



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 May 19th, 2010

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council held its monthly meeting May 19th, 2010 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 April Council meeting were reviewed and accepted after a motion by Joe Costell and a second by Ken Yost. Minutes were accepted as written.

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 next Council meeting and we will also go over the remaining ideas submitted last year that we have not had a chance to cover yet.

George Gillespie with O.U.P.S. gave an overview of the conference call he joined on March 28th with Common Ground Alliance Regional Partners for the best practices review. He also stated the demand for the "Pirate Video" promoting 811 has been higher than expected and beyond everyone's imagination. Well done!

Ticket volume has hit record highs in April in both Ohio and Kentucky. This has created a backlog of work for the locators and frustration on the part of the excavators, and locators alike. Cooperation between the two is key to successful digging and reducing or eliminating damages and extra time when calling in a ticket may be helpful in reducing the backlog of tickets.

The Southwest Ohio DPC's annual meeting will be held on May 21st at Walden Ponds. More information on the event can be found on the O.U.P.S. website and well as information on their participation in the opening day parade for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. Go to oups.org for that info.

Howard Eberts with OSHA discussed a death in the Middletown area resulting from a confined space incident where nitrogen gas caused the victim to be overcome in a very short time. This is a reminder to always ventilate confined spaces, use your protective gear and test areas frequently

O.U.P.S. Safety Day will be June 3rd in Richfield at the Operating Engineers training facility. A second Safety Day will be held in Miamisburg on September 16th. See OUPS.org for more information.

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council will be held July 21st, 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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