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Mike Flowers, Jr. To Lead NUCA's National Safety & Training Program ***Utility Contractor Association Hires New Safety, Education and Training Director***

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) announced today that Mike Flowers, Jr. has joined NUCA to lead the association's renowned safety, education and training programs.

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

With more than 20 years of experience, Flower's position as director of safety, education, and training will clearly articulate NUCA's overall vision, objectives, strategies, policies, and procedures to enhance the association's safety culture.

Before coming to NUCA, Flowers provided training leadership at JLG Industries in McConnellsburg, Penn. Until 2019, he served as director of training for 12 years with the Frederick County (Maryland) Sheriff's Office. Flowers was in charge of all training for the department, managed the department's training academy, developed training and lesson plans, and maintained accredited status for the program from OSHA, the state's fire marshal's office, and other state and national organizations. He coordinated all aspects of two law enforcement academies each year, and scheduled in-service, specialized, and recertification training for the department's staff.

Flowers can also draw upon his eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a platoon commander. His leadership included overseas deployment in several active combat theaters, and other homeland security duties. He served as the instructor for several training activities, and designed, organized, and supervised a wide scale of rescue training programs specific to his military missions.

Flowers takes over the NUCA safety and education department from Carl Vasquez, who left earlier this summer. Flowers holds a B.S. in criminal justice from Purdue University, and

obtained numerous certifications in specialized law enforcement programs since leaving the military in 2005.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents nearly 1,700 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 is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCADigs.