

Testimonials

The FUCC is the most unique organization you will ever encounter. Every year while I was at FHWA, Dwight and Seppo would come by asking what training I needed. I would always say, "let me attend one or two FUCC meetings each year and I would learn more about highway/utility matters than I could at any existing training courses." They agreed to let me attend. The educational opportunities are immense and the networking is invaluable. I have seen some amazing interactions take place among Florida DOT, utility company, consultant and contractor representatives.

No holds are barred and nothing is left unsaid but an overwhelming atmosphere of working together and getting the job done prevails. Major issues have been resolved at these meetings. It is like Camelot for highway and utility people. Nowhere else will you see people with such conflicting interests working and playing together and developing lifelong friendships. The FUCC is the epitome of what CCC is all about. I could go on forever. I really hope you will come and see for yourself. What you learn at this meeting could influence things you do throughout the rest of your FHWA career.

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What we're doing for you

The Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee (FUCC) is a premiere damage prevention organization that brings the utility industry and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) together. Its purpose? To recommend and review proposed legislation and industry changes to ensure that each entity's concerns and processes are addressed. The FUCC provides an open forum for discussion on common problems while reviewing and communicating details of subordinate documents that affect Florida's utilities. If you're a utility member, chances are you may have asked, "What does the FUCC do for me? Read on and we'll tell you."

What has FUCC done?

- ▶ Established UAM committee to review FDOT changes to existing practices and propose modifications or revisions as recommended by utilities. Works on these items with the FDOT as a whole, rather than individual units so that implementation is consistent throughout Florida.
- ▶ Helped municipalities develop utility relocation procedures.
- ▶ Spearheaded working partnerships between individual utility companies and the FDOT to promote mutually beneficial cost sharing strategies that gave utilities the benefit of a long route through the state using existing right-of-ways.

- ▶ Actively fought against and got discarded the implementation of an administrative fee for permit applications. Similar fees were implemented in Georgia at a cost of several thousand dollars per permit or per foot of area the permit covered.
- ▶ Brings highway design consultants and the utility industry together to understand FDOT plans, specifications, and utility coordination.
- ▶ Offered educational sessions that promote continuous and open communications on the topics listed below, and is currently working on securing continuing education credits (CEUs) for their future courses.
 - Pole safety programs
 - Design Ticket workshop with Sunshine State One Call
 - CAD workshop - transmitting data to/from FDOT electronically
 - Utility Relocation Schedule Workshop
 - Utility Subordination Agreement
 - Permitting process training
 - Pre-design and pre-construction meetings workshop
 - Understanding and using the conflict matrix
 - Effective use of design tickets
 - Highway utility safety
 - UAM updates
 - Design/utility exception process

Membership

Membership in the FUCC remains free, with a nominal fee to attend each quarterly meetings. Sponsorships are open to companies with similar interests. Visit www.fucc.org to register for the next meeting or become a sponsor.

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The FUCC has given me wealth of information and I've made contacts with utilities that share my concerns and issues. One such contact helped me complete a job without a large, unexpected cash outlay. While working on a Business 41 road widening project in North Fort Myers, we were asked to dig up and locate our facilities after four feet of fill had been placed over our manhole duct system. KCI Technologies Randy Hoskinson, another FUCC member, offered to demonstrate his new soft dig truck/vac and locate our facilities and others in the area of concern. In the end, Randy got to demonstrate his company's abilities and in about four hours, it was determined that we were out of the danger zone.

Ronald R. Popp
Network Engineer II

I have been coming to the FUCC sessions for six years and I can truly say that it has been a blessed experience. When I started I was still rather new to working with FDOT and had a minimal understanding of the guidelines for maintaining utilities in the FDOT right of ways. Through the FUCC, I have gained valuable education on the procedures required for utilities to exist within permitted areas. More importantly, I have developed relationships and friendships with people from varied backgrounds that have proven to be invaluable throughout the process of maintaining facilities within FDOT right of ways. I thank God for this experience.

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