

2009 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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CFDA Number: 20.720

Award Number: DTPH56-09-G-PHPS03

Project Title: Georgia Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant award, the Georgia Public Service Commission will fund continued employment of the field investigator hired under the prior year grant.

Workscope

Element (7): Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate State authority.

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Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

The 2009 SDP Grant allowed for the continued employment of the field investigator hired under the 2008 SDP Grant. During this interim period of the 2009 grant, our field investigator continued to hone his investigative abilities as well as help to increase the presence of the Georgia Damage Prevention Program before public groups such as the Utility Coordinating Committees around the state as well as being the face of the Commission before trade groups in the state such as the Georgia Utility Contractors Assoc., The Plumbing & Mechanical Assoc., The Georgia Onsite Wastewater Assoc. and others. With managerial succession in the Commission’s Facilities Protection Unit becoming an issue, this person has been identified as one that the damage prevention program can be built on going forward. He will be entered into an apprentice program bringing him more into the issues and decision making process of the program so that succession may be accomplished in a seamless manner when the occasion arises.

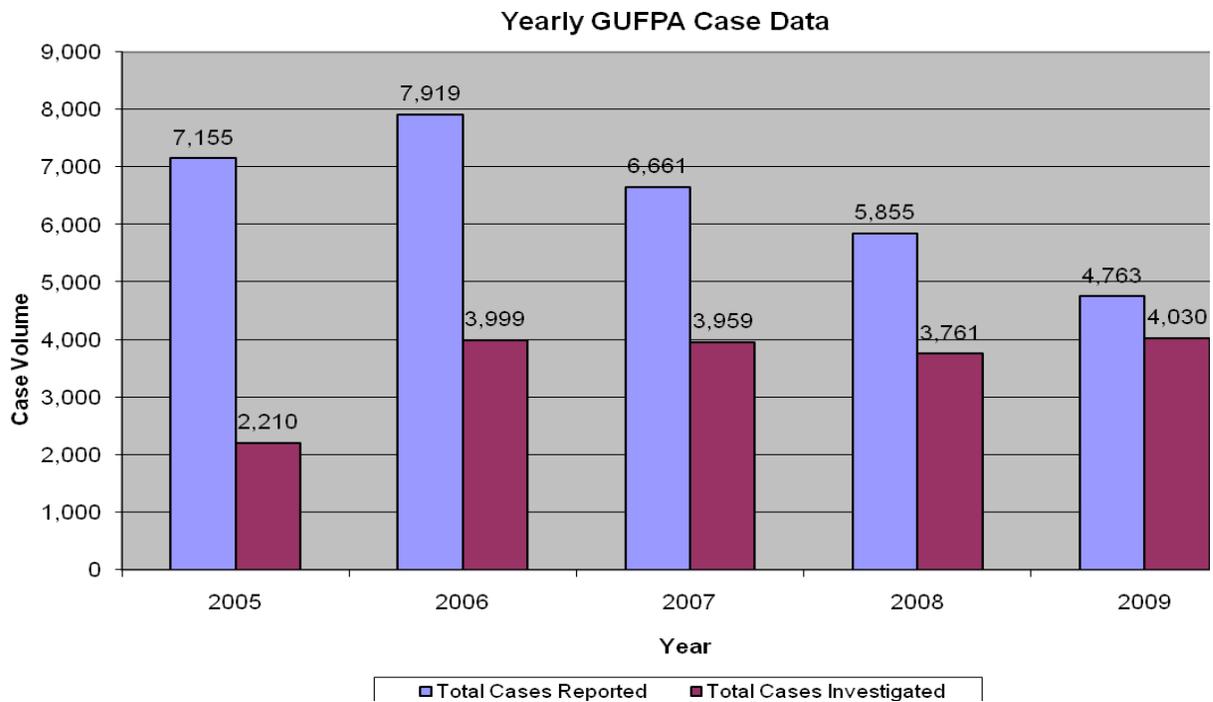
The damage prevention law in Georgia is an all inclusive law in that all buried utilities are subject to the provisions of the law and not just gas. With the assistance of the investigator hired with SDP funds, damage prevention efforts in 2009 saw all gas damages filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission addressed. The Georgia program suffered the loss of an experienced investigator during CY 2009. The person hired with funds from the SDP Grant softened the impact of that loss and actually allowed the program to flourish with investigations reaching an all time high. The next section includes data as to overall program performance for the past five years as well as a comparison of the investigative performance of the person hired with grant funds for the interim periods of the 2008 and 2009 grants. The performance of the person hired with grant funds is also compared to the overall program performance for like period.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

Several metrics were employed to measure effectiveness of the program. Metrics used included measures of Overall Five Year Program Data, Investigation Data 2008 and 2009, Penalties Data 2008 and 2009, and Presentation Data 2008 and 2009. Overall Five Year Program Data provides a comparison of total cases reported to total cases investigated for the past five years.

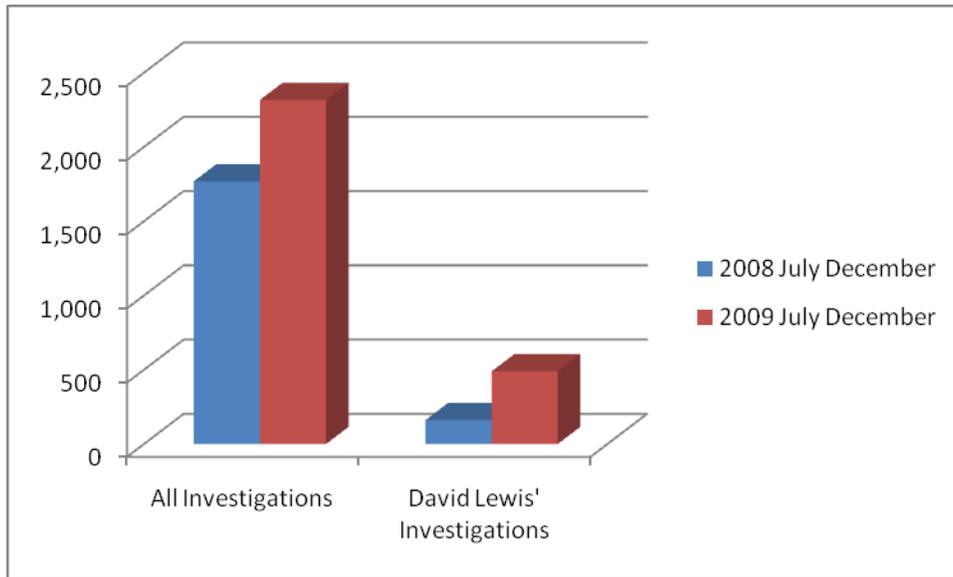
Investigation Data 2008 and 2009 provides a comparison of investigations performed by the individual funded by this grant and all investigations performed by Georgia PSC Staff. Penalties Data 2008 and 2009 provides a comparison of recommended penalties issued by the individual funded by this grant and all recommended penalties issued by Georgia PSC Staff. Presentation Data 2008 and 2009 demonstrates the trend in increased presentations by the individual funded by this grant to damage prevention groups with measurable increased attendance.

Overall Five Year Program Data



Yearly GUFPA Case Data Table			
Year	Total Cases Reported	Total Cases Investigated	Percent Cases Investigated
2005	7,155	2,210	31%
2006	7,919	3,999	50%
2007	6,661	3,959	59%
2008	5,855	3,761	64%
2009	4,763	4,030	85%
Cumulative Totals:	32,353	17,959	56%

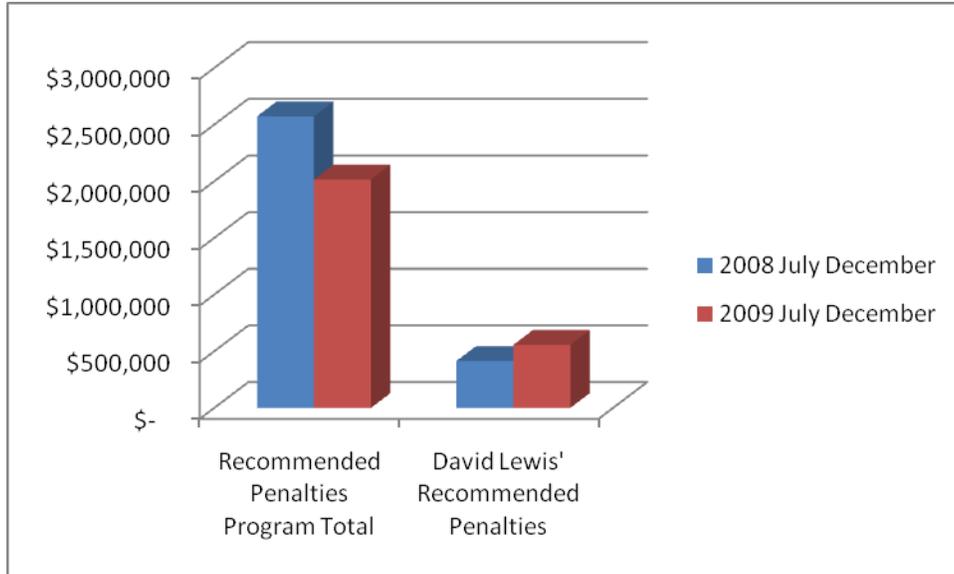
Investigation Data 2008 and 2009



GUFPA Investigation - Grant Data

Year	Begin	End	Investigations Program Total	David Lewis' Investigators	David Lewis Percentage of All Investigations
2008	July	December	1,768	160	9.0%
2009	July	December	2,316	489	21.1%
Cumulative Totals:			4,084	649	15.9%

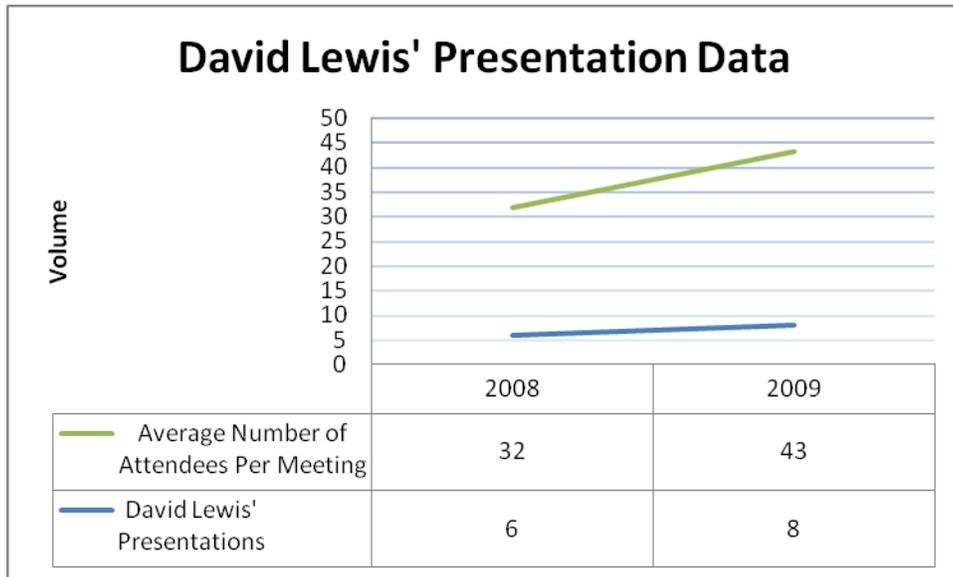
Penalties Data 2008 and 2009



GUFPA Investigation - Grant Data

Year	Begin	End	Recommended Penalties Program Total	David Lewis' Recommended Penalties	David Lewis Percentage of Recommended Penalties
2008	July	December	\$ 2,572,750	\$ 414,000	16.1%
2009	July	December	\$ 2,015,500	\$ 556,500	27.6%
Cumulative Totals:			\$ 4,588,250	\$ 970,500	21.2%

Presentation Data 2008 and 2009



GUFPA Investigation - Grant Data					
Year	Begin	End	David Lewis' Presentations	Number of Presentation Attendees	Average Number of Attendees Per Meeting
2008	July	December	6	191	32
2009	July	December	8	346	43
Cumulative Totals:			14	537	38

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met.”)

There are no issues or problems at this time.

Mid-term Financial Status Report - Breakdown of Costs

Object Class Categories	Amount
a. Personnel	\$ 24,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,873.53
c. Travel	\$ 734.22
d. Equipment	\$ 3,248.70
e. Supplies	
f. Contractual	
g. Construction	
h. Other	\$ 2,222.45
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h)	\$ 39,078.90
j. Indirect Charges	
k. TOTALS (sum of i and j)	\$ 39,078.90