

## INTRODUCTION

The Emergency Ticket Training Guide (guide) can be used by those users who learn best by reading and following written instruction. The guide allows you to take the course at your own pace and time schedule and can also be used along with the video and/or instructor-led courses or any time after you begin taking tickets on your own as a refresher course.

The guide is designed to walk you through the steps to accurately process an Emergency ticket. Following along and using the test server will assist with your learning.

This training guide will teach you how to:

- ✓ Determine if the ticket should be processed as an Emergency
- ✓ Complete the Field Contact information
- $\checkmark$  Include information about the crew in the Excavation Area field
- ✓ Complete the ticket
  - Review the ticket for accuracy and safety
  - o Submit and release the ticket

The icons will prompt you to participate or provide you with some additional information to enhance your learning experience.



Practice using the ticket entry software as you follow along



You will receive tips along the way to help you with your learning



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#### DAMAGE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

An Emergency ticket is processed in the same manner as a Normal ticket with the addition of specific functions that will help you remain compliant with The Virginia Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act and the Rules for Enforcement. The information below defines the damage prevention partnership among you, the excavator, the utility operator/contract locator, and Virginia 811 (AKA the notification center).

#### The Excavator:

The Rules for Enforcement, 20VAC5-309-90 states the following:



"No person shall serve an emergency notice on the notification center unless the work to be performed is in response to an emergency as the term is defined in § 56-265.15 of the Code of Virginia."

The Virginia Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act defines an emergency as:



"A sudden or unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services".

Once you have successfully completed the training and have been authorized to process Emergency tickets, you are expected to consider the definition of an emergency as a guideline in determining if the work your company will be doing falls within the definition of an emergency. If it does not, process a Normal ticket.



#### Notification Center / Virginia 811

The notification center as referred in the law is also known as Virginia 811. When you process a ticket using your WEB account, the notification center is responsible to transmit that ticket within a specific time frame.



An Emergency ticket must be transmitted within 5 minutes from the time the ticket is released as delineated in the Virginia Administrative Code 20VAC5-300-90 – C7: Rules for governing certification, operation, and maintenance of a notification center.

#### The Utility Operator / Contract Locator

The law further stipulates the specific timeframe that the utility operator / contract locator must respond to the ticket as outlined in § 56-265.19 H:



"An operator shall respond to an emergency notice as soon as possible but no later than three hours from the excavator's call (notice) to the notification center."

The markings for an Emergency ticket are valid until emergency conditions cease to exist, not to exceed 15 working days.

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# GETTING STARTED

You will have full access to Virginia 811's ticket entry test server. Using the test server will help you become familiar with the basic functionality of an Emergency Ticket. *The Emergency tickets that you create during training will not be transmitted.* 



Let's get started with your training:

- 1. Log into the test server by pasting <u>https://vupsa.newtin.com/newtinweb/vups\_ticketentry.html</u> into any browser.
- 2. Copy and paste or enter the account and password listed below and select Submit:



Once you have successfully completed training for processing Emergency tickets, your user account will be updated to enable the Emergency ticket command on the ticket entry screen. Your user account information will not change, and the Caller Information fields will automatically prefill every time you activate the ticket entry software.

Fine If you need to make changes to your account, call 811 and a Web Ticket Quality Coordinator will be happy to assist you.



# ACTIVATING AN EMERGENCY TICKET

An Emergency ticket is activated when the Emergency command is selected.



When the "Are you aware that Virginia Law contains a specific definition of an emergency?" message box displays, select the "Yes" command to activate the Emergency ticket screen.





If "No" is selected, an additional message box displays with the definition of an emergency.

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# When the next screen displays, select the "Yes, clear everything" command.



As a safety precaution, the ticket entry screen immediately turns red to distinguish the Emergency ticket entry screen from the Normal ticket entry screen and is further defined as an Emergency ticket in the top right-hand corner.





#### FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION

When ticket entry is activated, the cursor is automatically placed at the Field Contact fields. For an Emergency ticket, utility operators / contract locators are not required to respond to the Positive Response System. They may go to the excavation site or contact the caller by telephone (*Response may also be posted*).

It is important that the **Field Contact** fields are completed with the name and the phone number of the person who can be contacted by phone during the 3-hour time that the utility line locator must respond to the ticket.



# Utility operators have 3 hours to respond to an emergency as delineated in § 56-265.19 Subsection H.

If you are the field contact, then leave the fields blank since your name and phone number are already listed on the ticket.



	Caller Information						
Phone	540-985	-9355					
Caller	WTE US	WTE USER ALL					
Caller Type	UTIL	~ D	irect	Line		Ext	
Company	VA811 A	VA811 ACADEMY					
Address	1830 BL	1830 BLUE HILLS CIRCLE					
ZIP	24012	St VA	~	City	ROANOKE		
Email	VA811@ACADEMY.COM Fax						
Fld Contact					Phone	2	



Enter the name and phone number of the field contact available by phone, if applicable.

#### LOCATION INFORMATION

The Location Information section of the ticket entry screen contains the specific location of where the emergency excavation is taking place to include the type of work you are doing and for whom the work is being done.



#### Work Types

The types of work are arranged alphabetically for ease of use and will populate a list of options when you begin entering the type of work to be done. Select the type of work that best describes the emergency conditions.





Enter the name of the person or company for whom the work is being done as follows:

✤ If the emergency excavation is being done for yourself, enter SAME.

	Location Information	Help
Work Type	WATER MAIN - REPAIR, REPLACE OR ABA	NDON
Done For	SAME	Other Info

If the emergency excavation is being done for a private or commercial business, enter the name of the business.

	Location Information	Help
Work Type	GAS SERVICE - REPAIR, REPLACE OR AB	ANDON
Done For	FITZ WAREHOUSES	Other Info

✤ If emergency excavation is being done for a homeowner, enter the homeowner's name and phone number if available (Example: HO/Bill Smith/540-789-3214)

	Location Information	Help
Work Type	DRAINAGE WORK	
Done For	HO/BILL SMITH/540-789-3214	Other Info

### Take a few minutes to fill out the Location Information section as shown below:

The County/ City and Street fields are required. The additional fields are optional. See explanation.

	Location Information	He
Work Type	DRAINAGE WORK	
Done For	SAME Other	Info
County/City	ROANOKE CITY	
Place		
Subdiv	BLUE HILLS COMMUNICATION CENTERS	
Lot #		
Street	1830 BLUE HILLS DR NE	
Cross St 1	BLUE HILLS CIR NE	
Cross St 2		

#### **Optional fields**

- ✓ The Cross 1 field is not a required field; however, it is always beneficial to include the nearest intersecting street
- ✓ Cross 2 Optional
- ✓ The **Place** field is not a required field. If available, enter the name of the town or community within the county or city where the work is taking place
- ✓ The Subdiv (Subdivision) is also an optional field. You can enter the name of a residential subdivision or the name of a commercial property
- ✓ The Lot# field is entered when the property has not been assigned a street address (or there is an assigned street address with a lot number posted on site)



#### Boring and Blasting

The Boring and Blasting fields require an answer.

If you are using a boring machine or horizontal drill, then select "Y".

Boring? N y Blasting? N y White Paint? N y

If you are using explosives or blasting, then select "Y".

Boring? N y Blasting? N y White Paint? N y

#### White Paint



§ 56-265.17 E. In the event a specific location of the excavation cannot be given as required by subdivision 2 of § 56-265.18, prior to notifying the notification center pursuant to subsection A of this section, the person proposing to excavate or demolish shall mark the route or boundary of the site of the proposed excavation or demolition by means of white paint, if practical.

For Emergency tickets, "N" is automatically selected for White Paint. If the emergency excavation has been pre-marked with white paint or flags, then select "Y".

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#### EXCAVATION AREA

When the cursor enters the Excavation Area field, the "Is crew on site?" message box displays.

Cre	w On Site		
Is crew on site?			
		Yes	No

If the crew is already on site, select the "Yes" command to automatically populate the "CREW IS ON SITE" message.



Excavation Area	Help

If the crew is not currently on site, select the "No" command and enter the time the crew will be on site within the next 3 hours:

Excavation Area	Help
CREW WILL BE ON SITE AT AT 3:15 PM	

When completing the Excavation Area, it is important to define where on the property the emergency excavation is taking place. Keep in mind that you are describing where on the property the emergency excavation is taking place, not where you want the locators to locate or mark. Avoid using the word "Mark" or "Locate" in the description of excavation.

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STARTING AT THE FIRST ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING AND ENDING AT THE SECOND ENTRANCE, 20 FEET INTO THE ROAD	<b>B</b> =
FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT	E =
	D =
	<b>S</b> =
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Use the acronym **B.E.D.S** to describe where the emergency excavation will be taking place (linear): **B** = Beginning **E** = End **D** = Distance or direction **S** = What side or how far off edge of pavement Non-linear = use boundaries to describe the emergency excavation.

#### MAPPING

Draw the Notification Polygon to notify the utility operators that your emergency excavation may be taking place within the vicinity of their underground lines.

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Work Type	WATER MAIN - REPAIR, REPLACE OR ABANDON	
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Place		1800.2030
Subdiv		
Lot #		
Street	1830 BLUE HILLS CIR NE	
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# ACCURACY AND SAFETY

**Caution:** To ensure everyone's safety, always compare the Notification Polygon to the description of excavation to ensure that they match before releasing the ticket.

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#### **RELEASING THE TICKET**

Once you have compared the description of excavation to the Notification Polygon to ensure that they match, select **Get Mbrs** to display the list of utilities who will respond to your Emergency ticket.



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Get Mbrs Mbr Info	Add Rem Fit	Get	Mbrs Mbr Info		Add	Re	m Fit
		Code	Descrip	tion	Туре 🔺	L	Responses
		WVW853	WESTERN VA-W	TR&SWR	BG	G	
		ROA853	ROANOKE CITY	SIGNAL	0	S	
		COX668	COX COMMUNIC	ATIONS	0	S	
		RVB904	ROANOKE BRO	ADBAND	0	S	
		VZN804	VERIZON		0	S	
		AEP111	APPALACHIAN F	POWER	R	S	
		RGC540	ROANOKE GAS		Y	G	
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	Then s	elect the	Submit	comman	d.		

In the message box that appears, notice that the date matches the Locate/Due By Date.



If you need to make changes, select



Prior to submitting the ticket, a message box will appear that reminds users that locators can contact the excavator one of the three ways:

- locator may go straight to the job site to determine the need for marking.
- directly contacting the excavator by phone to clarify the emergency and determine the need to mark.
- the locator may post a response to positive response.

Submit Ticket Utilities are required to respond no later than Jul 09 @ 05:18 PM. Markings are valid until the emergency ceases to exist, but no longer than 15 working days. Locators will respond by going to the excavation site, contacting you by phone, or responding using the Positive Response System. Do you want to release this ticket?	
No Yes Select t	o release the ticket
Your Emergency ticket number is A119090002-00A Dig with CARE, Keep Virginia Safe!	
Select to a	<b>I</b> confirm the release

Congratulations! You have completed your training for emergency access on your WTE account!