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Baldwin County, AL — Safety representatives from Baldwin County's growing municipalities are now meeting quarterly to share resources, training opportunities, and collaborate on community safety initiatives.

The Baldwin County Safety Alliance aims to establish a clear line of communication among local utilities, contractors, and municipalities through shared experiences. The Alliance is growing and developing into a strong network, said Justin Frasier, Riviera Utilities' Safety and Risk Superintendent, and they currently have representatives from the City of Fairhope, the City of Foley, Daphne Utilities, North Baldwin Utilities, Gulf Shores Utilities, the City of Robertsdale, and the City of Gulf Shores.

Organized by Riviera Utilities, the Alliance's meetings cover annual training requirements like gas leak recognition, trench safety, confined space hazards, roadside safety, and state compliance requirements.

"At the end of the day, when we are faced with a natural disaster or emergency, all of us will be working together to rebuild," Frasier said. "I want this group to get into the 'meat and potatoes' of safety protocol and processes so we can be prepared for anything."

In addition to covering training and equipment, the Alliance discussed innovative ways to partner with other city and county emergency departments, like fire and police to streamline crisis response to real-world incidents like active shooter scenarios, tackling the spread of counterfeit money, and community growth pains — to name just a few.

"There's no reason for us to work in a silo, because no agency can do it alone," Frasier said. "We are looking forward to watching this group learn together as we work toward a safer, stronger Baldwin County for everyone."

Riviera Utilities is a public utility company serving the South Baldwin and the Eastern Shore communities. For media requests or for more information about Riviera, please email communications@rivierautilities.com.