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# SCUBA

# SC Utility Billing Association

Customer Service
Training and
Networking Lunch

Wednesday October 2, 2024

Cooperative
Conference Center
Columbia, SC

## **About SCUBA**

The South Carolina Utility Billing Association explores billing, collection and customer service issues related to municipal utility systems.

SCUBA provides customer service training and networking opportunities during the fall meeting in Columbia. The Association's multiday Annual Meeting is held in the spring and provides networking opportunities and training related to customer service, software, billing and more.

SCUBA's membership consists of customer service representatives, billing clerks, finance directors, accounting managers, meter technicians and others related to utility billing in a municipality.

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### **SCUBA Board**

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# **Upcoming Meeting**

SCUBA Annual Meeting March 10 – 12, 2024 Spartanburg, SC

South Carolina Utility Billing Association PO Box 12109 Columbia, SC 29211-2109

# Wednesday, October 2

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration

10:00 a.m. - noon

**Customer Service Workshop** 

Jeanne D'Orleans, Aligned Learning

Unleash Your Emotional Intelligence: Join us for an interactive workshop exploring how to recognize, understand and manage emotions to create outstanding customer experiences.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Networking Lunch** 

1:00 - 1:15 p.m.

**Break** 

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Anatomy of an Attack: How We Survived an Cyberattack on Utility Billing and How You Can Stop it From Happening In the First Place

Karl McCollester, Co-founder, GovPossible PBC

In 2021, Larry Thompson and Karl McCollester were working with a utility billing department and thought everything was going great... until the police department received a call from a federal agency. Hear what happened next, the lessons learned, and the free and low-cost changes you can make to your organization to keep it from happening to your team.

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Roundtable Discussions** 

Share ideas and best practices in these group discussions on topics ranging from water shutoffs to billing software and everything between.



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The South Carolina Utility Billing Association is an affiliate of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

# **Meeting Location**

Cooperative Conference Center (formerly Columbia Conference Center) 169 Laurelhurst Avenue Columbia, SC 29210 803.772.9811

# **Registration Information**

The registration deadline is Tuesday, September 24. Register online at www.masc. sc, or mail completed registration form with a check made payable Municipal Association of SC to:

> Municipal Association of SC PO Box 12220 Columbia, SC 29211 ATTN: SCUBA

Cancellations must be made by noon on September 24. Refunds will not be given after this date.

Remember to bring a sweater or jacket. Meeting rooms may be cool.

For registration questions, contact Christine Sumter at csumter@masc.sc or 803.933.1208.

# **Registration Form**

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#### Name Badge Information

The following information will appear on your name badge for this meeting.

| First name (example: Bill)           |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Full name (example: William J. Smith | h, Jr.)<br>Mr. Ms. Dr. |
| Title   New                          |                        |
| Local government/business name       |                        |

#### Contact Information

Please check one.

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| For additional attendees, me   | ake a copy of th      | is form.  |  |
| Registration Fee   |                       |           |  |

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