

### 2019 Annual Meeting

The Dillard House - Dillard, GA



### Georgia 811 Leadership



Meghan Wade PRESIDENT & CEO



Rick Dunkerly

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

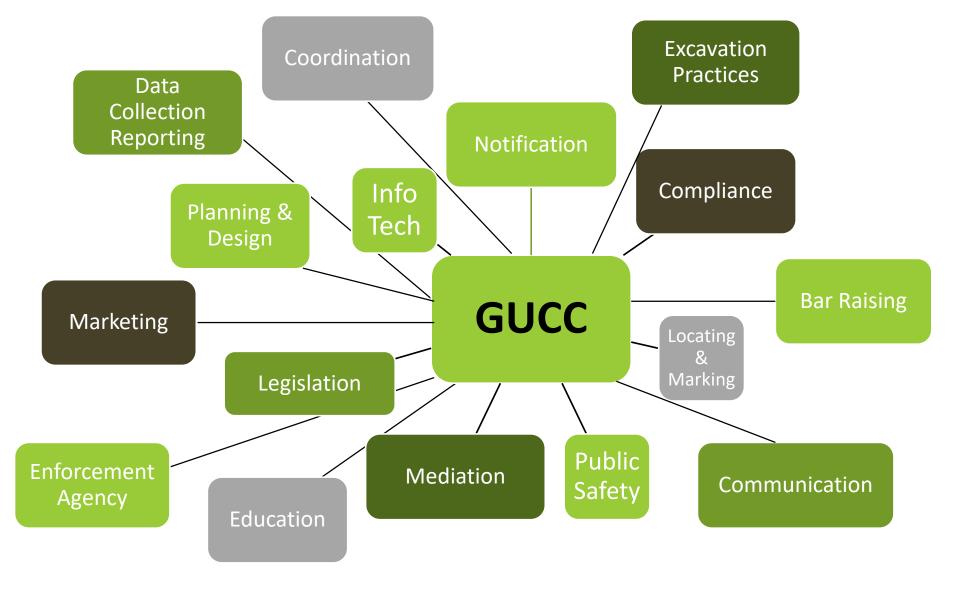


"FLEEING BLAST. TWO GIRLS FLEE IN HORROR AFTER AN EXPLOSION ROCKED THE HAPEVILLE DAY NURSERY MAY 29, KILLING NINE PERSONS. THE BLAST, WHICH HEAVILY DAMAGED THE NURSERY BUILDING, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A BULLDOZER RIPPING A GAS MAIN WHILE WORKING ON A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THE GAS WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE ACCUMULATED IN THE **BASEMENT BEFORE THE** BLAST." AJC 1968

"1968 ON MAY 29, A BULLDOZER RUPTURED A 1-INCH GAS SERVICE LINE AT A CHILDREN'S NURSERY IN HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA. THE **BULLDOZER OPERATOR WAS** UNABLE TO FIND THE SHUTOFF VALVE FOR THE GAS LINE, AND SHORTLY AFTER THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AND FIRE. SEVEN CHILDREN AND TWO ADULTS WERE KILLED, AND THREE CHILDREN WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT." NTSB STUDY 1970

### Why we are here





Wheel of Damage Prevention





### About Georgia 811

Georgia 811 will be an industry leader in promoting safety and preventing damage to utility facilities efficiently through high quality and economical notification service; providing education and encourage compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

This notification system provides Georgia 811 members an opportunity to locate and identify any underground facilities they may have in an area where digging is planned.

### **Board of Directors**

Allen Bell

Georgia Power Company

Ashley Carr

AT&T

Rob Holbrook

**Cobb County** 

Jim Laplander

City of Savannah Public Works

Rick Lonn

Southern Co Gas

Rachel Jones

Georgia Power Company

Lisa Clark McKnight

City of Lawrenceville

Ronnie McWhorter

Charter

Buddy Patrick

Southern Natural Gas

Frankie Rigdon

Ellijay Telephone Company

Rick Slagle

Southern Company Gas

Rich Johnson

AT&T



### Georgia 811 Governance

### **Governed by a Board of Directors**

- 12 Total seats on the board
- Seats are held by member companies

### **Nomination Process**

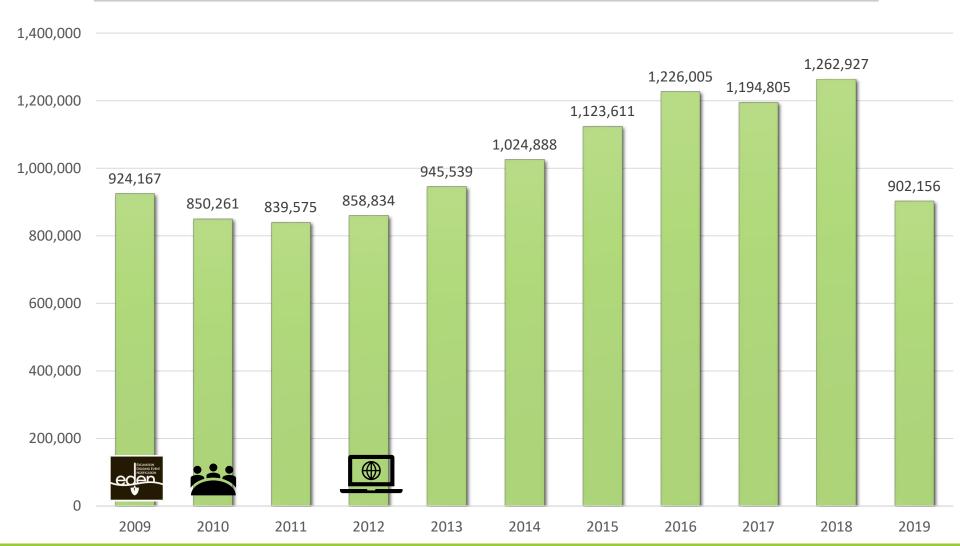
- 1. Call for Nominations are mailed to all Georgia 811 Persons of Record
- 2. Nominations received by the close of Annual Meeting
  - A. Candidates' superior sends written approval with nomination
- 3. Nominating Committee reviews candidates
- 4. If needed, Numbered Ballots are mailed 1 vote/member
- 5. Ballots received back at Georgia 811 within 30 days.
- 6. Elected Director(s) takes office January 1 of following year.



# Operations

### Locate Request Volumes

3.5%% increase over August YTD 2018











### PERCENTAGE OF CALLERS DIALING 811

2012 - 48.8%

2013 - 52.0%

2014 - 55.9%

2015 - 60.1%

2016-62.0%

2017 - 65.2%

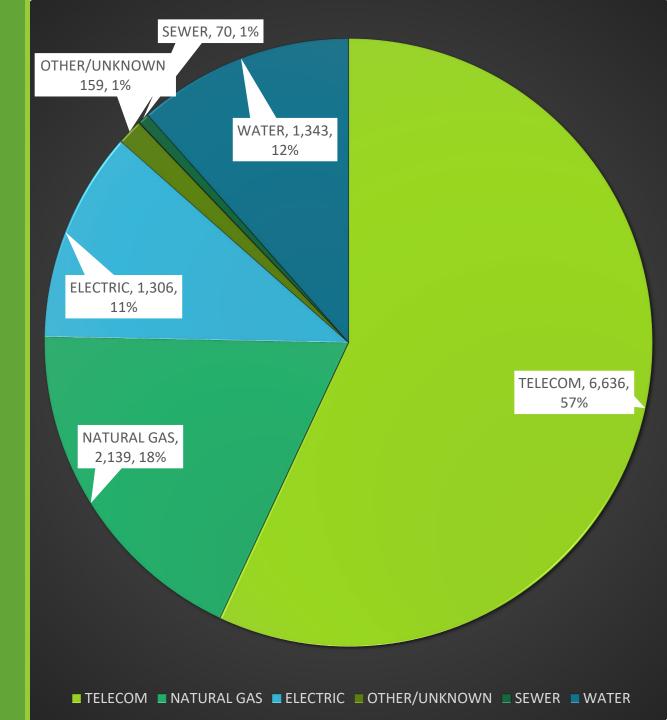
2018 - 68.4%

2019 - 69.6%

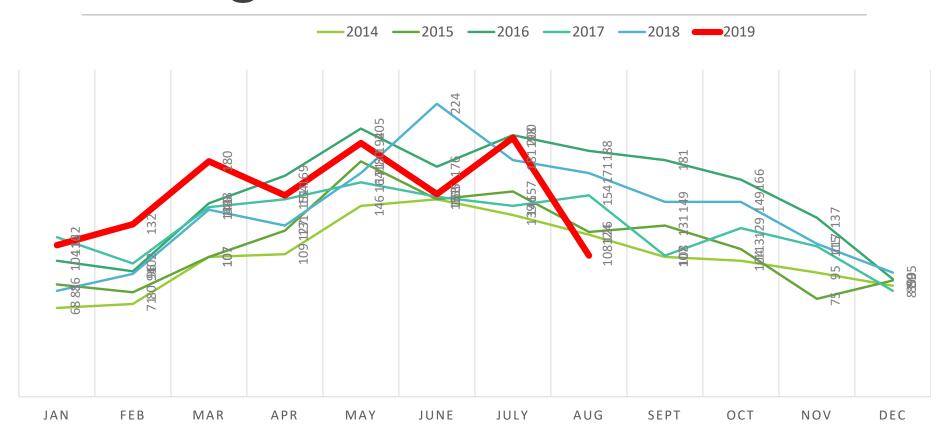


### Damages by Type of Utility Damaged 2019

- 11,653 DamagesReported thru August2019
- 15,152 Damages Reported YTD 2018
- 15,436 Damages Reported in 2017
- 12,691 Damages Reported in 2016
- 10,571 Damages Reported in 2015
- 8,142 Damages Reported in 2014



### Damages – No Prior Locate



- 11.3% of damages reported to Georgia 811 have no prior locate request in 2019, same as 2018
- Nationwide this number is 23.5%\*

\*Common Ground Alliance DIRT Report 2017



## Customer Connections

**NOW SERVING 813 MEMBERS** 



### Michelle Madding

### CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS SUPERVISER

Has been with GA811 for over 19 years

Department objective is answering incoming calls and emails from GA811 Stakeholders, assisting them with any system issues, questions about membership and online locate request creation.

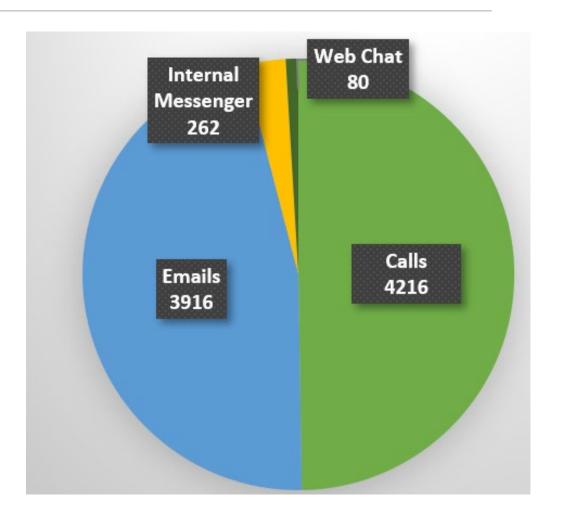


- → Membership Creation and Administration
- → EDEN Database Maintenance
- → EDEN Web User Accounts
- **→** Membership Assistance
- **→** Locate Request Searches

### **Top Requests**

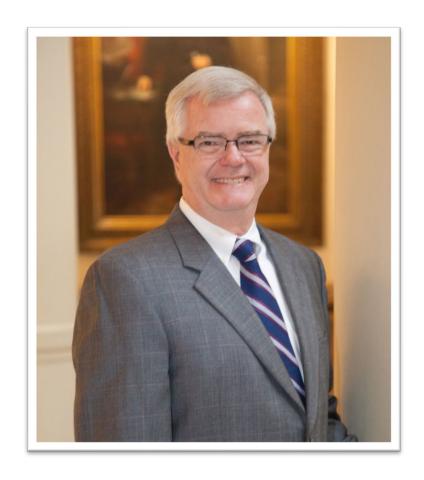
## Communication Methods

- 1.Member Requests: 2066
- 2. Excavator Update: 1448





# Contact Center



### **Bob Murphy**

### DIRECTOR OF CONTACT CENTER, DATA REPORTING & HUMAN RESOURCES

Has been with Georgia 811 for more than 17 years.

### DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW – CONTACT CENTER

Primary Mission – In keeping with our company mission and vision, the Contact Center will provide a remarkable level of service to our members, excavators, homeowners, and business owners by processing locate requests with efficiency and high quality. We will provide a unique customer experience by providing this service to our callers.

### **Data Reports**

## The mission of Data Reporting is to support the goals and challenges of Georgia 811 by

- collecting, analyzing, and disseminating trusted information efficiently through ad hoc and standardized reports
- 2. conducting research
- 3. providing data for administrative and executive assessment and planning







### Human Resources

Provide services
that promote
an excellent
work
environment

Recruit and hire the best qualified people and promote retention





Provide competitive wages and benefits competently and efficiently

Provide a safe, harassment free environment







- •3 Supervisors:

  Jessica Baker

  Scott Blair

  Shannon Palmiter
- •3 Senior CSRs
- •39 Full Time CSRs
- •2 Part Time CSRs
- •All but 6 work from home

# Accounting



# Brandon Thornhill ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR Over 20 years with Georgia 811

### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

Responsible for all financial aspects of the company through the management of Georgia 811's assets and liabilities, income and expenses, budgets and variances, payroll and benefits, etc.

Also responsible for administrative support functions.



Dawn Kelly
Accounting Assistant
13 years



Meagan Dowdin
Accounting Assistant
1.5 years



Jenny McIntyre
Administrative Assistant
2.5 years

- Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Budget Preparation, Tracking, Forecasting
- Payroll and Benefit
   Management
- Member Billing
- Accounts Receivable and Payable Management
- Audit and Tax Compliance
- Administrative Support

# Information Technology

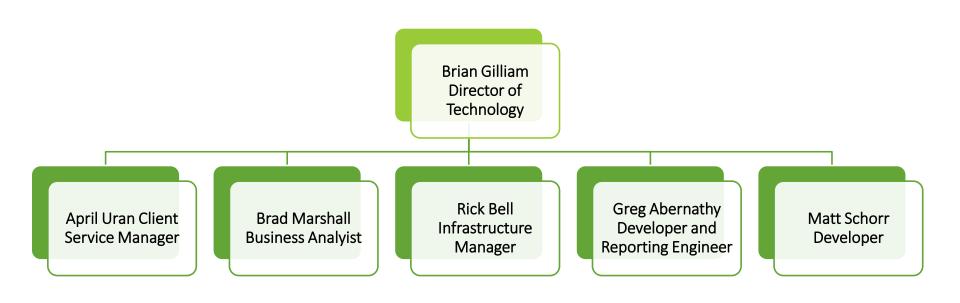


### Brian Gilliam DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Technology department provides the technical infrastructure enabling GA811 business functions. It is our desire to build strong, lasting relationships with our business units, ensuring technical strategies align with each department and GA811 now and into the future. Through these departments, the Technology group provides support to our members and excavating public.

2019 Technology Strategy **Organizational Structure Technology Policies Collaboration and Workflow Automation Disaster Recovery Cloud Adoption and Promotion Client Configuration and Support Security Employee Development Simplification, Consolidation and Cost Savings Operational Excellence** 



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

### The Big Three

- Migration to Cloud
- Implementation of GeoCall
- Process Improvement



### Migration to Cloud

- Migation from Duluth data center
- Phone System and Contact Center
- GeoCall (Ticketing System)
- Several ancillary applications



### Implementation of GeoCall

- Significant involvement from business units
- Working with Progressive Partner (P2) and other 811 centers
- Continuing to look for a go-live in first half of 2020
- Expect communications as we move closer to production



### **Process Improvement**

- Business workflows
- Cost analysis
- General technology reviews
- Security



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# Liaison and Public Education



# Holly Files LIAISON DIRECTOR Has been with Georgia 811 f

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### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

Education, dispute resolution, liaison with PSC, local governments, utilities, excavators, and all stakeholder groups.

### 66 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE AT GEORGIA 811

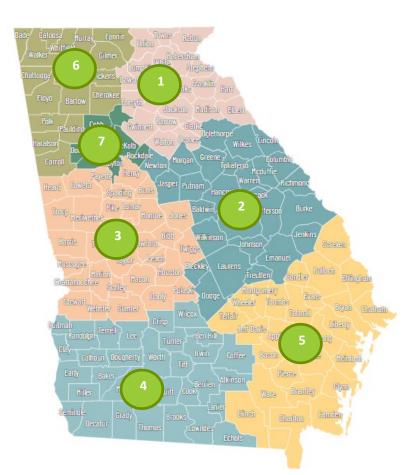


- → Member Outreach
- Training and education of safe digging practices
- → GUFPA Training
- → Local UCC Participation
- → DOT Quarterly Meetings
- → Pipeline Safety Meetings



## Local UCC Participation

#### **2019 YTD Statewide Total Meetings by Region**



**Region 1** – 38 of 63 meetings attended | 724 attendees

**Region 2** – 4 of 10 meetings attended | 80 attendees

**Region 3** – 16 of 45 meetings attended | 613 attendees

**Region 4** – 9 of 41 meetings attended | 142 attendees

**Region 5** – 5 of 7 meetings attended | 100 attendees

**Region 6** – 21 of 51 meetings attended | 580 attendees

**Region 7** – 24 of 48 meetings attended | 464 attendees

117 of 265 Meetings attended | 2,608 Attendees



## Member Outreach



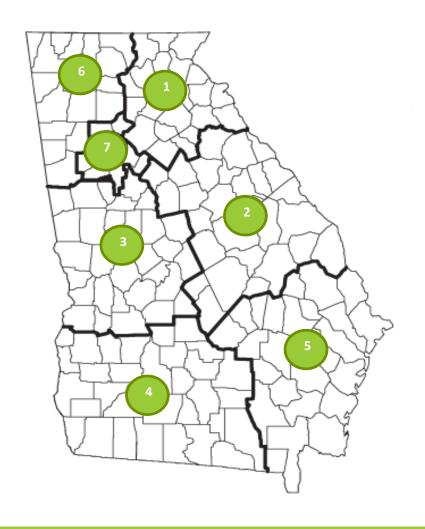
#### Goal:

- 1. to visit all Georgia 811 members annually
- 2. to provide education, reporting tools, industry news and customized assistance each member.
- Meetings last less than 30 minutes
- You will meet the liaison covering your region
- Review new member reports
- Review member contact information
- Discuss any issues or concerns
- Schedule future continuing education



# GUFPA, DOT & Pipeline Meeting Participation

- Pipeline Safety Meetings
  - 13 of 14 meetings attended
  - 645 attendees
- DOT Quarterly Meetings:
  - 17 of 18 meetings attended
  - 819 Attendees
- GUFPA Training:
  - 6 classes 27 attendees
- Member Outreach Meetings:
  - 68 meetings completed
  - 1 cancelled, 8 postponed
  - 13 meetings scheduled
  - 24 waiting for member response
  - 21 members declined meeting





# 2019 Meeting & Tradeshow Participation



YTD Total Exposure 15K+

#### **Shows Attended:**

- APWA
  - GA Chap Annual Meetings
  - UPROW Locating and Marking BP
- Build Expo (Cobb Galleria)
- GMA Gas
- GMA
- GTA Annual Meeting
- Electric Cities
- GEMC
- PHCC
- GRWA
- GPERI
- SOCS
- GMA

- P2 Users Meeting
  - GeoCall Software Users
- CGA
  - OCSI
  - Marketing & Education
  - Best Practices
  - Stake Holder Advocacy
  - Regional Partners
- GHCA Hispanic Fair
- CEFGA (Construction Education Foundation of Georgia)

#### **Upcoming Shows:**

- Sunbelt Ag Expo
- The Farm Bureau



# Georgia 811 Liaisons

#### Holly Files, Liaison Director

**Region 1:** Becky Kinsey

**Region 2:** Becky Kinsey & Rick

Routh

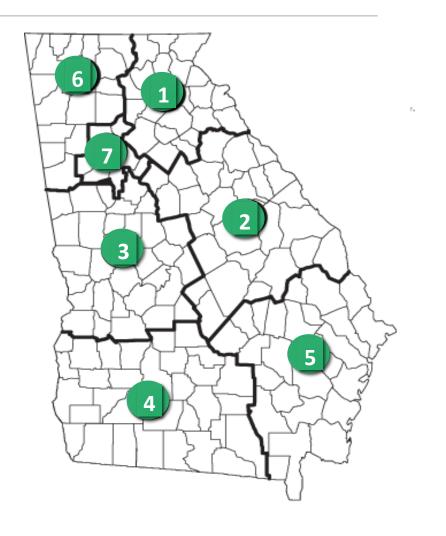
**Region 3:** Josh Chambers

**Region 4:** O'tania Jenkins

Region 5: Rick Routh

**Region 6:** Terry McLaurin

Region 7: Mike Bell





# **Training Topics**





- Underground Utility
   Damage Prevention
  - 15 min
  - 45 min
  - 2 hours
- Marking Standards
- Damage Investigation
- PRIS
- Large Projects
- Potential Membership
- High Voltage Safety Act



# Web Services



# **72 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE AT GEORGIA 811**

- → Web Entry Training
- eRequest Ticket Processing
- → Web Quality Assurance
- → Web Help Desk
- → External User Troubleshooting
- → Online Chat



#### Max Recio

#### **WEB SERVICES SUPERVISOR**

16 years of service

2 Senior CSRs

4 CSRs

#### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Web Services Department is responsible for providing exceptional support for web users, EDEN troubleshoting, web entry training, and eRequest user support.

### 2 TYPES OF EXTERNAL USERS:

Users without a login (Untrained)eRequest & Restaker



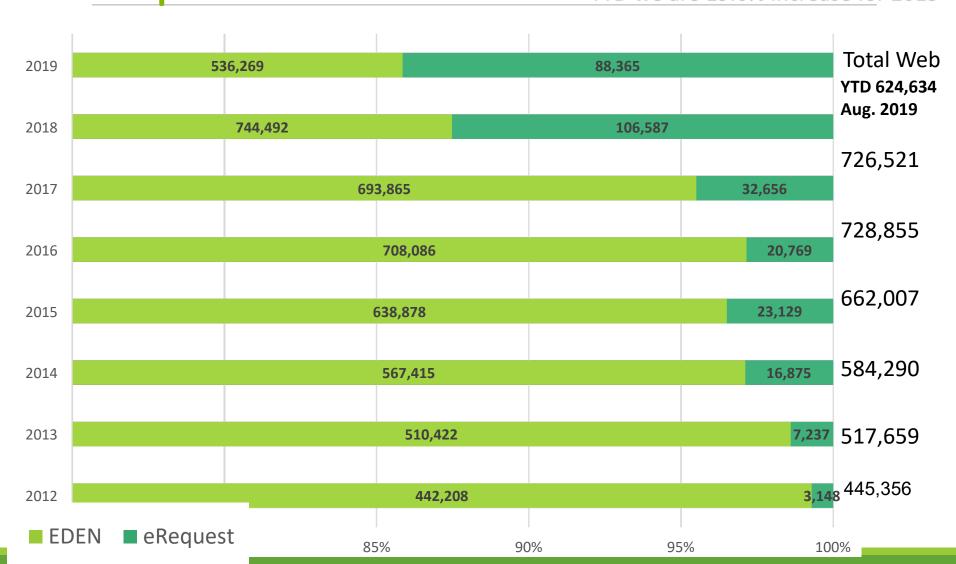
**Web Entry** 



# EDEN Web User Request vs.

**eRequest** 2018 was a 74% Increase over 2017 eRequest Growth

YTD we are 19.6% increase for 2019





## **EDEN Web Entry Quality Assurance**

(New & Existing EDEN Trained Users)

Month	# Web Requests Reviewed	I	Average Score
January	4,548*		94.2
February	4,499*		97.6
March	4,219*		87.8
April	4,565*		95.0
May	4,541		99.9
June	5,407		99.9
July	5,455		99.9
August	6,013		99.8
TOTAL	31,416		99.9



<sup>\*</sup>Number of tickets reviews prior to updated Web Quality process





#### **GA811 Excavator App**

- eRequest
- GPS feature



#### **EDEN PRIS App**

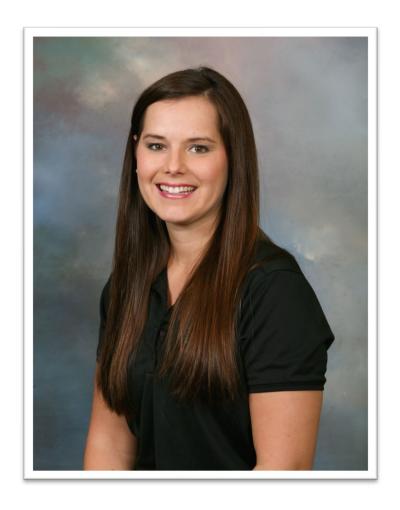
- Check member response codes
- Respond to Locate Requests



- eRequest
- Create complete tickets
- Renew tickets
- Register for training

## How To Access Georgia 811 Online

# Corporate Communications



# Megan Estes CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Has been with Georgia 811 for 11 years.

#### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

Effectively communicate the importance of safe digging to all stakeholder groups.







#### Maria Copeland

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

- Digger Dog Program
- Resource Fulfillment
- Inventory Control

#### **Brian Crews**

CREATIVE MEDIA COORDINATOR

- Social media
- Webmaster
- Graphic Design

#### Fiona Bowen

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

- CommunicationsSupport
- Event Planning

# Safe Digging Month

- Media Tour Columbus, Atlanta, Augusta
- Statewide Proclamation
- •811 Poster Contest
- Press Release
- Home Depot Social Media Contest
- Augusta Greenjackets Game
- Braves Partnership
- DIY Video Release
- Excavator App Release





# Proclamations – Safe Digging Month





City of Ball Ground City of Holly Springs Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services City of Woodstock **Cherokee County** City of Canton Town of Waleska Peachtree City Fayette County Town of Tyrone Town of Brooks City of Fayetteville Town of Woosley

Coweta County City of Commerce Town of Alto City of Atlanta City of South Fulton Morgan County City of Madison City of Rutledge Georgia Forestry Commission **Paulding County** City of Hiram City of Covington City of Douglasville City of Monroe City of Good Hope







# Proclamations - Safe Digging Day

- Coweta County Fire Station 1
- City of Auburn
- City of Winder
- City of Dallas
- City of Oxford
- City of Douglasville



### 811 Day

- Member Collaboration with GPC & AGL
- Atl & Co
- USTA Mixed Doubles Tournament
- Geofence Home Depot and Lowe's







# Georgia 811 Run











# Digger Dog

**School Total YTD = 56** 

**Show Total YTD = 62** 

Student Total YTD = 6,873

**Teacher Total YTD= 373** 

**Community Event Total YTD= 23** 

**Total reached=1,016,730** 



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