

OUDDPC Training Discussion Group

Conference Call 2/7/19

2:00pm

Call Participants: Kevin Schimming, Al Tonetti, Joe Igel, Jeff Kursman, and Alice Miller

Alice Miller opened the call with an open discussion regarding the purpose of the Training discussion group. Initial conversation focused on the intent of training requirements as outlined ORC 3781.261.

The group identified flaws in current legislation language and practicality, including the lack of defined "training," challenges to enforcement, and applicability to all groups. The group also agreed that membership alone in a protection service or a statewide association in no way guarantees that all employees of those member organizations have taken advantage of educational offerings or received adequate training.

Participants discussed the defining of "Excavators, Contractors and Utilities" and current language that does not include "locators." While contract locators have established internal training programs in order to meet their performance metrics and fulfill contractual obligations, many municipalities may assign employees to part-time locating in addition to their "regular" responsibilities without providing full, if any training.

Rather than going so far as to identify specific needs and multiple standards and requirements of each group or function, participants decided to focus on general applicability. As Joe Igel stated, "To get too specific in training expectations and individual requirements and standards would require constant evolution of the law to keep pace with new methods, practices and technologies."

In developing these high-level "foundational" areas for defining requisite training, the group referred to OHIO811 Educational programs and resources like the Excavator Manual, CGA's Best Practices, and procedures and guidelines established by NULCA, OCA and some larger contractors.

The discussion group will take the time to collect and review these resources.

Al Tonetti volunteered to be the discussion group's representative to the OUDDPC.

Next call: Thursday, February 21st at 10:00am.

Submitted By: Jeff Kursman 2/7/2019