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2010 Georgia 811, GUCC and PSC Damage Prevention Awards and Recognition

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2010 Georgia 811 Damage Prevention Advocate Awards

Annually Georgia 811 Liaison Managers recognize the efforts of individuals across Georgia who are setting the pace in terms of damage prevention, education and safety. Winners are selected based on DOT Region. As our liaisons cover multiple regions, it is possible to have more than one winner per region.

- Region 1- Nominated by Becky Creech; Steve Chambers, Director of Job Training and Safety, Jackson EMC
- Region 2- Nominated by Mike Joyner; Edie Holmes, City of Dublin
- Region 2 - Nominated by Fiona Bowen; Ronnie Brown, Project Coordinator, Atlanta Gas Light
- Region 3 - Nominated by Terry McLaurin; Scotty Burkes, Engineer, Georgia Power in Newnan
- Region 4 - Nominated by Holly Files; David Jones, Mediacom
- Region 6- Nominated by Terry McLaurin; Charles McKinley, Greystone Power
- Region 7- Nominated by Fiona Bowen; Jim Weldon, Cable Locating & Claims Manager, Georgia Power

2010 Fall GUCC Awards

Golden Backhoe Winners, one per GUCC region, are selected based on several safe digging criteria. Including the number of locate requests completed by the crew, total number of at-fault damages, if any; number of times attending a Local Utility Coordinating Council Meeting . Additional points are awarded for crew and supervisor participation in a Georgia Public Service Commission approved GUFPA training class and/or a Georgia 811 Dig Safely Class. Those submitting for this honor are also encouraged to compose a written essay describing how their crew has been "spreading the message of damage prevention."

The Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award, the overall point's winner, is presented to one of the seven Golden Backhoe Award winners.

Golden Backhoe Regional Winners:

- Region 1 – Walton EMC – Watkinsville Operations Crew – Foreman: David Patrick
- Region 2 – Walton EMC – Monroe Underground Crew – Foreman: Larry Lawson
- Region 3 – Georgia Power – Newnan Operating Headquarters Crew
- Region 4 – City of Thomasville, Water Construction Crew – Supervisor: Stephen Stewart
- Region 5 – (Tie) Ansco & Associates – Tal Lott's Crew and Terry Hickman's Crew
- Region 6 – Cobb EMC Underground Service Crew – Foreman: David Emerson
- Region 7 – Cobb EMC Underground Service Crew – Foreman: Duwayne Prather

Lester Feather's Winner:

- City of Thomasville, Water Construction Crew – Supervisor: Stephen Stewart

2010 Public Service Commission Awards

Each fall the Georgia Public Service Commission's Pipeline Safety Office presents an Award of Excellence to individuals who set the example in their support of damage prevention. This year's winners were:

- Terri Rosamond, AT&T,
- Tamara Vorwald, Atlanta Gas Light
- Holly Files, Georgia 811