

# The Scoop on Damage Prevention



November 2011



## New for 2012...Taking the Damage Prevention message to the Public Works and Excavators

The Northern and Southern Damage Prevention Team are excited about the Damage Prevention Program for 2012. Call Okie and the Damage Prevention Councils are partnering with local underground facility companies to sponsor a Public Works Employee Safety Program for all **Municipalities** and **Public Works Employees**. The program is very similar to the successful 2011 County Employee Safety programs which reached over 1000 county commissioners, equipment operators and their employees. *The programs will be offered* during the months of **February thru May**. Attendees will have an increased awareness of the underground facility dangers that exist and the importance of using the State's One-Call notification system.

### Get Informed!

Attending these programs will educate decision making personnel and employees on how to avoid costly mistakes when excavating near underground facilities. Call Okie will explain the key steps and identify the common mistakes associated with every day excavations.

### Some of what attendees will learn...

*When to Call*  
*Types of Tickets*  
*Dealing with accident investigations*  
*What is Dial 811?*

### What's Next....

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**COMING SOON!!**

## Mark your Calendar for .... *The Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit*

October 1-3, 2012  
Embassy Suites Norman-Hotel and Conference Center  
Norman, Oklahoma

Interested in more information about attendees, workshops, exhibitors, sponsorship, etc. Visit the web site below.

<http://www.oklahoma.damagepreventionsummit.com/>



## Northern Division Activities

Red Carpet    Green    Frontier

### November

11/09 - PEDPC Council Mtg in OKC

11/11 - Damage Prevention Summit Mtg, Chesapeake Energy

11/18 - Call Okie Board of Directors Mtg, Tulsa

*“Integrity is  
doing the  
right thing,  
even if  
nobody  
is watching”*

*Unknown Author*



#### November 25, 2011 Festival of Lights Cordell, OK

Great Plains DPC and Call Okie were a parade exhibitor in the Festival of Lights. The annual premier Christmas festival for Cordell, is held on the weekend of Thanksgiving. The buildings in the historic downtown are framed with white lights and the Washita County Courthouse and lawn come alive with festive lighted figures. Retailers remain open for shopping around the square. You may take a ride in a horse drawn carriage and have your picture taken with Santa. When the sun goes down the Parade of Lights begins! All entries in the parade are required to be lighted which makes for a wonderful, colorful parade! The Call Okie Float won second place in the parade.



### Upcoming Events

12/07 - Green Country Damage Prevention Council  
Sapulpa, OK

12/08 thru 12/10 - Tulsa Farm Show,  
Quick Trip Center, Tulsa, OK

12/14 - Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council,  
Enid, OK



### Mark Your Calendar Public Education Damage Prevention Council

#### Next Meeting

**January 18, 2012**

**10 AM**

Call Okie Office  
2831 NW 59th St  
OKC, OK 73112

## Southern Division Activities

Arbuckle    Great Plains    Kiamichi

### November



**November 3, 2011  
ATT & Seminole County Safety Meeting  
Wellness Center  
Seminole, OK**

The Damage Prevention Team and AT&T were invited to speak at Seminole Co. #2's monthly safety meeting in November. The meeting included commissioners, safety directors, Seminole Emergency Management and employees representing districts 1, 2 & 3. Chuck Wood, AT&T Manager-Damage Prevention, discussed the importance of the marks provided by locators in the field. Chuck also explained the consequences and cost associated with damages resulted from negligence during excavations. Leslie Carter, Call Okie Damage Prevention Event Coordinator, presented a brief overview of the One-Call process for excavators.

**11/10 - USIC/ATT Mtg OKC**

**11/14 - USIC/ATT Mtg Tulsa**

**11/16 - GPDPC Centerpoint Energy Office, Lawton**

**11/17 - KCDPC BP Facility, Wilburton**

### Upcoming Events

**12/2 - Arbuckle Damage Prevention Council Mtg, Durant**

### Kiamichi Country is getting the word out...

**Bartt Bradford Service Tech III  
Centerpoint Energy McAlester**

*"Centerpoint Energy sees the value in the Call Okie 811 number and we are promoting it to the geographical areas for our customers".*



**Brett Roberts  
Supervisor of  
Operations SE Area  
ONG Hugo**

*"placing the 811 decals on our company vehicles was an easy decision for Oklahoma Natural Gas. We determined that this was the best way to promote the message with excavators, our employees and the entire community".*

***Before you  
start your  
excavation  
Call Okie 48  
hours before  
you  
dig....it's the  
Law!***

Call Okie Before  
You Dig...Dial 811

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"Call Before You Dig"

Know a contractor  
that would benefit  
from Call Okie  
training.  
Contact your  
Damage Prevention  
Manager!



## Our Mission

To provide quality underground damage prevention and communication  
services in the great state of Oklahoma.



The 2011 holiday season is approaching fast giving us time to count our blessings, attend fun filled parties and celebrations, listen to joyful music, and time to renew ties with family and friends. Unfortunately, with the holidays come increased numbers of household accidents and driving mishaps. But there is good news. Many of these accidents can be avoided by taking a few simple precautions. Here are some ways to help your family and you enjoy one of the best gifts of all... safety.

### Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Make sure you have at least one detector installed on each level of your home. Test them frequently. Make a fire escape plan. Establish two escapes routes for each room. Hold regular fire drills, it's the best way to make sure that everyone knows what to do in case of a fire.

### Trees, Plants and Decorations

Purchase fresh Christmas trees. Needles and branches should not be brittle. Use a sturdy stand and water daily. Do not block the escape paths in your home. Small children may think that holiday plants look good enough to eat. Keep all of these plants out of children's reach. Check electrical lights and cords. Replace frayed or cracked or worn cords. Do not place cords under rugs or furniture. Unplug lights when you leave or go to bed.

### Fireplaces and Candles

You should not try to burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or in a wood stove to dispose of them. They are likely to flare out of control and send flames and smoke into the room. Also, do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because it often contains metallic materials that can be toxic if burned. Candles should never be left unattended. Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or with any potentially flammable item.

### Alcohol, Parties and Driving

Being a smart party host or guest should include being sensible about alcoholic drinks. More than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related. **Every 33 minutes** someone dies in an alcohol related crash. Do not drink and drive or ride with drivers who drink. Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party. **If you plan to drive, the best advice is "don't drink."**

### Toys and Gifts

Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Be sure anything you give them is too big to get caught in the throat, nose or ears. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off.

### Food and Cooking

Wash hands, utensils, sink, and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry. Watch out for children in the kitchen while cooking. Keep handles on the pots and pans on stovetops turned so they cannot reach and pull down. Keep hard candy and peanuts out of the reach of children.

### Stress

The holiday season is one of the most stressful times of the year. You can't avoid stress completely, but you can give yourself some relief. Allow enough time to shop rather than hurry through stores and parking lots. Only plan to do a reasonable number of errands. Take time out for yourself. Relax, read, or enjoy your favorite hobby at your own pace.

**Always use safety belts and child safety seats...Take safety to heart!**