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The "Scoop" on Damage Prevention November, 2010

Special points of interest:

- * Altus Air Force Base Joins OOC.
- * Agrifest coming soon
- * Thought for 2011

Round table meeting leads to Altus base joining OOC

Call Okie 's Damage Prevention Team is happy to announce that yet another one of Oklahoma's Air Force Bases has registered to become a member of "Call Okie."

Oklahoma's Air Force Bases are a unique situation when it come to *The Oklahoma underground facilities damage prevention act*. Air force bases are exempt because they are a state/government agency. This being said, many airforce agencies own and/or operate underground facilities and communication between the 'base owned" facilities and facilities operated by One Call members has been limited in the past.

It was brought to the attention of Brenda Hoefar, Northern Division Damage Prevention Manager, that Altus Air Force was not marking

their underground facilities when projects on the base involved facilities owned by other entities who WERE members of Call okie . The member company would follow the proper procedures of making the call, waiting the required time, respecting the marks and digging with care, however, because the facilities owned by the base were not marked, potential danger could be present.

A round table meeting between Altus Air Force Base personnel and Call Okie member company representatives from AT&T, CenterPoint Energy, as well as, Oklahoma One-Call representatives- Brenda Hoefar, Jerry West, and Naomi Martinez took place on November 16. The meeting's primary goals were to familiarize the base personnel with the One-Call law and procedures and to establish communication between all of the parties that might be involved with any excavation project on the base.



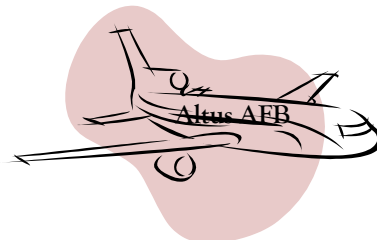
The meeting's goals were met and Brenda , Jerry, and Naomi are happy to report that Altus Air force base has officially become a member of Oklahoma One-Call.

Brenda Hoefar would like to express a big "THANK YOU" to Kory Kirby , CenterPoint Energy and Chuch Wood , AT&T for their help with this meeting.

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All 4 Oklahoma Air Force Bases are now members of Oklahoma One Call. By working together we all make Oklahoma a safer place.



DP is Gearing of for 2011 Training Events

Brenda Hoefar and Jerry West, along with OPAL will again travel the state preaching the dig safely and the pipeline message at over 40 training events beginning January 11, 2011.

Last year Damage Prevention spoke to over 700 county employees and the 2011 attendance numbers are projected to be even higher.

The schedule will be finalized in the upcoming months and will be available on the Call Okie website.



County Employee Safety Program in Duncan 2009

Call Okie featured in Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Assoc. Quarterly Publication

Below is the article that was featured in the ONLA publication

**By Jerry West
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Public Awareness and
Damage Prevention
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Spring and Fall always bring out many homeowners, farmers and excavators in Oklahoma who are starting that long list of chores such as

landscaping and outdoor projects and the potential for accidentally severing underground facilities increase. Hidden dangers such as; power lines, gas lines, communication cables, water lines and sewer lines lie just a few inches under your feet.

"Digging up utility lines is more embarrassing, it's also dangerous. Damaging vital underground services can cause you and your neighbors to be without service, or worse it can easily injure or cause death," Oklahoma One-Call

Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Manager, Jerry West, said.

Now there is an easier and quick way to contact Call Okie by just **Dialing 811**. Play it smart whenever you plan to dig. Learn where all those lines are by making one phone call. The service is free. It makes good sense to call. How can you and your neighbors afford not to call?

Dig Safely.

Do you know?

What is the number One cause of damage to underground facilities in the United States?

Answer:

Because the excavator did not notify the One-Call.



KNID Radio is the producer of the KNID AGRIFEST, the fastest growing agricultural show in the state of Oklahoma. For the past eleven years the show has been a complete sell-out.

Call Okie's Red Carpet Country's Damage prevention council will be manning the Call Okie booth at this event January 7 & 8 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center, in Enid, Oklahoma.



**“The Inside Scoop”
Other DP activities**

North

- **November 5 Treasurers Review of 2011 Budget**
- **November 10 Wanzek Construction Wind Farm Meeting**
- **November 16 Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council Meeting**



South

- November 5 Treasurers Review of 2011 Budget
- November 15th Altus Air Force Engineer Meeting
- November 17th Ft. Sill Corps of Engineers Meeting

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Ideas/Pictures needed for 2011 presentations

Brenda Hoefar and Jerry West are in the process of developing the 2011 training presentation to be given to county employees, contractors, excavators, civic groups etc. They would like to revamp the 2011 presentation with new ideas and pictures so that its has an entirely different look and feel.

They would appreciate your ideas and feedback.

Any pictures, articles, visual aids that anyone might have to enhance the presentation would be greatly appreciated.

