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Edward DeNeale: Industry Safety Has A New Advocate
Utility Contractor Association Hires New Safety Director

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) announced today that Edward DeNeale, CHST joined NUCA to lead the association’s safety programs.

“Safety for our industry’s employees is a core value at NUCA,” said NUCA CEO Doug Carlson. “Ed’s extensive background in industry safety programs will allow NUCA to take our existing safety and training programs and expand them for our membership. Ed has the industry experience, leadership, and conviction needed to maintain our industry’s extremely high standards for safety.”

Ed can bring on-the-job industry safety experience to the job. He has a 20-year track record of safe project management with zero lost time incidents. For the last two years he has been director of safety at W.A. Chester in Lanham, Maryland. The company is the leading U.S. electrical contractor for installation and repair of underground high voltage cable transmission and distribution systems. Ed was responsible for providing leadership and technical experience for the company’s safety program across the nation. He worked with his company leadership to develop all aspect of Electrical High-Voltage Safety (EHS) programs, as well as provided training to ensure employees were qualified and properly trained to safely perform their hobs.

Prior to his work for W.A. Chester, Ed worked from 2015 to 2022 as the safety program manager, AWS critical projects engineer, AWS regional safety manager, and director of safety for RB Hinkle Construction in Sterling, Virginia. Between 2009 and 2015 Ed worked for The Matthews Group in Purcellville, Virginia, as their director of corporate safety. He has also worked for CH2M Hill as a safety manager.

Ed’s higher education includes fire service training at the University of Maryland and acquiring a AAS in Occupational Health and Safety from San Juan Community College in San Juan, New Mexico. He has extensive certification in project management, OSHA 30-Hour construction safety awareness, OSHA 500, OSHA 502, and OSHA 510 construction outreach training, USACE EM-385-1-1 construction safety hazard awareness training, OSHA construction supervisor training, CHST certification, and American Red Cross instructor credentials. He also was a

founding member and served as the vice-chairman of the National Safety Council Young Professional's Division.

Ed takes over the NUCA safety and education department from Mike Flowers, who left earlier this summer. Ed can be reached via email at edward@nuca.com, and through NUCA's main membership phone number at 703-358-9300.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2024. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at [@NUCA_National](https://twitter.com/NUCA_National). The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.