



Between the Lines

Newsletter for Excavators

Fall 2022

DAMAGE PREVENTION ADVOCATES RECOGNIZED

David Tidball, a damage prevention manager at ComEd, and Rich Kuczkowski, Jr., a supervisor at Nash Construction, were awarded our first Gina Meehan-Taylor Damage Prevention Advocacy Awards.



David Tidball
Damage Prevention Manager
ComEd

Rich Kuczkowski, Jr.
Supervisor
Nash Construction

The award was named in memory of Meehan-Taylor, a damage prevention professional with Ameren Illinois and former JULIE Board and committee member. Tidball was recognized as a proactive and responsive damage prevention advocate who has made a positive impact through outreach, advocacy and education. Kuczkowski was noted for his ability to build relationships with various industry stakeholders and commitment to safety while installing nearly 1,100 commercial and residential gas services. [Click here](#) to learn more about the award.

Enter An Online Request 24/7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) Webinars
September 13 - 1:30 pm
September 28 - 9 am
No cost.
[Register or learn more.](#)

Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days
September 24 - 25
Visit the 811 Bass Boat at our display booth.
[Learn more about the event.](#)

ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR EXCAVATORS

Since its launch in April, more than 400 excavators and stakeholders have registered for our new online training [JULIE Essentials for Excavators](#). PointCore Construction safety manager Phil Mathis was among those who completed the free, 90-minute course which covers best practices for damage prevention, Illinois one-call law and JULIE processes. "I liked that the course was polished, self-paced and informative," Mathis said. Mathis thought the course was so beneficial to understanding more about damage prevention in Illinois that he recommended others in his company complete the course. Nearly 30 PointCore Construction employees have successfully completed the course. We recognized their efforts as being the first company to have more than 25 people complete the course. You and your crew can register today for this no cost [on-line training](#).



BE SAFE AND AVOID DELAYS

Every few minutes, an underground utility line is damaged across the country. This time of the year, many excavators are working on projects with deadlines this fall. Our [Damage Prevention Managers](#) can answer your questions, assist with the planning of projects, participate in safety meetings and mediate discussions to help you avoid potential injuries and costly delays. As a reminder, *JULIE personnel do not locate or mark any underground utility lines*. If necessary, violations of the state law can be reported to the Illinois Commerce Commission's One Call Enforcement Division. [Click here to learn more.](#)

We have several tools on our updated [website](#), including an online version of the [Excavation Safety Resource](#). This helpful resource contains more information than previously available in the excavator handbook with several additional benefits, including a Spanish language version, 24/7 availability and searchable content. We encourage you to [save the resource](#) to the home page on your smartphone for easy access.



ENTER A REQUEST ANYTIME

More contractors are entering their own locate requests online from the comfort of their vehicle, on the job site or from their work or home office. In August, nearly 70% of the locate requests were submitted through one of our self-service options that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no cost to submit a request.

[Remote Ticket Entry \(RTE\)](#) offers many benefits and requires completion of a one-hour webinar training, after which attendees can start using the online program right away. Our team has trained more than 1,100 new RTE users this year. [Register for an upcoming no cost RTE Webinar](#) or contact our [RTE Support Group](#) at 815-741-5011.

[E-Request](#) is available for single address, non-emergency requests. Helpful features include predictive street entry, user phone lookup, map resources and flexible field entry abilities. No training is required. Another popular option, [Remark-Extend-View \(REV\)](#), allows excavators to submit requests to refresh markings, extend locate requests for projects going beyond 28 days or view tickets online.



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