



**Region 3 2025 Meeting  
Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront  
March 5-7 – event dates**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM                    REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST FOR ALL ATTENDEES**

**8:30 AM                    CALL TO ORDER, OPENING REMARKS & Housekeeping notes**

**9:00 AM                    UTC CEO Address**

**Speaker:                    Rusty Williams, President & CEO, UTC**

Join UTC President and CEO Rusty Williams as he discusses the latest things going on across the UTC association. The topics he plans to discuss include the development of the latest UTC Strategic Plan, the latest advocacy issues, the 2025 annual conference and many other topics. There will also be time for the members that are present to ask questions of Rusty and the other UTC staff at the meeting.

**10:00 AM                    Break**

**10:30 AM                    Advocacy Update**

**Speaker:                    Brett Kilbourne, Senior Vice President of Policy & General Counsel, UTC**

UTC continues to advocate at the FCC and Congress, as well as the states to promote the telecommunications and information technology interests of utilities. This session will provide an update on the latest developments in wireless, broadband, infrastructure and security policies. On the wireless front, there are emerging threats in terms of potential radiofrequency interference and there are new opportunities to access spectrum. Meanwhile, broadband funding presents opportunities for utilities and challenges from additional demands for access to utility pole, ducts, conduit and rights-of-way. Finally, additional security requirements are under consideration, including cyber incident reporting for critical infrastructure. Don't miss this important presentation from UTC, where you can ask your questions and provide your ideas on these emerging advocacy issues.

**11:30 AM                    Lunch**

**1:00 PM                    CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**1:15 PM                    UTC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1:45 PM                    State of the Union Utility Presentations**



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The State of the Union Presentation is an opportunity to give an update on staff, projects, and plans taking place at each utility. The presentations are generally more specific to the telecom and IT areas, but interesting and major projects in other departments will often be discussed as well. The presentations are a good way to promote discussion between utilities about ongoing projects, lessons learned, etc.

**2:15 PM                      Break**

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**2:30 PM                      REGION 3 BUSINESS MEETING**

**3:30 PM                      ADJOURN TO EXHIBIT HALL**

Please visit the Exhibit Hall hosted by our vendors between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM. This is an outstanding opportunity to see the latest technology in our industry, plus network with peers and vendor partners.

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM                      REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST FOR ALL ATTENDEES**

**8:30 AM                      INTRODUCTION OF TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS**

**8:45 AM                      University Session**

**9:45 AM                      Best Practices for Partnership of Utilities and Public Safety**

When disasters strike, they are agnostic to borders, jurisdictions, and responsibilities. This forces multiple agencies to have to work together aka communicate to return our civilizations back to normal. By leveraging best practices and proven technologies utilities and public safety agencies can develop multiple means of interoperable communication paths.

**10:45 AM                      BREAK**

**11:15 AM                      Simplifying Multi-layer Network Operations for Utilities**

Today's operation/planning teams face many obstacles: Slow, manual handoffs between IP & optical network operations teams; Long MTTR (Mean Time to Repair), service provisioning, network planning and suboptimal network designs with underutilization of IP and/or optical network assets There is a need for Intelligent network control that enables automation of operational tasks across multi-layer, multi-vendor infrastructure, throughout the entire network lifecycle, including optimization. This presentation will introduce an operations approach that offers a unified management interface that enables NOC users to easily Manage, Control and



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Plan their multi-layer networks, much more rapidly than they were able to do in the past. We will further how to simplify the complex tasks required to optimize multi-layer performance.

- 12:15 PM                    LUNCH**
- 1:30 PM                    Premier Sponsor - TBD**
- 2:30 PM                    BREAK**
- 3:00 PM                    Utility AI Governance Policy**

As utility continues its acceptance and use of AI technology. Oversight and governance are essential to managing the use of AI technology in day-to-day utility activities. This session will discuss how one utility implements policies and procedures for the effective use of AI.

- 4:00 PM                    Critical Infrastructure Battery Monitoring Roundtable**

This session will discuss the use of battery backup and related requirements to maintain battery supply.

- 5:00 PM                    ROUND TABLE, CLOSING STATEMENTS & ADJOURN**
- 5:30 PM                    NETWORKING EVENT - Cocktail reception**

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 AM                    BREAKFAST FOR ALL ATTENDEES**

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- 8:30 AM                    UTC Region 3 Members Meeting**  
Justin Hardy, Telecom Engineer, Southern Company, Region 3 Chair  
UTC Region 3 Meeting in Review  
Discussion Regarding Next Meeting  
Lessons Learned / “Pens Down” Roundtable/TARFU  
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