

Sam Hall
Vice President
Damage Prevention Institute
Common Ground Alliance

Sam Hall joined the Common Ground Alliance as Vice President of the Damage Prevention Institute in June of 2022, bringing more than two decades of industry experience and a strong regulatory background. With the engagement of industry leaders and CGA members, Sam leads the development of damage prevention stakeholder metrics and a peer-reviewed accreditation process to drive efficiencies in the damage prevention system.

B. Scott Crawford
President & CEO
Virginia 811

B. Scott Crawford serves as President & CEO for Virginia 811. He has been with the Notification Center since December 2016, serving as Director of Operations and then Vice President prior to moving into his current position. Scott holds a master's degree in history from Old Dominion University and has a strong passion for leveraging new technologies to enhance damage prevention efforts. Serving on the Advisory Committee and Taskforce 2022 has allowed Scott to forge strong relationships with a host of similarly passionate stakeholders. He feels very fortunate to be in an industry with so many talented individuals committed to damage prevention and protecting Virginia's underground utility infrastructure.

Scott Brown
Manager of Damage Prevention
Washington Gas Light Company

Scott Brown continues to enjoy his 38-year career in damage prevention. He is currently the Manager of Damage Prevention at Washington Gas. Scott began his career at Washington Gas in 2000 after a fourteen-year career in underground utility locating.

Scott is serving his third term on the Virginia State Corporation Commission Advisory Committee representing gas distribution companies in Virginia. He also serves as the Chairman of the Maryland/ Washington DC Miss Utility One Call Center Board of Directors.

Scott is a co-chair of the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices committee and is an active member of the Emerging Practices committee. Scott works closely with the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority in Maryland. He chaired of the Steering Committee to rewrite the District One Call Law in Washington DC.

Scott has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida. Currently he lives in Burke, Virginia with his wife. Scott enjoys cycling and trips to "the Lake" as well as adventure travel.

Andrew Brooks
Damage Prevention Program Manager
Dominion Energy

Andrew Brooks is the Damage Prevention Program Manager for Dominion Energy who has been in the industry since 2001. He began his career as a locator, where he developed his investigative skills, and moved on to a role as a Damage Investigator for UtiliQuest and then the State Corporation Commission here in the Commonwealth. Currently, Andrew manages Dominion Energy's Damage Prevention program where he oversees their responsibility to ensure the safety and integrity of the Company's underground infrastructure. In this role, he is responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures that will prevent or mitigate any potential damage to Dominion's electric distribution system, conducting training sessions for employees and collaborating with other industry leaders to promote best practices.

Throughout his career, Andrew has demonstrated a strong commitment to safety and professionalism. He is also proud to be spending his sixteenth year with Dominion Energy as a valued team member and continues his commitment to making the company a leader in the field of Damage Prevention.

Sam Brumberg
Vice President and General Counsel
VA, MD & DE Association of Electric Cooperatives

Sam Brumberg serves as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel to the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. He joined the Association in 2012 after almost 7 years of private practice at an AmLaw 200 firm.

For well over a decade, he has been an advocate for clean, safe, affordable, and reliable energy and broadband for the rural mid-Atlantic.

Sam's legal practice focuses on legislative and regulatory affairs. He also supports the member utilities and affiliates of the Association.

Sam graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Richmond, with a bachelor's degree in political science, and while there was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Sam studied law at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary where he was the managing editor of, and published in, the law school's *Environmental Law and Policy Review*.

During law school, Sam served a clerkship at the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Office of General Counsel. In 2014, he served as Chair of the Virginia State Bar's Administrative Law Section. In 2016-18, he served as President for the Energy Bar Association's Southern Chapter. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar's Administrative

Law Section Board of Governors. In 2020, he was a finalist candidate for a judicial appointment to the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Sam's personal interests are aviation, horology, numismatics, Japanology. He is married with one stepson and lives in Short Pump, Virginia.

Gary E. Wood
President & CEO
Central Virginia Electric Cooperative

Gary Wood is the President and Chief Executive Officer at Central Virginia Electric Cooperative ("CVEC") & Central Virginia Services, Inc. ("CVSI") d/b/a Firefly Fiber Broadband ("Firefly"). During his employment, CVEC has established a reputation as a low cost, high reliability electric distribution company.

Mr. Wood was instrumental in the founding of Firefly and has been its leader since its inception in 2018. He has overseen a rapid, 4-year buildout of a 4000-mile fiber network across parts of 14 Virginia counties and passing 40,000 locations. An additional Broadband expansion in partnership with several other utilities will build an additional 4500 miles of fiber and reach another 45,000 unserved locations. He and his team have secured more than \$200 million in federal, state, and local grants and contributions to help high capital costs of infrastructure development in low density rural areas.

For his efforts in the expansion of broadband, Mr. Wood has been recognized with commendations from US Senator Mark Warner and from the Virginia Governor's office.

Prior to joining CVEC, Mr. Wood worked in the consulting engineering field and still holds a professional engineers license. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia and a master's in Business Administration from Auburn University.

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D.
Director - Office of Broadband,
Department of Housing and Community

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., is the director for the Office of Broadband at Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and has been in the role since September 2019. She has spent 20 years in the public sector in the field of community and economic development in New York, New Jersey, and Chesterfield, Virginia.

Dr. Holmes has played an instrumental role in the creation of the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) having served as the lead in the development of the program that has grown from a \$1 million to a \$750 million appropriation since 2017. Prior to her current role, she was the Associate Director for the Policy and Strategic Development office in the Community Development Division at DHCD.

In addition to serving as broadband director, she serves as the Virginia Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) program manager, overseeing ARC's economic and community development programming in 25 counties and 8 independent cities in the Appalachian region of Virginia.

Dr. Holmes holds a master's degree in urban planning and analysis with a concentration in housing and community development. She received her doctorate in public policy and administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, located in Richmond, Virginia.

Patrick Wiltshire
Manager of Damage Prevention
Shentel

Patrick (Pat) Wiltshire is the Manager for Damage Prevention, Damage Investigation, and Training for Shentel. He began his career in 1990 in the electric utility industry working for Potomac Edison (now First Energy), ultimately retiring after his 30-year tenure. Pat's roles and responsibilities varied during his 30-year tenure which included engineering and management functions in a company that served more than 6,000,000 customers. The roles included opportunities in tariff, Utility Commission relations, government relations, Safety Chairman, and construction management. Through these roles, Pat, managed relationships to encourage damage prevention strategies with the Maryland Public Service Commission and locators from Frederick City to Montgomery County. Pat has earned Degrees in Electrical Engineering and Finance during his working career. His current role with Shentel/Glofiber is focused on training and relationships with locators, excavators, and local officials in 5 states to ensure all involved have a clear path forward to mitigate damages and maintain a pleasant working relationship with each stakeholder.

Rosemary Langowski
Damage Prevention Lead
Washington Gas Light Company

Rosemary Langowski has worked at Washington Gas since 2018. In her current role as a Damage Prevention Lead, she provides bilingual Damage Prevention training and outreach in the Northern Virginia area. She also partners with various industry stakeholders to promote Damage Prevention public awareness and assist with translation and interpretation services. Rosemary is also a co-Chair for the Regional Partners group of Northern Virginia.

Fernando Méndez
Multimedia Specialist
Virginia 811

Fernando Méndez is a multimedia specialist with over eight years of experience working in both the public and private sectors. He has worked with prominent organizations, including the United Way of Puerto Rico and Wapa TV, where he has produced high-quality multimedia content.

Fernando holds a bachelor's degree in Digital Film Production from the prestigious University of the Sacred Heart and a master's degree in Database Administration from the distinguished Inter-American University Metro Campus. During his graduate studies, Fernando completed a federal internship with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, which provided him with invaluable experience and a solid foundation for his future career.

In 2020, Fernando joined Virginia 811 as the Northern Virginia liaison in the Marketing and Awareness department. As a bilingual professional, he provides comprehensive training in both English and Spanish languages across the state. Additionally, Fernando manages the VA811 Academy and the organization's social media platforms, which have helped to expand the organization's reach and increase its visibility.

Juan Vogel
Vice President of Operations
UtiliQuest

Juan Vogel started in damage prevention at Byers Engineering as a Locator, in 1994. UtiliQuest was created from Byers Locate Services in the late 90's. He has held multiple positions within the organization since then to include Quality Assurance Coordinator, Supervisor, Manager, and Director.

Since 2017 he has served as VP of Operations. Juan is responsible for operations in VA, DC, NJ, PA, OH and IN. Within his territory, he has two direct reports, who oversee 840 employees, with 480 of those employees servicing VA.

Juan has the privilege of occupying one of two locator positions on the VA SCC Advisory Committee and serves as an active participant on Task Force 2023, representing the locating stakeholder group in Virginia. He also represents the locating stakeholders in MD and the District of Columbia on the MD/DC Subscriber's Committee Board of Directors.

Juan has been married to his wife Kelly for a little over 10 years and they have two wonderful children: Cameron (9) and Mia (6). He enjoys spending his free time with his family whose schedule is full of travel baseball and basketball as well as gymnastics and ballet.

Dave Thompson
Safety Director
Henderson, Inc.

Dave Thompson has been involved in the construction industry for over 34 years and a safety professional for the last 21 years. He is a Construction Health and Safety Technician and sits on the State Corporation Commission's Advisory Committee as a representative and zealous advocator Excavators. He is also the Lead Instructor for the Associated Building Contractors Virginia Hampton Roads chapter.

Mark Guth
Manager of Corporate Security Critical Infrastructure
Compliance
Southern Gas Company

Mark Guth has been the Southern Company Gas Manager of Corporate Security Critical Infrastructure Compliance since 2018. Mr. Guth is responsible for physical security technology and compliance programs involving the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and various state jurisdictions for the SCG Virginia Natural Gas, Atlanta Gas Light, Chattanooga Gas, and Nicor Gas utility companies.

Mr. Guth's career began with Nicor Gas in 2002 as Manager of IT Operations, managing all IT infrastructure support departments for the company and a member of the Nicor Gas Corporate Security Committee. Mr. Guth's responsibility changed to IT Incident Management, Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity, and Information Security in 2007. Mr. Guth served as the Senior Manager for Information Security through the Nicor Gas merger in 2013 until the Southern Company merger in 2018 when his current role was redefined.

Mr. Guth has been a contributing member of the American Gas Association since 2014, with a concentrated focus on the AGA Security Committee. Mr. Guth was the AGA Security Committee liaison to the AGA Accounting Committee speaking at their annual conference from 2013-2019 providing that group with cyber and physical security updates in the utility industry.

Mr. Guth has a bachelor's degree Business Economics from Benedictine University, is a Payment Card Industry Certified Internal Security Assessor (ISA – credit card security) and a Texas A&M Infrastructure Protection Certificate Program member in 2018.