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Damage Prevention Conference & Expo

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Jai Kalayil

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811 Chicago - Successful Framework for Damage Reduction



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10:00 a.m.



Banquet Rooms 1 & 3

Jai Kalayil grew up in Kerala, India, before moving to Chicago to pursue his undergraduate education. After attaining a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Illinois, at Chicago (1991), Jai began his career with the City of Chicago overseeing construction projects as a public way inspector. Following his time in the field, Jai was prompted to Supervising Engineer overseeing the Office of Underground Coordination (OUC) and 811 Chicago. Notably, Jai implemented the One Call damage investigation and adjudication process, resulting in Chicago having one of the lowest utility damage rates in the country. Currently, Jai is the Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Management where he oversees a staff of 80+ who manage right of way permitting, plan review, One Call, and right of way inspections. In addition to his duties as a supervisor, Jai has launched several new technologies to improve the efficiency of operations and provided engineering expertise for significant projects in Chicago. Jai is the proud father of two children.