



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 June 17th, 2009

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council held its monthly meeting June 17th, 2009 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E 25th Ave, Columbus. With the absence of Council President Scott Tustin, Vice President C J Kowalke called the meeting to order, read the mission statement and everyone introduced themselves and the Company they represent.

Joe Igel spoke to the Council about the upcoming AWWA meeting in which some of our members will be participating in a "round table" discussion. Jim Jewell elaborated on the possible topics, "How to work around existing facilities, such as how to expose and support them and work zone safety. The meeting will be held July 7th at the Ramada Inn on Sinclair Rd, Columbus, and will begin at 10:15.

The next topic was working under hard surfaces. Joe Igel asked what are the legal perimeters regarding working around facilities that are sometimes encased in concrete. There may be times when the dig site will have to be moved to get under the asphalt and lift off of the utility. Joe with Trucco has a sheet of procedures for working under hard surfaces he will share with the Council. Another suggestion was made referencing terminology differences between engineering and contractors. Joe suggested putting together a photo file of difficult excavation

and sharing with the Council to gather other information from others for a future presentation.

There was some talk of the OSHA regulations regarding citing subcontractors when a violation occurs and the sub is aware. Liability can fall back on the hiring Company.

George Gillespie gave an I-Dig and an E-Dig presentation. Jennifer Power of Columbus Asphalt assisted. There was discussion and questions on both.

The O.U.P.S. Safety Day held June 11th was well attended. There are others in the planning stages, possible in Southern and Central Ohio.

The O.U.P.S. Annual Meeting will be held Aug 20 and 21.

The next meeting of the Central Ohio damage Prevention Council will be held July 15, 2009 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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