



APGA OPERATIONS CONFERENCE

November 13-15, 2017 • Chattanooga, Tenn.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

- 1:00 p.m. **WELCOME**
Stephen Mayfield – City of Tallahassee, FL and APGA Operations & Safety Committee Chairman
- 1:10 p.m. **PIPELINE SAFETY PRIORITIES FOR 2017 AND BEYOND (1 CREDIT)**
Speaker will discuss priority issues at PHMSA and the outlook for the next four years
Drue Pearce – Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
- 2:10 p.m. **A STATE REGULATOR'S VIEWS ON PIPELINE SAFETY (1 CREDIT)**
A discussion of natural gas distribution safety from the perspective of a state pipeline safety regulator, including views on recently proposed changes to pipeline safety regulations
Wallace Jones – Alabama Public Service Commission
- 3:00 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS**
- 3:20 p.m. **HOW IS THE NEW EXCESS FLOW VALVE RULE WORKING? (1.5 CREDITS)**
The panel will discuss how requiring utilities to install excess flow valves on certain multi-family residential and commercial service lines and curb valves on larger services, plus notify all existing customers about the availability of EFVs has worked in the six months since the rule took effect.
Stephen Mayfield – City of Tallahassee, FL
Steve Squibb – City Utilities of Springfield, MO
Bradley Walters – City of Rocky Mount, NC
Moderator: John Erickson – American Public Gas Association
- 4:30 p.m. **PERSPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP (1 CREDIT)**
Lessons learned from a career in utility management and advice to new leaders
Wade Stinson – City Utilities of Springfield, MO
- 5:30 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

- 6:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST BUFFET OPENS (PROVIDED – BROAD STREET GRILLE)**
- 7:00 a.m. **COFFEE & VENDOR EXHIBITS (VENDOR EXHIBIT AREA)**
- 8:00 a.m. **REGULATORY UPDATE (1 CREDIT)**
Discussion of proposed changes to transmission, operator qualification, plastic pipe regulations and other pipeline safety regulations
Erin Kurilla – American Public Gas Association
- 8:50 a.m. **RISK MODELING 101 (1 CREDIT)**
Basics of quantitative risk modeling for integrity management, including preliminary findings from the PHMSA Risk Model Work Group
Mason Matthews – Athens Utilities, AL
- 9:40 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS**
- 10:10 a.m. **SAFETY MANAGEMENT AT CPS ENERGY (1 CREDIT)**
Description of innovative and effective safety management programs implementer at CPS Energy which led to CPS winning the 2017 APGA Safety Management Excellence Award
Chad Johnston – CPS Energy

- 11:00 a.m. **I WANT MY STUFF NEXT WEEK – WHY ISN'T IT AVAILABLE? (1 CREDIT)**
 In today's natural gas industry there are situations where delivery expectations of the utility do not match suppliers' supply capability. A panel of suppliers and utilities will explore this situation and how collectively the customer and supplier can better understand each other's circumstances and explore possible solutions.
Bill Adcox – Consolidated Pipe & Supply
Steve Bateman – Long Beach Oil and Gas, CA
Jon Beam – Equipment Controls
David Daily – Cameron
Casey Haynes – City Utilities of Springfield, MO
Jake Naylor – Hubbell
Moderator, David Love – Magnolia River
- 12:00 p.m. **ADJOURN FOR LUNCH (PROVIDED – BROAD STREET GRILLE)**
- 1:00 p.m. **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR UTILITY OPERATIONS (4 CREDITS)**
 15-minute presentations by selected exhibitors on current issues facing natural gas distribution operators and products and services available to address those issues.
- 3:00 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS**
- 3:15 p.m. **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR UTILITY OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)**
- 5:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**
- 5:30 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

- 6:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST BUFFET OPENS (PROVIDED – BROAD STREET GRILLE)**
- 7:00 a.m. **COFFEE & VENDOR EXHIBITS (VENDOR EXHIBIT AREA)**
- 8:00 a.m. **ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE STRATEGIES FOR MUNICIPAL GAS SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (1 CREDIT)**
 The presentation covers permitting and geology of stream crossings, wetland impacts, storm water permitting, archeology requirements, and wetland compliance issues. Members will understand when and where they need help so that they do not face any government enforcement actions.
Danny Smith – PRIMARIUM, LLC
- 8:50 a.m. **MEASURING PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFECTIVENESS (1 CREDIT)**
 A panel discussion of how various utilities are measuring the effectiveness of their public safety education efforts, including results of the APGA GOAL program
Greg Kurtz – Blue Otter Solutions
Jason Higgins – City of Buford, GA
Steve Prue – Midwest Energy
- 9:40 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 10:00 a.m. **UPDATE ON SHRIMP AND SIF PRODUCTS & SERVICES (1 CREDIT)**
 A review of products and services provided by the APGA Security and Integrity Foundation (SIF) to assist operators such as SHRIMP, Operator Qualification and O&M Procedures
John Erickson – American Public Gas Association
- 10:50 a.m. **ROUNDTABLE ON OPERATIONS ISSUES (1 CREDIT)**
 A roundtable discussion among attendees on design, construction, operation and maintenance of natural gas distribution systems and other issues raised during the conference.
Moderator: Stephen Mayfield – City of Tallahassee, FL
- 11:45 a.m. **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP, DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT**