

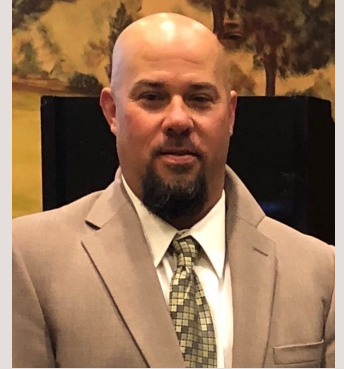
# **"The Pipeline"**

## **NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

June, 2020

I am thankful for the nice Spring weather we got this year in the midst of COVID19, but the heat has made its way to the Carolinas. As we continue to wake up in the morning, in hopes that our way of living will be back to normal, it only seems to come with more challenges. There have been many adjustments made in how we work and live and most of them will be the new normal. In talking to different organizations within our NUCA family we all have made changes, and some will almost certainly remain in place for years to come.



Thank you to all our Carolinas and National members for continuing to send out updated information on COVID19. I hope everyone has taken advantage of the information and webinars that have been shared. They have covered many different topics that not only deal with the COVID19 crisis, but also updates within our industry. This month is Trench Safety Month. All our members should help promote and participate in the Annual Trench Safety Stand Down June 15-19. A link to the new online completion form is on the website so please look at that and check out other upcoming events that are listed.

One event that I think we will all be ready for is the Fall Conference coming up in October at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. This event will be the beginning of our 40-year Anniversary celebration. B.R.S., Inc. has purchased a Henry Golden Boy Rifle for the raffle. It will have NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS - 40th ANNIVERSARY engraved on the stock of the gun. While this gun is functional, it is also beautiful, and may be one of those you just want to display. Raffle tickets will be available soon, so please plan to sell as many as you can in support of NUCA.

NUCA Open is still on the calendar for July 16th. This event is to promote new membership. In difficult times it may seem that asking folks to join could be a waste of time, but this is the time that we need each other the most. The messages and support that some of our members have shared has helped all of us to stay on track with each other and the industry. Please continue to share the NUCA word and get some new members to join and be a part of the NUCA family.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Stay safe,

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

NUCA of the Carolinas President

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## JUNE IS TRENCH SAFETY MONTH!

# An Unprotected Trench Can Be An Early Grave



## Trench Safety Stand Down Week | June 15–19, 2020

*Make plans for your company to participate in this year's NUCA Trench Safety Stand Down Week. Being a part of our popular 5th annual TSSD Week will help educate your employees on trenching hazards at the jobsite.*

OSHA's National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation is a high agency priority. NUCA and OSHA have teamed up again this year for our annual trench safety program. Almost 48,000 industry and NUCA member company employees participated in last year's TSSD.

Every company or organization that holds a TSSD will receive a certificate of participation, as well as hard-hat stickers for every employee who participated. Recognition will also be given in NUCA publications.

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For more details and TSSD materials: [nuca.com/tssd](http://nuca.com/tssd) #TSSD20 #TrenchSafetyMonth



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## United Rentals supports Trench Safety Stand Down Week, June 15-19

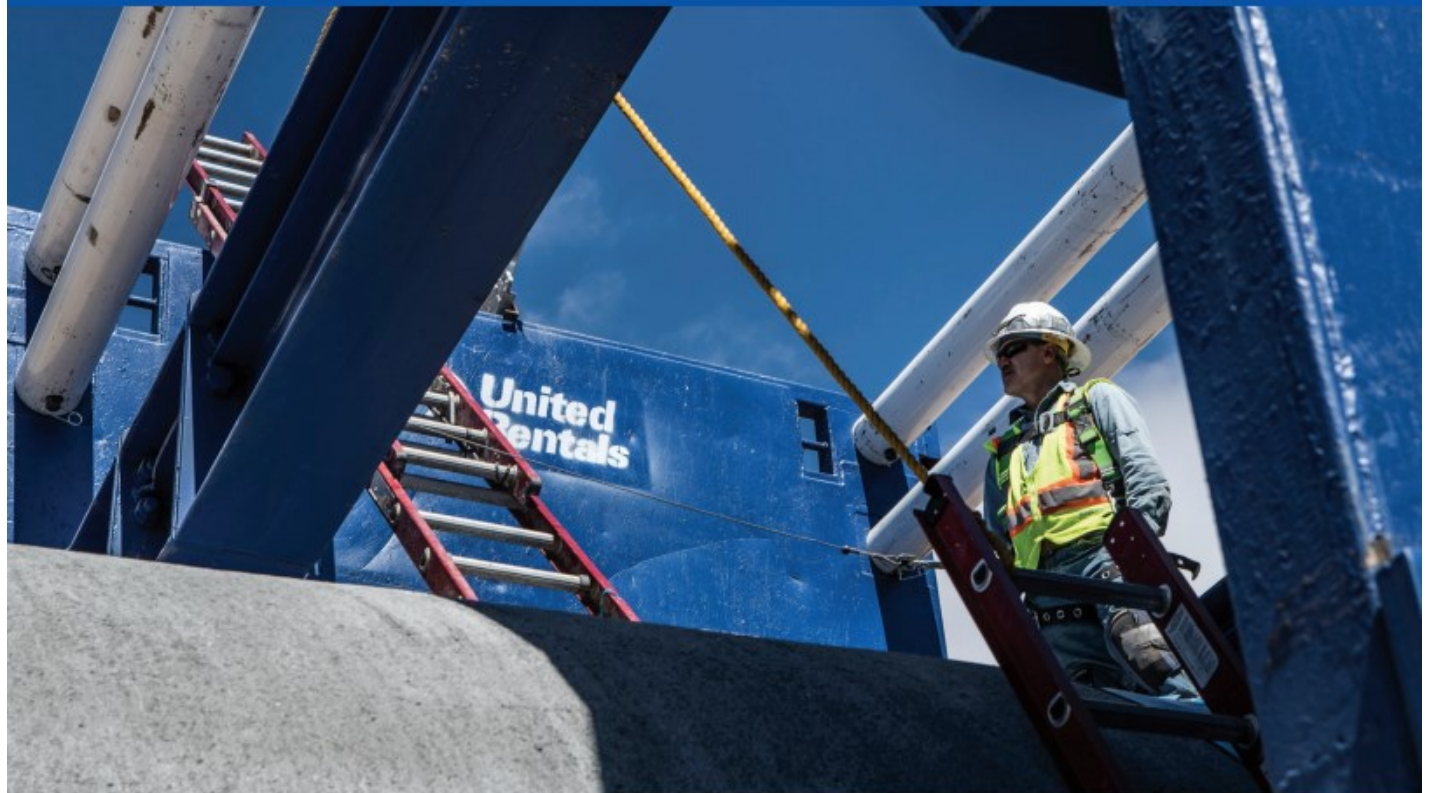
Nothing is more important than safety on the worksite. But at United Rentals, we believe that compliance can help drive productivity. With expert knowledge and smart solutions, United Rentals can help your site stay safe without sacrificing efficiency.

During Trench Safety Stand Down Week, United Rentals will be hosting a series of webinars covering a range of important safety topics. Detailed webinar information is included on the second page.

Find more information and to register for the webinars visit [trenchsafetyevents.com](https://trenchsafetyevents.com)

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**Monday, June 15th**

7am & 2pm CST

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2pm CST

**Wednesday, June 17th**

7am CST

**Tuesday, June 16th**

7am & 2pm CST

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7am & 2pm CST

**Thursday, June 18th**

7am & 2pm CST

**Friday, June 19th**

7am CST

**Friday, June 19th**

12pm CST

**The Buried Truth Uncovered: A survivor's story**

Hear from trench collapse survivor, Eric Giguere as he shares his terrifying experience of being buried alive.

**Trench Safety Awareness SPANISH SESSION**

Overview of the OSHA Subpart P Standard for Excavation Safety. We will be covering the responsibilities of the competent person, general requirements of the standard, soils analysis and protective system solutions.

**More to know than just the Standard:**

**What you should learn in a Competent Person class**

Our experts will share what training should be and what it should not be, what you should expect to learn and what OSHA expects to be covered.

**The perfect match: How to choose the best protective system**

We will discuss some of the factors that should be considered when selecting a protective system for your project.

**Myths and Misconceptions:**

What you actually can't do with protective systems  
Some common mistakes that can lead to safety risks when using a protective system improperly will be discussed.

**Trench Safety Awareness**

Overview of the OSHA Subpart P Standard for Excavation Safety. We will be covering the responsibilities of the competent person, general requirements of the standard, soils analysis and protective system solutions.

**Trench Safety Stand Down Panel Discussion**

**Recap and final thoughts from presenters throughout the week**

Submitted questions will be answered and next steps on moving towards a safer underground worksite will be discussed.

Find more information and to register for the webinars  
visit [trenchsafetyevents.com](https://trenchsafetyevents.com)



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# safety & Risk Management Message from the Chairman



The Summer of 2020 is here! The Summer heat mixed with the southern humidity always makes for a tough day in the Construction Industry. We need to remind our employees to hydrate, all day long. We need to teach our employees to recognize Heat Stress signs and symptoms. We have a duty to protect our employees and this can happen with proper education and training.

The National NUCA 2020 Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had over 47,000 participants in the Trench Safety Stand Down. However, with as much participation as we have in the TSSD, we still continue to have trench fatalities in the Carolinas and across the U.S. These fatalities are preventable. We, as NUCA members, need to keep spreading the word Trench Safety. The averages show that it is normally a company with less than 50 employees. We have all seen “someone else’s employees in an illegal trench”, did we stop? Did we ask them any questions about trench safety? Did we ask for a company representative’s phone number so we could inform management? Did we call OSHA? Trench collapses do not discriminate from person to person, from company to company, they just collapse and whoever is in the illegal trench will pay the price. It could be the ultimate price. I will say again, these fatalities are preventable.

So, the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>, plan to Stand Down for Trench Safety. NUCA is asking anyone who digs a trench to take a timeout and discuss the hazards that we may face while working in a trench. We can provide the proper instructions through videos, Tool Box Safety Talks, ask questions out of Subpart P and there many more ways to educate our employees. After the Stand Down, you can complete an online form for participation at the National NUCA website. Your company will receive a recognition certificate and employees will receive 2020 TSSD hard hat stickers. If you take pictures of your companies Stand Down, please send to Linda and we will recognize you in the next newsletter. Let’s get ready to Stand Down next week.

We are planning our next Safety and Risk Management Committee meeting that is tentatively scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at NC811 office in Greensboro, NC. We will see what COVID 19 still has in store for us as that time. Linda and I will keep everyone up to date on the meeting as that date approaches. It is subject to change.

Keep practicing good hygiene. Keep practicing safe social distancing as we begin to open the states back up. Be safe and we hope to see you soon.

From the trenches,

Wes Sells  
Safety Committee Chairman  
NUCA of the Carolinas



NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE RENEWED THE ALLIANCE AGREEMENT WITH NCDOL! SEE THE PODCAST FROM JUNE, 2019 WITH WES SELLS ON NUCA/NCDOL SAFETY AT <https://www.labor.nc.gov/podcast> (Be sure to scroll down to the June 2019 issue)

# Safety & Risk Management

## AUGUST SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING

August 18, 2020

NC811 Office—Greensboro, N.C.

Details coming soon!

### **Are You Ready for NUCA's June 15-19, 2020 Trench Safety Stand Down?**

NUCA members and the many participating organizations made a huge difference in 2019, showing their dedication to employee safety in the trenches. Last year, 47,000 workers on more than 4,500 jobsites from 324 organizations participated in TSSD, but the industry is seeking more participation this year from all members. Head to [nuca.com/TSSD](http://nuca.com/TSSD) to learn more and get all the resources you need to hold your own stand down June 15-19.

Read more [here](#).

### **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](#)

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

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

# NUCA HIGHLIGHTS

## **An Infrastructure Legislation Awakening in Congress**

Congressional lawmakers are finally beginning to turn their attention to surface transportation re-authorization legislation. The House released on Wednesday its \$494 billion "INVEST in America Act," its version of this transportation legislation that faces a mid-June committee vote. The Senate transportation committee passed its \$287 billion version (S. 2302) last summer and awaits a full Senate vote. Congress is facing a deadline of Sept. 30 to act upon this important construction industry priority. Read the Senate bill [here](#), and read the House bill [here](#)

## **NUCA's Next Webinar Wednesday: Preparing for the Next Phase - Wednesday, July 8**

Join NUCA member HUB International and their risk services team on our July webinar. They will review OSHA's new COVID-19 rules and other employee relations concerns including discrimination in the workplace. They will also provide NUCA members with best practices for a wide variety of situations. Head over to our [webinar page](#) now to register now or view previous webinars.

## **MEMBER DISCOUNTS & SAVINGS**

NUCA is constantly adding important membership benefits including products and services to support your business. Take a look at all the membership benefits [HERE](#)



## ***NUCA News on COVID19***

### **OSHA Issues Enforcement Guideline for Recording Cases of COVID-19 on the Jobsite**

In a memo issued April 10, OSHA stated in areas where there is ongoing community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, they will not enforce its record-keeping requirements for employers to make work-related determinations for these illnesses, except in two circumstances. NUCA and its coalition partners argued employers may have difficulty making determinations about whether employees who contracted COVID-19 did so due to exposures at work. Read more [here](#). Read CISC's March 23 letter [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Resources for NUCA Members**

With the continuing personal and economic reactions to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic emergency, NUCA is collecting as many online resources as possible to help our members at [nuca.com/panflu](https://nuca.com/panflu). A sample pandemic flu policy for companies is available, as well as other information to help your business weather this storm, including business recovery resources.

### **Business Loan Info and More on New NUCA.com/Recovery Webpage**

Through newly passed legislation, the U.S. government is now offering several types of disaster loans for large and small U.S. businesses. Businesses who have suffered significant damages, or just need to maintain cashflow or payroll over the next few months, can apply. Some loans are even forgivable. Find out more [here](#) at [nuca.com/recovery](https://nuca.com/recovery).

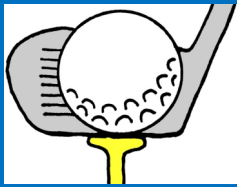
### **OSHA Releases Daily Tips for Social Distancing and Staying Safe**

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**

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NUCA OPEN—July 16th—Sedgefield Dye Course  
Greensboro, N.C.!

Tentative on “Phase 3” COVID 19 Guidelines

Stay tuned to your email inbox for updates

## **Fall Conference 2020**

**Celebrating NUCA of the Carolinas 40th Anniversary**

**October 22-24th**

**Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC**

**Registration and room reservation information coming soon!!!**



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## Fortiline Waterworks Supports Critical Infrastructure



Fortiline Waterworks provides a wide array of essential products that are critical to our nation's water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure. Utilizing a large network of branch locations, manufacturing partners, and local contractors, Fortiline supplies the backbone to our nation's lifeline to safe drinking water, fire protection, and infrastructure critical for transportation.

As a leading supplier of water and drainage pipe, as well as structural stormwater filtration products, precast concrete drainage, structural and specialty products; Fortiline employees work hard to protect those critical assets needed to maintain a functional society, and to protect human life.

Fortiline serves communities across North America, and will continue to serve those communities to provide the essential resources and safety measures in this time of need.

### Critical Infrastructure Deemed Necessary

The Department of Homeland Security (DOHS) and the CISA "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce," have categorized the water and wastewater systems and transportation projects sector as "Essential" to our nation.

Fortiline provides products and services in each aspect of water and wastewater management including water and drainage infrastructure, water and wastewater pipes and fittings, and filtered water run-off and control. Due to the importance of this needed ongoing support, Fortiline will continue to operate as necessary.

### The President's Coronavirus Guidelines Implore Critical Infrastructure to Continue to Support the Nation

The President noted that if you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as pharmaceutical, food supply, and potable water, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.

**Fortiline Waterworks is ready to serve you in this time of critical need.**



## Reduced Membership Dues for New Members!

(For companies not members in last 3 years)

### Mid-Year Membership Dues

Pass the word to anyone you know that would benefit from  
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<https://www.nucacarolinas.org/>

## National Trench Safety Stand Down

JUNE 15-19, 2020

**Safety is TOP PRIORITY!**

### Recognition of Participation

For participants in the 2020 TSSD (June 15-19, 2020), NUCA will provide a *Certificate of Participation* which will be mailed to all participating companies by the end of July 2020. NUCA will publish the list of names of participating organizations on the NUCA website and in our printed publications. Please feel free to send in any photos taken during your stand down to Meredith Leutbecker by email [meredith@nuca.com](mailto:meredith@nuca.com).

[Submit Online TSSD Completion Form](#) OR [Email PDF Completion Form](#) and if you have any questions with the online submission form please contact Meredith Leutbecker by email [meredith@nuca.com](mailto:meredith@nuca.com) or by calling #703.358.9300.

## WASHINGTON SUMMIT

Re-scheduled for:

**September 21-23, 2020**

Holiday Inn Washington Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

*(Capitol Hill visits on September 23rd)*

It is more important than ever federal law-makers understand the key role our industry plays in keeping the country healthy, clean, and prosperous - particularly in light of the current COVID-19 situation. We need to make sure they hear you loud and clear in Washington D.C. Getting face time with your legislators works! Save the new date - September 21-23, 2020. [Learn more here.](#)

Registration is now open!

## Message from NC811

Hello from NC 811! We are planning to reopen the office on July 8th for those employees choosing to come back. Some have decided to stay at home and we are allowing that as it has not negatively impacted our ability to manage the incoming requests. On that note, as of the end of May we are currently down over last year about 10% YTD. This may adjust out as the year progresses but we are likely to see an overall decrease of some amount. We continue to see an increased amount of homeowners and calls coming into the center vs. electronic RTE or Single Address Tickets (SAT).

We are trying to encourage use of SAT through our hold messaging and website and we anticipate having a full pass-through SAT available for testing this month with a goal of making it available in July.

Our Q2 Board meeting is going to be held virtually on July 17th. We are hopeful that come October we can resume a live Board meeting.

In the meantime we are encouraging folks to attend our virtual UCC meetings. We have held multiple meetings in the past 2 months and see this as an opportunity to continue dialog around field issues and project reports. Additionally the Locate Resolution Partnership Committee is also planning a virtual meeting on June 17th. Please visit the NC 811 calendar on our website for more information about opportunities to connect.

Finally, we are reminding folks that haven't already to take our online Pipes Plus training ([www.ncpipesplus.org](http://www.ncpipesplus.org)). It's free and provides valuable information about safe excavation, properties of the liquid and natural gas products and how the one call process works.

From all of us at NC 811, stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

Louis Panzer, Executive Director—Cell: 336-707-1736



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With real-time engagement analytics and the ability to export campaign and contact data — your organization can measure ROI, discover new supporters, and benchmark member engagement.

## What Muster Does for NUCA Members

Muster – our new grassroots campaign platform – will allow NUCA to mobilize its membership for grassroots messaging campaigns, conduct geotargeted member surveys, and easily communicate with NUCA members on state and national issues. Our new convenient platform gives you a direct line to your Members of Congress and the Administration, and makes it easy to join other NUCA members in making your voice heard about the issues that matter to you and your business.

Muster messages will consist of email broadcasts and targeted online messaging campaigns which allow you to send letters to your state and federal lawmakers with only a few clicks, helping you to contact your representatives on issues that matter while only taking a few minutes out of your busy day. At a time when everything is virtual, your participation in our grassroots campaigns will be more effective than ever in pushing for positive change on NUCA issues.

## 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](mailto: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

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