

The Scoop on Damage Prevention



July 2011

County Meeting Update

2011 has been a very successful year. During the months of January thru June the “Call Before you Dig” message has been delivered to 866 county employees and commissioners in 28 meetings. Which is an increase from last year of 504 attendees in 19 meetings. During the months of August and September adhoc meetings will be scheduled for those counties who were not able to attend a regular scheduled meeting due to the weather or other circumstances.

Listed below are the meetings that are currently scheduled for August. By the end of September we should have doubled our meetings from last year and we should exceed more than 1,100 attendees. A special thank you to the County Commissioners and Safety Directors who allow their employees to attend.



Alfalfa/Woods



Washita

What's Next....

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August County Meetings

August 4th 10:30am
Oklahoma Co Dist #2
County Barn
7105 S Anderson Rd
OKC

August 11th 10:30am
Delaware County
NE technology Center
450 N Hwy 59
Kansas, OK

August 18th 10:30am
Bryan County
Community Center
1901 S 9th St
Durant

August 10th 10:30am
Johnston County
Johnston County Fair Barn
OSU Extension
1301 S Airport Rd
Tishomingo

August 16th 10:30am
Garfield County
Autry Technology Center
1201 W Willow
Enid

August 19th 10:30am
Atoka County
Lane Community Center
Hwy 3 (SE going out of Atoka)
Lane

COUNTY CHECK GIVE AWAY

During the regular training year from January thru June each attendee had an opportunity to register their district for a \$1,000 drawing at the end of the regular training year.

And the winner is..... Marshall County District #2. Aaron Vanderburg was the employee who registered District #2 for the drawing which will take place on Monday, August 1st at 11am. Congratulations!!! Thanks you for your support.



*“In matters of style,
swim with the
current; in matters
of principle, stand
like a rock.”*

Thomas Jefferson

Northern Division Activities

Red Carpet Green Frontier

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 2011

Aug 3rd 10:30am - Frontier DPC
Call Okie Office

Aug 10th 10:30am - Green Country DPC
Freddie's Steakhouse, Sapulpa

Aug 17th 10:30am - Red Carpet DPC
K Bob's Steakhouse, Woodward

Aug 31st 9:30am to 11:30am
Hazard Mitigation Committee
OKC

Southern Division Activities

Arbuckle Great Plains Kiamichi



Eufaula is ready for another **Whole Hawg Festival July 29-30**. The 2-day festival brings in four times the population of the town of Eufaula, expecting at least 20,000 people. The event has over 120 exhibitors, vendors including, crafts, antiques, food and concessions. The event includes a “Rust to Riches” car show with over 300 vintage vehicles and hot rods.

The event is a great tool for Call Okie to reach homeowners, farmers, and professional excavators. The event is made possible because of the volunteers from the Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council. Volunteers for this event are Naomi Raines, Kenneth Morris and Larry Vest BP Wilburton, Brett Roberts ONG Hugo, Danny Turnage ONG Idabel and Rod Miller ONG Durant.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 2011

Aug 3rd 9:30am to 12pm - ODOT Survey Mtg
ODOT Training Facility, OKC

Aug 17th 1pm to 4pm - Pottawatomie LEPC
Shawnee Expo Center



Mark Your Calendar
Public Education Damage Prevention Council

Next Meeting

September 14th

10:30am

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

Damage Prevention's focus for 2011: the 9 elements of an effective damage prevention program. In our opinion it's only a matter of time before some changes will take place concerning the effectiveness of the One Call's Damage Prevention Program. In Tennessee the General Assembly passed Public *Chapter 470, Acts of 2009*, directing Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to study the effectiveness of Tennessee's current underground utility damage prevention program. The results of this study were emailed to all of the Damage Prevention Councils by Brenda Hoefar; however, we feel that one important aspect of this study deserves print space in our newsletter.

9 Elements of an Effective Damage Prevention Program

1. Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of methods for establishing and maintaining effective communications between stakeholders from receipt of an excavation notification until successful completion of the excavation as appropriate.
2. A process for fostering and ensuring the support and partnership of stakeholders, including excavators, operators, locators, designers, and local government in all phases of the program.
3. A process for reviewing the adequacy of a pipeline operator's internal performance measures regarding persons performing locating services and quality assurance programs.
4. Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of effective employee training programs to ensure that operators, the One-Call center, the enforcing agency, and the excavators have partnered to design and implement training for the employees of operators, excavators, and locators.
5. A process for fostering and ensuring active participation by all stakeholders in public education for damage prevention activities.
6. A process for resolving disputes that defines the state authority's role as a partner and facilitator to resolve issues.
7. Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate state authority.
8. A process for fostering and promoting the use, by all appropriate stakeholders, of improving technologies that may enhance communications, underground pipeline locating capability and gathering and analyzing information about the accuracy and effectiveness of location programs.
9. A process for review and analysis of the effectiveness of each program element, including a means for implementing improvements identified by such program reviews.

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

"Call Before You Dig"

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Dial 811
"Call Before You Dig"



Our Mission

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

During the months of July and August the Marketing department has increased efforts to emphasis the "Call Before You Dig" and 811.

The week of July 25h thru 29th Jerry West & Brenda Hoefar from Damage Prevention joined Leah White in Marketing, traveling on the road with KOCO Channel 5 for the "5 on the Road Helping Hands Tour". 811 month begins on August 1st, the marketing department has sent out a press release and increasing ads across the state to promote 811 month.



Monday 25th
Enid

Tuesday 26th
Weatherford

Wednesday 27th
Ponca City

Thursday 28th
Chickasha

Friday 29th
Piedmont

**AUGUST 2011 (8/11) SERVES AS CONVENIENT REMINDER
FOR OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS TO ALWAYS
CALL 811 BEFORE DIGGING**

Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. encourages people to make a free call 48 business hours before digging to have their underground facilities located.

August 2011 Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. (Call Okie) hopes this month will serve as a natural reminder for residents to call 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. As reported by the Common Ground Alliance, an underground utility line is damaged during digging projects once every three minutes nationwide.

