# **UTC Connection**

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## **Member News**

# **NETWORKS**

UTC'S CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Are you missing discussion posts from your peers? In your profile area, in NetWorks, under "My Account," choose "Community Notifications." Update your preferences to make sure you are receiving Real Time or Daily Digest.

Questions about using NetWorks? Contact <a href="mailto:membership@utc.org">membership@utc.org</a> for assistance!

# RENEW YOUR UTC 2018 MEMBERSHIP!

Hard copy membership notices for the 2018 membership year have been sent to the primary contact in UTC's database (to update your primary contact, please email membership@utc.org. This is a gentle reminder that UTC has moved the membership year to a calendar year from an October 1-September 30 format, which is a result of the need to align UTC's budget schedule with those of our members. The renewal notices for the 2018 membership year were mailed over the summer. Membership notices detailed 15 months of membership instead of 12 months to accommodate the move. Beginning in calendar year 2019 and thereafter, invoices will be on 12-month, calendar-year basis. Given that most of our members operate on calendar-year budgets; our hope is that this change will be a helpful one. If you have any questions, please contact Karnel Thomas or Tiffany Bennett at membership@utc.org.

Are you taking advantage of your UTC membership? Review the 2016 Annual Report to see the accomplishments through

## Attend a UTC Meeting Near YOU!



October 19-20, 2017 <u>Southwest Region 10 Fall Technical 2017</u> Phoenix, AZ



October 26-27, 2017

<u>Region 4 Great Lakes Meeting</u>

Columbus, OH

If you have any problems registering, please contact <a href="mailto:meetings@utc.org">meetings@utc.org</a>.

For vendor partners interested in exhibiting or sponsoring, please see the information for each meeting or contact <u>Cheryl Stratos</u>.

#### **UTC TELECOM & TECHNOLOGY**

#### Palm Springs, May 7 - 11, 2018, EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Save the date: UTC Telecom & Technology 2019

Fort Worth, Texas June 17-21, 2019

#### Participate in an Upcoming Webinar

Webinars are a terrific opportunity to gain exposure to a specific topic - all from the comfort of your own desk!

| IT/OT Committee            | October 18  | SCADA 101 for IT Professionals              |
|----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Region 8                   | October 26  | Distribution Automation Communications -    |
|                            |             | Lite  |
| Telecom Committee          | November 2  | Amateur Use of Frequencies Used by Power    |
|                            |             | Line Carrier Systems                        |
| Black & Veatch - Sponsored | November 15 | Distribution Reliability: Connecting it All |

For more information on upcoming webinars contact <u>Andrew Wheelock</u> Interested in presenting a webinar? Contact <u>Bob Lockhart</u>

#### **Committee Meetings and Information**

The latest information on UTC leadership and staff contacts can be found <u>HERE</u>. Brief descriptions of the committees/divisions/councils are below and we encourage you to participate and get involved!

### IT/OT

Facilitates the advancement of UTC's member intelligence across all utility types and strengthens the direction of IT/OT products and solutions.

Next Call: Wednesday, November 3, 2017 @ 1 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Bob Lockhart

## Knowledge and Learning

Provides strategic support to ensure focus, direction and support to the various Divisions/Committees within UTC. The goal is the creation and dissemination of clear, concise communication of UTC's experience and industry intelligence across all critical infrastructure types.

Next Call: Friday, November 3, 2017 @ 2 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Bobbi Harris

Serves as a core resource for recruiting and renewing UTC members. The Division has developed a membership engagement strategy and plan along with encouraging existing members who are excited and interested in promoting membership in UTC to engage in a peer-to-peer 2018 recruitment and retention. campaign.

Membership Division

Next Call: Friday, October 20, 2017 @ 11 AM EDT

Staff Liaison: Tiffany Bennett

Set up to establish, review and execute a compelling program of work that supports and advances UTC's issues and policy positions with legislators, regulators and utilities, including UTC members.

Public Policy Division

Next Call: Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 2 PM EDT

Staff Liaison: Sharla Artz

## **Regional Council**

Represents the membership of our 10 U.S. Regions. The UTC Regional Council strives to support and align with the overall mission and vision of the UTC organization, consistently throughout our regions.

Next Call: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @ 2 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Karnel Thomas

## Security, Risk, and Compliance Committee

UTC core member-only body, which is used to facilitate a member driven conversation centered on industry issues which rest upon the pillars of cyber, physical, and human security, risk and compliance. Committee scope includes IT, OT, telecom, physical security, and any other systems that utilities deploy.

Next Call: Friday October 20, 2017 @ 2 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Sharla Artz

A core resource for UTC staff, board of directors, committees and divisions around emerging technical topics which may span across multiple or previously unaddressed subject areas of existing committees. The division will guide questions and issues toward existing subject matter experts (SMEs) within the UTC organization and recruit new SMEs.

Technical Division

Next Call: Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 1 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Bob Lockhart

Focuses on specific industry related telecom issues, which may or may not include spectrum advocacy issues, technical reviews, or thought leadership through the development of white papers, presentations and webinars, etc.

Telecom Committee

Next Call: Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 1 PM EDT

Staff Liaison: Brett Kilbourne





Role is to promote opportunities for utilities to provide broadband services and deploy broadband networks in rural unserved and underserved areas through legislative and regulatory advocacy and liaisons with other interested organizations.

Next Call: Tuesday, October 17 @ 3 PM EDT Staff Liaison: Brett Kilbourne



Role is to provide thought leadership, advocacy with a unified industry voice, knowledge sharing, solutions development and educational opportunities for utility wireless collocation, joint use and fiber leasing.

#### **Next Calls:**

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @ 12 PM EDT - UtiliSite Joint Use call

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 12 PM EDT – UtiliSite Wireless Collection Meeting

Thursday, October 19 @ 12 PM EDT – UtiliSite Fiber Programs Staff Liaison: Bobbi Harris