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## Surf Internet's Patrick McCauley Appointed to Indiana 811 Board

ELKHART, Ind. (July 9, 2024) – Surf Internet<sup>®</sup>, a leading internet service provider, is proud to announce the appointment of Patrick McCauley, Senior Director of OSP Construction, to the board of Indiana 811. The appointment underscores McCauley's dedication to infrastructure safety and Surf Internet's commitment to excellence in telecommunications.

Indiana 811, which runs the statewide "Call Before You Dig" initiative, serves to ensure the safety of excavation projects. Before any underground digging begins, individuals or contractors are required to contact Indiana 811. This crucial step helps prevent accidental damage to utility lines such as gas, electric, or telecommunications cables.

As a newly appointed member of the Indiana 811 board, McCauley brings deep experience and expertise in infrastructure management. His role involves active participation in various committees focused on damage prevention, legislative matters, and overall infrastructure safety enhancement.

Surf CEO Gene Crusie praised the appointment, saying "Our dedication to the customers and communities we serve isn't just about providing high-speed fiber-optic internet. Our mission includes being mindful of the role we play in underground construction, safety, and reliability across the Great Lakes region. This is an opportunity to help our company and the state of Indiana lead the way in safety for all types of construction. I have no doubt that Pat will add tremendous value to the organization as a board member."

Expressing his enthusiasm for the new role and its alignment with Surf Internet's mission, McCauley said, "It's an honor both personally and professionally to be appointed to the board. Having a seat at the table allows Surf to play an active role in shaping safety and damage prevention measures moving forward. This appointment underscores our commitment to excellence and allows us to enact positive change, benefiting both our company and our contractors."

McCauley's board position allows Surf Internet to contribute to industry-wide safety initiatives, benefiting customers, communities, and Indiana.

## About Surf Internet

Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The company is building a bridge to the wide-open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf's 250-plus person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Naperville, Coal City, and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at <a href="https://surfinternet.com">https://surfinternet.com</a>.





Caption: Patrick McCauley, Senior Director of OSP Construction at Surf Internet, appointed to the board of Indiana 811.