



Mission Statement: The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to bring together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

Minutes from December 16th, 2009

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council held its monthly meeting December 16th, 2009 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E 25th Ave, Columbus. Scott Tustin called the meeting to order, read the mission statement and everyone introduced themselves and the Company they represent.

The minutes of the November Council meeting were reviewed and accepted after a motion by Joe Igel and a second by Howard Laudermilk.

Our Council voted on officers for the upcoming year. Nominations were taken from the group through December 16th. Some of the current officers will be serving through the 2010 year. Our new officers are as follows

President:	Scott Tustin
Vice President:	Ken Yost
Secretary:	Lori Wade
Treasurer:	George Gillespie

Alice Miller brought a presentation to give to the group about the progress and "nuts and bolts" of the Marking Standards committee. The committee's main goals for coming up with marking standards were to improve communications, reduce loss, injuries and fatalities, reduce damages to facilities and protect the underground infrastructure and the environment. The committee consisted of industry stakeholders such as utility owners and operators, contractors and excavators and facility locating companies to name a few and was coordinated by O.U.P.S. There is a lot of information on the O.U.P.S. website regarding the new standards that are downloadable and printable. Those include the new Marking Standards brochure, O.U.P.S. excavator and marking standards manual, a video introducing the new marking standards and the power point presentation. You can also get the facility owners identification codes, facility material type abbreviations list and the facility type definitions list. Please take some time to go to the O.U.P.S. website at oups.org to access this information. It is easy to find in the grey drop down box on the top left side of the front page on the site. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Alice Miller, O.U.P.S. Public Awareness/Service Coordinator at 1-800-311 3692EXT 4905 or 330-720-5265, or email at alicem@oups.org.

Safe Digging Month will be April 2010. It is set to correspond with Earth Day and 18 Governments across the United States have proclaimed April to be "Safe Digging Month." Through the education from CGA, there have been 658 thousand Google hits regarding Safe Digging Month and the CGA will furnish kits to help spread the word. Local events have been planned or are in the works from DPC's across the State. Our Council would like to have ideas submitted and we will be discussing and voting on them in January so we can begin to plan our project and expand awareness of 811 in our area.

Scott Tustin would also like to expand on our list of topics the Council members would like to discuss this coming year. Please bring any ideas you have to the January Council meeting and we will also go over the remaining ideas submitted last year that we have not had a chance to cover yet.

Don't miss the OSU/OSHA Safety Day to be held January 26th. See the website for more information.

Time permitting; George Gillespie will finish the video presentation of Damage Investigation Best Practices at the January meeting.

The next CGA Regional Partners meeting will be held March 2-4 in San Diego, CA.

The next meeting of the Central Ohio damage Prevention Council will be held January 20th, 2010 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E. 25th Ave. and starts at 9:00AM. Please contact our secretary for more details.

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