

February, 2012

SPRING CONFERENCE

April 20-21, 2012

The Blockade Runner—Wrightsville Beach

Registration form—www.ncuca.org



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are all saddened by the tragic loss of Tom Coble, founder of Coble Trench Safety. He was a true leader in our industry and a great friend & supporter of NCUCA. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and associates.

The NCUCA Board of Directors had a very productive meeting on January 18, 2012 at the Gregory Poole Garner Facility. Thanks to all the BOD members for attending. Spring Conference, a contract for NCUCA ED, budget consideration, Scholarship, Membership Drive, SC initiative and much more was discussed. Thanks to Scott Thomas for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Spring Conference plans to be a great meeting at the Beach. We will be relaxed and have a good time! Please check the NCUCA website www.ncuca.org for details. Steve, Joe, Chris and Linda have been working hard on the program and details.

The political season is starting to warm up along with the weather. Contact NCUCA PAC Chairman, Brad Barringer for details on donations to industry friendly candidates.

Thanks to Chris Humbert for putting together a great program on Positive Shoring with NCDOT. Safety & Risk Management is always moving along.

Keep Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kits at arms length. They may reduce a potential life threatening situation—Learn CPR!

Thanks for all of the kind phone calls, e-mails & support of my transition to my new position with State Utility Contractors. After 26 years of self employment, change can be a bit daunting, but I look forward to the opportunity and the challenges of new responsibilities. Let us all move NCUCA forward in 2012.

Best,

Rob Goslee

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PUBLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS FROM NUCA—GET THE MOST FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NUCA PUBLISHES SEVERAL ITEMS FOR IT'S MEMBERS, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THEM—THEY ARE VERY INFORMATIVE AND MUST READ INFORMATION.

NUCA PUBLICATIONS

- NUCA FRIDAY UPDATE (Every Friday) By E-mail**
- UTILITY CONTRACTOR MAGAZINE (Bymonthly)**
- SAFETY NEWSLETTER (Bymonthly) By E-mail**
- WASHINGTON REPORT (Byweekly) By E-mail**

2011 SPOTLIGHTS FROM CGA PRESIDENT-ROBERT KIPP

CGA
Common Ground Alliance
2011
UPDATES

Dirt Report for 2010

When a person calls 811 prior to beginning any excavation project, damage occurs less than 1% of the time! **This is powerful!**


Currently, 32% of the events submitted into DIRT indicate the root cause is “no call to the one call center.” This suggests that increasing the number of calls to 811 (and decreasing the number of no calls) may be the easiest and fastest way to reduce damage nationwide.

When damage does occur despite a call to the one call center, more and more companies and regulators are looking to the Best Practices as a resource for determining why there was a breakdown in the damage prevention process. CGA’s Best Practices committee continues to build an existing practices—enhancing and expanding the document as new and better practices are identified.

Rust-Oleum and CGA Bring Awareness to Locators

Rust-Oleum Corp. signed an agreement with the CGA stating that they will include CGA’s Call 811 logo on the Precision Line Marking Paint Cans.

USE WHITE PAINT ONLY WHEN MARKING LINES



The **DIRT Report** for 2010 provides clear recommendations to better focus our damage prevention efforts. By growing the database and gathering more complete data from those who are submitting, we will have an even clearer picture of 1) What we can do to further reduce damages nationally, regionally and at the state level; and 2) how the resources we have put into damage prevention have affected the overall number of damages.

CGA’s technology committee is also using DIRT analysis to identify areas where technology, existing and new, can strengthen the damage prevention process

NCUCC 2012 Yearly Meeting Schedule
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 10, 2012—Greensboro
March 13, 2012—Raleigh
April 25-27, 2011—NC/SC Joint Conference—Concord, NC
July 10, 2012—Asheville
September 11, 2012—Roanoke Rapids
November 13, 2012—Fayetteville

Exact Locations to be Announced

Fore More Information on
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www.commongroundalliance.com

NUCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMING SOON!

March 12-16, 2012

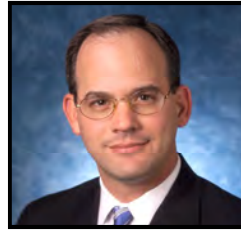
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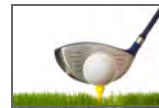
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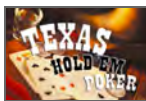
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IN MEMORY OF

MR. TOM COBLE



All of us in the underground utility construction industry extend our condolences to the Coble Trench Safety Family. Tom Coble was a true leader and out front in all aspects of his business. His passing leaves a void in leadership and experience that will be hard to replace. Tom was a leading resource for all underground safety training. Rest on angel's wings good and faithful servant—your work here is done—you are “Home every Night” at last.

Rob Goslee
NCUCA President

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United Rentals Acquires Coble Trench Safety

GREENWICH, Conn. — February 15, 2012 — United Rentals, Inc. (NYSE:URI) today announced that it has acquired the assets of Coble Trench Safety, a market leader in specialty rentals, with 11 locations in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast region.

"We are delighted to expand our trench safety rentals business through the acquisition of Coble Trench Safety," said Paul McDonnell, Senior Vice President – Operation, Trench, Power & HVAC. "We're attracted to Coble's mix of government and industrial customers with very little branch overlap in strong markets. We were looking forward to working with Tom Coble, and were deeply saddened by his sudden and tragic passing. He was instrumental in developing innovative new technologies and customer safety training programs in support of the underground construction industry. Tom was a pioneer in the industry and we intend to build on his legacy."

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FEDERAL BAN ON TEXTING FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS

The federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has banned texting by drivers of commercial motor vehicles such as large trucks and buses. The prohibition has been in effect since October, 2010 and combats on form of distracted driving.

The Ban Covers—Electronic devices included, but are not limited to: cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, computers, or any other device to input, write, send, receive, or read text.

Texting means manually entering alphanumeric text into an electronic device. It also means reading text. A selected list of current electronic device activities include e-mailing, instant messaging, using a short message system, entering a command or request to access a World Wide Web page, or engaging in any other form of electronic text retrieval or entry.

Texting does not include:

1. Reading, selecting, or entering a telephone number, an extension number, a voicemail retrieval code or voice command into an electronic device for the purpose of initiating or receiving a telephone call.
2. Inputting, selecting, or reading information on a global positioning system or navigation system.
3. Using a device capable of performing multiple functions, (e.g., fleet management systems, dispatching devices, smart phone, citizens band radio, music players, etc.) for a purpose that is not otherwise prohibited.

What Do the Regulations Say?

FMCSA regulation

392.80 Prohibition against texting

- (a) Prohibition. No driver shall engage in texting while driving.
- (b) Motor carriers. No motor carrier shall allow or require its drivers to engage in texting while driving.
- (c) Definition. For the purpose of this section only, driving means operating a commercial motor vehicle, with the motor running, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays. Driving does not include operating a commercial motor vehicle with or without the motor running when the driver moved the vehicle to the side of, or off, a highway, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, and halted in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.

Exception — Emergency use. Texting while driving is permissible by drivers of a commercial motor vehicle when necessary to communicate with law enforcement officials or other emergency service.

Intrastate Transportation

These federal regulations affect commercial vehicles engaged in interstate transportation, but several states have already adopted these regulation and have enacted their own state regulation designed to curb texting while driving commercial vehicles intrastate. Professional drivers of commercial should already know and accept the fact that texting while driving is very dangerous and should not be done under any circumstances.

Penalties:

Truck drivers who get caught texting while driving commercial vehicles may be subject to civil or criminal penalties of up to \$2,750.00. Employers could be subjected to serious and often expensive lawsuits if a driver is involved in an accident that involves injuries while the driver is texting. One of the first things that will be checked if a driver is accused of texting while driving is the cell phone records of the driver.

This information taken from NUCA Safety News—January/February 2012 issue

SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT

Don't Forget to POST OSHA 300A Form

If you have 10 or more employees, OSHA requires you to post the OSHA 300A in a visible spot from February 1st to April 30th. You can remove it after April 30th, but you need to keep Form 300 (which does not have to be posted) and 300A for 5 years.

www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/new-osha300form1-1-04.pdf

NEW OSHA TRENCHING DOCUMENTS

OSHA recently published some new trenching documents which are available for download in English or Spanish from the OSHA website—
<http://osha.gov/SLTC/trenchingexcavation/index.html>.

1. Quick Card—Working Safely in Trenches
2. Fact Sheet—Trenching and Excavation Safety
3. Poster—An Unprotected Trench is an Early Grave

These documents are worth taking the time to download, copy and share with your employees.

NEXT SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

MEETING TO BE:

May 10, 2012

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BRS, Inc.

Richfield, N.C.

Details to Come

SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

CONTRACTORS—PLEASE FILL OUT THE SAFETY AWARD APPLICATION FOR YOUR COMPANY AND SUBMIT BY MARCH 10, 2012 TO:

NCUCA
P.O. Box 10519
Wilmington, N.C. 28404

If you need a copy go to www.ncuca.org and click on the Safety & Risk Management link.

Winners will be announced at Spring Conference

SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING POSITIVE SHORING

Message from Chris Humbert, NCUCA Safety & Risk Management Committee Chairman

On Thursday, February 9, 2012, the NCUCA S&RM Committee hosted the NC Department of Transportation's Utilities Unit at the NC State University club in Raleigh, N.C. Mr. Dewayne Sykes, the NCDOT State Utilities Manager spoke about the usage of positive shoring within the NCDOT Right-of-Way. Accompanying Mr. Sykes from the NCDOT was Mohammed Mulla, the Asst. State Geotechnical Engineer. Mr. Sykes and Mr. Mulla outlined the requirements of positive shoring and what information is necessary to expedite a submittal through the approval process. At the conclusion of their presentation, a question and answer period was made available. As one would expect, there were many thought provoking questions and scenarios raised by our members and non-member alike. Even though every question was not addressed to the liking of all attendees, the seminar provided an avenue to establish an open dialogue with the NCDOT regarding this issue.

The Seminar concluded with a vendor sponsored luncheon that was excellent! As for the response from the NCDOT Utilities Unit, they expressed interest in performing this seminar again for the NCUCA, possibly in Charlotte, N.C.

NCUCA would like to thank each and every person that attended this seminar and for those who provided feedback for future topics. Furthermore, NCUCA would like to thank the following sponsors for even making this seminar possible.

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Speakers
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NCUCA VP Steve Brown & Dewayne Sykes



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Course Location

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