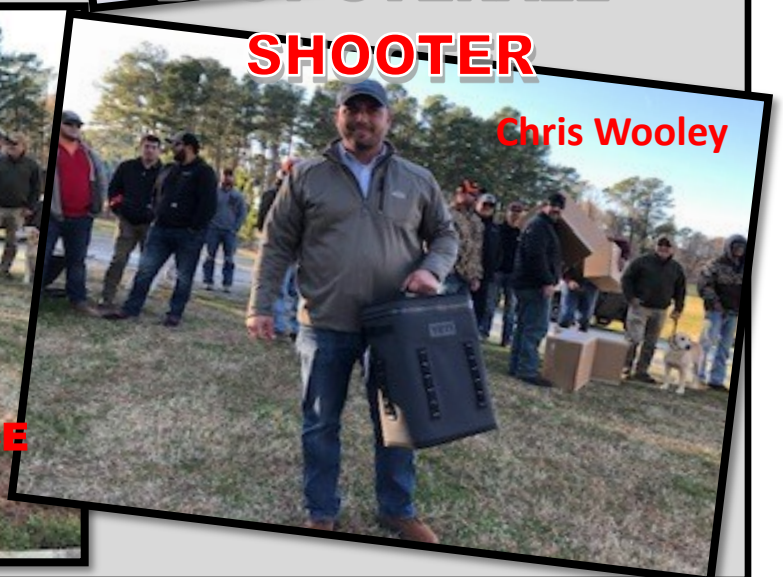
The conference will be held at the Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, S.C. April 22-25<sup>th</sup>! Room Rates are \$279.00/night plus a 16% resort fee and a Charleston County destination fee of \$2.00 per night.

Please call – the hotel reservations line 877-624-3654 to make your reservations. **DEADLINE for room reservations is March 24, 2020.** We have limited rooms in our room block so please call as soon as possible to reserve yours! Please mention NUCA Carolinas for the room block.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**



# Clay Shoot Highlights





# Many Thanks to our Clay Shoot Sponsors!

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# safety & Risk Management Message from the Chairman

As I travel to and from our BRS Inc jobsites, I see Construction Zones and Construction Sites in every direction. The Construction Industry is booming. That's great for all of us. That also means that NUCA of the Carolinas is busy. The Safety and Risk Management Committee has scheduled our 2020 meetings. We will be at United Rentals in Raleigh, NC on February 11<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is shaping up to be a good one, so please plan to attend and bring along another Utility Contractor friend. We will have Jay Wilkerson as a guest speaker and he will be discussing the Liabilities of a Trench Collapse, Financially and Criminally. We will also have a representative from NCDOL to update us on OSHA. May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be at United Rentals in Columbia, SC. I hope that we can spread the word to the South Carolina utility contractors that we are talking Safety in their state. Then we will be at the NC811 Office in Greensboro on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting location and date will be determined at a later date.

To all NUCA Contractor members, please fill out the Safety Awards Application. They need to be completed and turned in by February 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for you to evaluate, compare and promote your company's safety program. I look forward to these applications, and presentations each year. I hope that we can get participation from all contractor members this year.

These are busy times for all of us in the Construction Industry. With the increase in work, it always seems to bring on higher injury rates and a rise in fatalities. We need to stay focused on the safety of our employee's. We can't afford to take "short cuts" or be in such a "hurry" that we put our employee's at risk. We are often reminded with Breaking News stories that someone has been killed on the job. If we start investigating the fatality, we often can see that a short cut was taken or someone was in a hurry to beat a deadline. Remember this, the "short cut" you take can lead you to an early grave or disabled, so are you in a hurry to get to either one of these places in your life? The answer is no, so let's care of all our working brothers and sisters. I hope everyone has a Safe, Productive and Profitable year in 2020!!

From the trenches,

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



## Safety & Risk Management Meeting

**February 11, 2020 - 10:00—Noon**

**United Rentals Trench Safety—825 Purser Drive, Raleigh, NC**

**RSVP by:**  
**Friday, Feb. 7th**  
**Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org**

**SPEAKER**  
**Jay Wilkerson, Conner Gwyn Schenck PLLC**

**Lunch**  
**Provided by**  
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**"Liabilities of a Trench Collapse"**

## Enter to Win One of the William H. Feather Safety Awards: Deadline is February 7

Does your company have an impeccable safety record? Get the recognition you deserve by submitting your company to win one of the prestigious William H. Feather Safety Awards!

The William H. Feather Awards are presented to NUCA member companies who have shown a significant commitment and effort to safety. Judging is based upon outstanding safety records, statements, and program information. The awards are given in categories according to manhours worked. A single company who has the strongest of the above metrics will be selected as the Overall Winner. The awards will be presented at the Auction and Awards Gala Saturday, February 28.

NUCA Members know that safety is our top priority and outstanding companies deserve to be recognized. Learn more and make your submission at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com)



## NUCA of the Carolinas Safety Awards

***Deadline is February 12th***

The NUCA of the Carolinas Safety Awards are for contractor members who want to document their commitment to safety and gain statewide recognition for outstanding performance. NUCA of the Carolinas aims to honor and properly recognize those of you who work diligently to provide a safe work environment for your personnel. The Safety Award is recognition from your own peers and for that reason the NUCA of the Carolinas Safety and Risk Management Committee encourages all Contractor Members to apply for this special award.

Your company will be competing against companies of like size. Two categories will be recognized this year: **The S&RM Committee will determine the two categories by man hours.** Entering the awards program is easy and the potential is great for employee morale, for insurance purposes and for your personal sense of achievement, enter today!

**[For application form go to www.nucacarolinas.org](http://www.nucacarolinas.org)**



# A Message from NC811 & SC811



Welcome to 2020! A new year and a new decade! I thought it might be interesting to see how far we have come in 10 years. In 2009 the North Carolina One Call Center received just over 1 million requests. In 2019 we have more than doubled that with 2.22 million requests made to NC 811. Major law change in 2014 created enforcement, mandatory membership, mandatory positive response, 3 hour notices and many more requirements designed to improve safety and protect facilities. The 2019 law change added funding for enforcement and a requirement that operators identify themselves on the ground with their marks.

As we turn our eyes to the future we will see a heightened attention on “system noise.” The process of 811 requires all parties to do their respective parts. NC 811 will continue to conduct data analysis and research to help identify opportunities for improvement by all parties. And that includes ourselves! We plan to continue to follow up with those who are not existing members, yet own facilities, and those who are not providing timely responses to requests. We are also helping those excavators creating tickets to make sure they are in compliance with size and that the requests meet the definition of an emergency when called in as such.

Finally, we will continue to educate “From Manteo to Murphy” using Safety Sam and messaging on both fixed and rolling billboards. Look out for our new fleet vehicles at a UCC near you!

My wish is that 2020 finds your family safe and prosperous and I look forward to seeing you around the bend

**Louis Panzer**  
Executive Director  
Cell: 336-707-1736

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In November 2019, the South Carolina 811 Board of Directors was reconstituted. Wayne Meyers was elected as the new Board President replacing Joe DeVito, an 18-year veteran member. This process seated seven new Board Members to our group of 24. Check out our website for specific information on these new members and what companies they represent. In addition, take a look at our 2020 Board Meeting schedule and make plans to attend. We welcome guests to these events which allows Non-Board members to attend, not only, the Friday Board Meeting, but the Thursday Committee meetings as well. These meetings are intentionally placed in different corridors of the state to ensure various stakeholder groups can attend and be engaged in the process. Please sign up on the form at the bottom of this link <https://www.sc811.com/about/board/> to be added to our email notification list when meetings are coordinated.

SC811 wrapped up 2019 with a 7% increase in Inbound Notices (995,169). The hope was to reach 1M notices prior to year-end, but that did not quite happen. It was only fitting to have Pinnacle Construction & Directional Drilling as a sponsor for such a monumental achievement. Unfortunately, no one guessed the winning day, which ended up being on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. However, we did award \$811.00 to Rebecca Riggins who put in our Millionth Notice. An SC811 prize pack was awarded to the person who guessed the closest date and time from the survey.

We will be holding quarterly Safety Summits in 2020 with the first one being held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the South Carolina Fire Academy. Sign up and agenda information can be found at <https://www.sc811.com/sc2-training/>. We will be including a “Simulated Underground Emergency” demonstration as part of each event. We have seen great success in showing the proper 811 process, and then demonstrating a pipeline damage scenario when the proper protocol isn’t followed. SC811 is still seeking sponsors for the remaining events through 2020 year-end. We are finalizing the site locations for these, but are targeting the following areas: Charleston, Horry County, and Upstate. You can contact [PublicAwareness@sc811.com](mailto:PublicAwareness@sc811.com) to receive a sponsorship packet listing out all of the various options for sponsorship.

SC811 has continued to educate stakeholders of the importance of positive response compliance, as well as providing improved reporting, and the technology tools to manage it. The 2019-year end results show an on-time response rate of 78.4% as a state average for 2019. The highest county response rate being Horry at 91%, and Clarendon being the worst with a 48% annual average. As depicted in the graph below we have seen continual improvements in on-time response rates despite increases in inbound volume of over 20% since 2016. SC811 will be providing additional updates on South Carolina’s Enforcement process in a future newsletter.

Misty Wise SC811  
Executive Director

State Response Progression

Entire State	Resp Within %				Creation Date Resp After %				Resp Never %			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
All Counties	75.9%	79.6%	77.5%	78.4%	20.2%	16.9%	19.5%	18.9%	3.9%	3.5%	3.1%	2.7%



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# Save The Dates

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## S&RM Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

**10:00—Noon—Lunch Provided by United Rentals**

United Rentals Trench Safety

825 Purser Drive, Raleigh, N.C.

NUCA Annual Convention

February 26-29, 2020

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## NUCA of the Carolinas

### Spring Conference

April 23 –25, 2020

**Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C.**

**Room Block Open—Call 877-624-3654**

\$279.00/night plus 16% resort fee

## Washington Summit

May 19-21, 2020

Registration opening soon!

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