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**Brent Saltzman named as Executive Director for Louisiana 811.  
Saltzman previously served LA 811 as Manager-Damage Prevention.**

(Baton Rouge, LA – May 1, 2020 – The Louisiana 811 Board of Directors recently announced the selection of Brent Saltzman as Executive Director of the non-profit organization. Saltzman previously held the position of Manager-Damage Prevention at LA 811 since 2013.

According to Louisiana 811 Board Chairman James Martarona, Saltzman brings a wealth of knowledge to the Executive Director position. In his role as Manager-Damage Prevention, he was responsible for providing presentations regarding Louisiana 811's operations, the Louisiana Underground Utilities & Facilities Damage Prevention Law (Dig Law), and safe digging practices. He has worked with various LA 811 stakeholders across Louisiana including utility operators, excavators, local and state political subdivisions, and enforcement agencies.

Prior to joining Louisiana 811, Saltzman's background included work at Allen Construction Company as Construction Manager/Public Relations and at East Ascension Telephone Company (EATEL) as the Business Manager and Outside Plant Engineering Supervisor.

He has served on various boards and committees including the Louisiana811 Board of Directors, Ascension Parish Utility Council, Livingston Parish Utility Council, Association of Louisiana Utility Councils and the Capital Area Utility Risk Partnership. He is a Leadership Ascension graduate and earned a BS degree from Louisiana State University.

***More about Louisiana 811:*** *It is the law in the state of Louisiana to have utility lines marked before conducting excavation or digging. Louisiana 811 receives notifications, or locate requests, from individuals planning to dig and transmits them to our member utility companies so they can mark their lines and digging can commence, safely. Calling 811 is one of the best ways to protect the public from harm, prevent utility services interruptions and avoid costly damage.*

