

The Scoop on Damage Prevention



September 2011

What a Year!

From January thru September of 2011 the Damage Prevention team traveled all over the Great State of Oklahoma delivering safety training programs to County Employees. At each meeting Jerry West and Brenda Hoefar explained the key steps in digging safely and identified the common mistakes associated with every day excavation.

Attendees received a free catered lunch and the opportunity to meet and visit with several of the county and underground facility representatives. Every attendee received free gifts and a chance at winning several door prizes provided by our members.

Despite blizzards in February, tornadoes in May and one of the hottest summers in history we were able to surpass our goal of 600 attendees. In September the last two County Safety Meetings were held in McIntosh and Love County's bringing our total attendance to over 1100. Call Okie wants to give a special **THANK YOU** to the County Commissioners, Public Works Directors and Safety Directors for allowing their employees to attend. With everyone's support we were able to double our attendance numbers from last year.



What's Next....

Inside this issue:

2011 County Mtgs & Stats	1
North DPC Events	2
September Activities Upcoming Events	2
PEDPC Next Meeting	2
South DPC Events	3
September Activities Upcoming Events	3
September Activities Cont'd	4



McIntosh County



Love County

YEAR TO DATE STATS

		January thru September					
		2011 YTD			2010 YTD		
		RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs
County Employees		1282	1111		601	504	
Member Company's		25	20		70	70	
Total		1307	1131	36	671	574	19

Northern Division Activities

Red Carpet Green Frontier

September 2011

9/7 USIC luncheon
Tulsa

9/8 Danny Wright Dozer

9/13 LINN Energy Safety Training



9/20 Holly Energy Safety Training

9/22 Oklahoma Nursery & Landscaping

9/30 OSU Horticulture Class

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

Thomas Jefferson

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October

10/4 - Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control
Break out session

10/ 7 & 8 – Watonga cheese Festival

10/ 11 & 12 - OneOK PHMSA Audit

10/17 - Tulsa Community College

Oklahoma Nursery Landscaping Conference Embassy Conference Center Norman, OK September 22nd & 23rd

The Oklahoma Nursery and landscaping Association held their 85th Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Embassy Suite Conference center in Norman on September 22 & 23. Call Okie and over 70 indoor and outdoor exhibitors participated in the event. The conference attracted over 350 professional excavators in the landscaping/irrigation industries as well as excavators involved in small farming. Leslie Carter Damage Prevention Event Coordinator and Brenda Hoefar North Damage Prevention Manager worked the Call Okie booth promoting the “811 call before you dig message.”



Southern Division Activities

Arbuckle Great Plains Kiamichi

September 2011

9/7 USIC Luncheon Meeting
Broken Arrow

9/8 Danny Wright Dozer & Pipeline



ORWA Conference
Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, OK
September 21-23

Jerry West presented a program for the Oklahoma Rural Water Association annual conference in Wagoner on September 21-23. Jerry's presentation focused on accident investigation and the importance of contacting the One Call before any excavation project. The event attracted over 600 state wide rural water operators and owners. The ORWA attendees expressed their appreciation with the Call Okie process and its efforts to help protect the water resources in Oklahoma. The Call Okie database department was commended for providing the Rural Water Associations with current and detailed maps of their facilities. The new maps allow the operators to respond to locates request with increased accuracy in locating.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October

10/15 Great Plains Pumpkin Festival
Cordell, OK

10/20-23 Kiamichi Robbers Cave Festival
Wilburton, OK

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

Mark Your Calendar

Public Education Damage Prevention Council

Next Meeting

November 9th

10:30am

Call Okie Office

2831 NW 59th St

OKC, OK 73112

"Call Before You Dig"

OKLAHOMA ONE-CALL SYSTEM, INC.

2831 NW 59th
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Toll Free: 811 or 800-522-6543
Local: 405-840-9955
Fax 405-840-9685

Email:
North Division -
bhoefar@callokie.com
South Division -
jwest@callokie.com

Dial 811
"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.

**Danny Wright Dozer and Pipeline, Inc. Meeting
Hinton, OK
September 8, 2011**

Call Okie representatives were invited to a roundtable meeting at Danny Wright Dozer & Pipeline, Inc. on September 8.

Call Okie representatives Naomi Martinez GIS/Database Manager, Deborah Yager Director of Call Center, Lois Warren Electronic Submissions Coordinator, Brenda Hoefar North Damage Prevention Manager and Jerry West South Damage Prevention Manager attended the meeting. Brian Walters Project Manager for Danny Wright Dozer and Pipeline as well as 5 members from their dispatch and operations departments were also present.

Deborah and Lois presented an overview of the One-Call and the web ticket process. Naomi reviewed the benefits of registering new facilities and updating their current database. Information and processes were reviewed that would improve the integration of One-Call process with DWD&P infrastructure protection.

Meetings such as these are a very important link in the communication between Stakeholders, the One-Call and excavators in order to keep everyone safe.



**811 Awareness Line Markers
ORWA Conference Vendor
Brad Greer & Associates
Richardson, TX**

Brad Greer & Associates is a leader in supplying damage prevention markers to the water utility industry and protecting rural water underground utilities is their priority. Currently **Brad Greer & Associates, Inc.** covers Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana for the water and wastewater industries. BG also provides onsite training and information seminars. Their team of salespeople, operations manager and warehouse supervisor have a total of over 100 years of experience in these industries.



BG specializes in one of the leading line markers manufactured by *Rhino Marking and Protection Systems*. BG and Rhino are advocate supporters promoting the CGA national "Know what's below 811 message". Studies indicate that 37% of underground utility hits and near-misses occur because the party performing excavation didn't place a call for a locate and could be prevented by calling 811.

Brent Hutchins, sales representative, for BG attended the ORWA Conference in Wagoner displaying several new water marketing systems promoting the 811 message. Brent indicated "they are very excited of the new line marking and protection systems offered to the rural water owners and operators to protect their vital underground resources."

