

# The Scoop on Damage Prevention



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## Oklahoma One Call

### 2013 Safety Training

#### Communicating Proper Locating Practices

The Damage Prevention Team has been traveling the state speaking to public works employees, county employees, contractors and excavators or anyone who needs a safety training or speaker..

Getting the “Dig Safely” message to as many people in Oklahoma as possible is very important for keeping the people and the underground facilities in the State of Oklahoma safe. During the Month of March Brenda and Jerry have visited the City of Okmulgee, Kay County Districts 1, 2 & 3 and the City of Langston.

Call Okie’s Damage Prevention focus for 2013 has been “Communicating Proper Locating Practices”. Anyone

who is paid to move dirt must use the state’s notification system (Call Okie) 48 business hours before planned excavation. Everyone needs to know the proper procedures and responsibilities that are required of them when they make the 811 call.



Kay County  
March 1st  
Ponca City

#### Upcoming Training Dates

**April 4th**  
City of Gore  
Town Hall

**May 8th**  
OKC Water Line  
Maint.

#### February thru March

	2013 YTD				2012 YTD		
	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs		RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs
County / Public Works Employees	378	342			472	433	
Member Company's					2	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>474</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>11</b>

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**The Tulsa Home & Garden Show**

The Tulsa Home and Garden show is one of the biggest events that the Green Country Damage Prevention Council volunteers for. On March 7-10 Lisa Fox, Level 3 Communications, Rebecca Barberousse, Enbridge, Allen Niblett, Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Co., Ryan & Doug MacMillan, Jerry West, Brenda Hoefar, Call Okie and Phillip Howery, City of Tulsa all volunteered their time to work the booth at this event. The attendance for this event was estimated at 100,000. Now that's a lot of people who were exposed to the "Dig Safely Message!"

**The Oklahoma City Outdoor Living Show**

The Oklahoma City Outdoor Living show was held at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds March 22-24. Representatives from the Frontier Country Damage Prevention Council who manned the Call Okie Booth at this event were: Brenda Hoefar - Call Okie, Gary Loeffelholz - City of Norman, Rebecca Barberousse - Enbridge and Jim Zmek and Mike Dillard - Oklahoma Natural Gas. The estimated attendance for this event was 150,000.

**K101 Woodward Farm Expo**

Red Carpet Country Damage Prevention Council members volunteered

their time at the Call Okie booth at the K101 Woodward Farm Expo. Representatives working the booth at this event were: Todd Eitzen, CenterPoint, Brenton Mayfield, Western Farmers Electric, and Dee Rader, Northwest Electric Coop. Over 25,000 attendees were exposed to Call Okie trinkets and brochures

**CGA Annual Conference**

Brenda Hoefar Damage Prevention Manager and Leah White Marketing and Communications Manager for Call Okie attended the CGA Annual Conference in West Palm Beach Florida March 11-15.

In its eighth year, the CGA 811 Excavation Safety Conference is produced by Infrastructure Resources, LLC., with the endorsement sponsorships and partnerships of major organizations in the excavation industry. This conference has become the largest gathering of damage prevention and excavation personnel. The conference offered many educational, networking and informational opportunities.



Jim Zmek and Mike Dillard at the OKC Home Show

**Public Education  
 Damage Prevention Council  
 &  
 Frontier Council**

**Next Meeting**

**May 15th  
 Call Okie Office  
 2851 NW 59th, OKC, OK**

**March**

- Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council Meeting date TBA
- 3/6 Green Country Damage Prevention Council Freddie's in Sapulpa
- 3/7 thru 10 Tulsa Home & Garden Show
- 3/11 thru 15 CGA Conference West Palm Beach, Florida
- 3/22 thru 24 OKC Home and Garden Show
- 3/22 thru 24 Woodward Farm Expo
- 3/27 Call Okie Annual Meeting & Frontier Country/PEDPC

3/28 City of Owasso Safety Training Mtg

**April**

- 4/4 City of Gore Safety Training
- 4/16 USIC Luncheon
- 4/17 Green Country DPC
- 4/18 Southern Plains Farm Show
- 4/19 Operating Committee
- 4/24 Red Carpet DPC
- 4/26 Farm Safety Day, Enid
- 4/26 Earth Day, Grove

**South Division  
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March & April Activities**



**Southern DPC  
Southwest Oklahoma  
Home Builders  
Association Lawton  
March 23-25, 2013**

The Great Plains Damage Prevention Council (GPDPC) was an exhibitor at the Lawton Home Builders Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Home & Garden Show, March 23-25, located in the Lawton Coliseum. The event displayed numerous vendors' displaying home and lawn projects to over 5,000 homeowners, landscapers, farmers and many other potential excavators.

From landscaping to interior design, Lawton's Home and Garden Show has everything you need to tackle those home improvement projects. It kicked off Friday at the Great Plains Coliseum with over 100 vendors set up.

Coordinators say the purpose is to bring all of the different businesses to one spot where shoppers can get everything they need.

"Kind of put it all together where they can look at energy efficient items and learn what's new out there in the mar-

ketplace, maybe upgrade their home in some way that would help them with their pocket books," said SWOK Home Builders Association President, Doug Ade.

The show is put on by the Southwest Oklahoma Home Builders Association. They claim this event has vendors and workshops for the whole family to enjoy.

The GPDPC volunteers for this event were Jennifer Kritz and Jeff Hart, Cotton Electric COOP, Walters, Judy McConnell and Teresa Crabtree City of Lawton; Rick Hoskins Centerpoint Energy McAlester, Daniel and Chad Smith Fidelity Communications. The volunteers educated and distributed information to homeowners advising them to DIAL 811 prior to their excavation projects.



<b>March</b>	
3/1 Kay County Safety Mtg Ponca City	4/4 City of Gore Safety Mtg 4/4 USIC OKC
3/6 City of Langston Safety Mtg	4/5 thru 4/7 SW Farm & Home Expo Elk City
3/8-10 Tulsa Home & Garden Expo	4/9 thru 4/11 ORWA, Tulsa
3/12 City of Newcastle Safety Mtg	4/16 USIC Tulsa
3/22-24 SW Home Builders Lawton	4/19 Operating Committee OKC
3/27 Call Okie Annual Mtg	4/21 thru 4/23 MESO Public Power Conference, MWC
3/28 City of Owasso Safety Mtg	4/26 thru 4/28 Mangum Rattlesnake Derby
<b>April</b>	
4/3 OKDL Awards Blue Room State Capitol	4/29 thru 5/1 APWA, MWC

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

**Know a contractor that would benefit from  
Call Okie training??  
Contact Call Okie Damage Prevention Manager.**

## Oklahoma One Call

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*To Provide quality  
underground dam-  
age prevention and  
communication  
services in the great  
state of Oklahoma.*



## Mark Your Calendar



## Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit

**September 30th thru October 2nd, 2013  
Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma**

The Summit is for all those interested in keeping Oklahoma a safer place to live and work. Attendees will include stakeholders such as gas and pipeline representatives, professional excavators, locators, electric company personnel, water and wastewater operators. Communications representatives and municipalities representatives will also benefit from the Summit.



## CALL OKIE ANNUAL MEETING



Call Okie held their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at the Express Event Center on NW Highway in Oklahoma City. This event is a yearly opportunity for stakeholders to learn and network with other stakeholders about the previous years activities at Oklahoma One Call. Each department presents the years accomplishments as well as their ideas for the future.

Approximately 85 stakeholders and Call Okie staff attend this event.