

# The Scoop on Damage Prevention



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## 2012 Safety Training Update

2012 has been a successful year in delivering the "Call Before You Dig" message to over 783 Public Works, County Employees and Contractors.

Call Okie was invited to speak at Circle B Underground employee safety meeting in Bristow on July 11th. Circle B has additional locations in Durant and Sapulpa, specializing underground utility construction. They have more than 10 years of experience installing virtually every type of underground utility using "open-cut" and "directional boring" methods.

Circle B Underground has successfully completed projects for customers such as Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG), as well as multiple City Governments and Federal Projects across the state. Circle B Underground is the exceptional choice to handle

virtually any underground utility project. They are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of quality, safety, and reliability for their customers and employees.

During the months of January thru July 20 training meetings have been conducted and Call Okie is scheduling more meetings for the Fall. If you know of a contractor, Public Works Department or County Employees who would benefit from the training, please let us know.



January thru July								
2012 YTD			2011 YTD			2010 YTD		
RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs
County / Public Works Employees / Contractors	901	783	1020	866		601	504	
Member Company's	6	6	24	19		70	70	
Total	907	789	1044	885	28	671	574	19

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### Special points of interest:

- Webinar Training Schedule
- Damage Prevention Professional

## North Division

Red Carpet    Green Country    Frontier  
July Activities



As a part of our continued community outreach Brenda Hoefar conducts a safety class every year at the Mid-Del Vo-Tech Center in Midwest City, OK. The technology center's Trench and Shoring Certification Class is held the last week of July and our Damage Prevention presentation is an included part of the curriculum. On July 24, 2012 Brenda spoke at 2 different sessions. She presented the students the 5 steps to a safe excavation and detailed all of the services Call Okie provides.

Call Okie's new web ticket procedures are also included in Brenda's presentation. There were 18- 20 students in each of the classes Brenda participated in.



### Public Education Damage Prevention Council

#### Next Meeting

August 15, 2012  
10 AM  
Call Okie Office  
2831 NW 59th St,  
OKC, OK 73112

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

### North DPC August Activities

August 2nd  
ACCO Safety Conference,  
Embassy Suites, Norman

August 15th  
PEDPC Mtg

August 17th  
Board of Directors

August 31st  
OSU Horticulture Class

### WEBINAR TRAINING SUMMER 2012

In the Spring of 2012 a new feature was introduced for Excavators to the Call Okie web site; ticket lookup and enhanced web ticket entry. Webinars will be offered at various times during the summer for a better understanding in how to use the new added features, enhanced web tickets and ticket lookup. Visit the link below to RSVP

<http://www.callokie.com/excavators/damageprevention/events/calendar.asp>

**August Training Date**  
August 21st - 10am to 11am

**South Division  
Chickasaw Great Plains Kiamichi  
July Activities**

On July 11th in Clinton, OK Chesapeake Mid-Stream provided a safety luncheon meeting for their subcontractors in Oklahoma and Texas. Mark Kietz, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, for Chesapeake organized the meeting which offered 55 contractors information about the safety procedures for Chesapeake and local one-call operations for Oklahoma and Texas 811.

Charles Columbus, Specialist-Damage Prevention, presented a detailed program for safe practices while excavating around underground facilities. Jerry

West, Call Okie Damage Prevention Manager, and Jim Bob, Texas 811 Damage Prevention Manager, teamed up and presented an overview of the state laws and one call processes. The presentation was followed by Q&A session.



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



The Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council participated in the **Whole Hawg Days Arts & Crafts Show, July 27**

**-28**, located at the Alexander Poesy Park in Eufaula, OK. The 2-day festival brings in four times the population of Eufaula,. The festival averages at least 20,000 people. The event has over 100 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.

Hats off to the following volunteers who made this event a great success Kirby Banks Centerpoint Energy McAlester, Ron Gray ONG Muskogee and Kenneth Morris BP Wilburton. Volunteers distributed over 500 brochures, excavator guides and trinkets to homeowners, farmers/ranchers and excavators about Call Okie reminding them to Dial 811 before you dig....



**Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council Meeting** on July 19th at the BP office in Wilburton, OK

**South DPC  
August Activities**

**August 2nd**  
ACCO Safety Conference,  
Embassy Suites, Norman

**August 8th**  
USIC Mtg, Broken Arrow

**August 13th**  
Red River Valley Coop,  
Marietta

**August 15th**  
PEDPC Mtg

**August 17th**  
Board of Directors Mtg

**August 27th**  
PHMS Mtg, OKC

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



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#### **THE OKLAHOMA DAMAGE PREVENTION SUMMIT OCTOBER 1-3, 2012**

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Interested in more information about attendees, workshops, exhibitors, sponsorship, etc. Visit the web site below.

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



### **Damage Prevention Professional**

The Public Education and Damage Prevention Committee (PEDPC) is a volunteer over site committee that works with Oklahoma One Call (Call Okie) in the education, marketing and communication of the call before you dig message. An additional role for the PEDPC is the Oklahoma Regional Partner Common Ground Alliance (OKCGA).

Clearly the amount of effort performed by damage prevention stakeholders is focused on safety and protection of our underground infrastructure. These damage prevention professionals can be designated by their employers in a damage prevention role or can act voluntarily. The goal of the Oklahoma Damage Prevention Professional to recognize these individuals to their management team.

Oklahoma is also very lucky to have many excavators focused on safety and facility protection. The Damage Prevention Professional recognition program will be expanded to include these individuals and companies.

Candidates apply for period of one year from application date and earlier using the Damage Prevention Professional Form. (Recognitions for the plan year 2012 are retroactive from 8-11-2011). The candidate will self-score. The candidate must provide evidence of participation to the OKCGA committee. All applications must have been submitted by July to Call Okie Damage Prevention Department to be presented at the next PEDPC meeting.