



2026 Great Lakes

Damage Prevention Conference & Expo

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PRESENTED BY MISS DIG 811



Joe Funke

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Gas Filled Occupancy Response



Tues. 2/3



11:00 a.m.



Banquet Rooms 5 & 6

Joe Funke is a Gas Service Zone Senior Manager at Consumers Energy, supporting field crews who respond to gas emergencies, including gas-filled occupancies. He works closely with frontline employees responsible for making critical, time-sensitive decisions to protect public safety. Joe emphasizes a strong safety culture grounded in real-world conditions, clear communication, and consistent field practices. His leadership approach focuses on empowering crews through active listening, accountability, and teamwork, while balancing operational demands within a union environment and supporting safe, effective emergency response in the field.