

NODPC Meeting: Wednesday February 3, 2021
9:30 to 11:00AM
Virtual Meeting

Agenda:

1. Introductions—see last page
 - Minutes accepted by Justin Freudeman

2. Presentation: Johnny Henson, USIC, “Be Safe or Be Right-It really is a choice”
 - Examples of Being Safe
 - Attend Local 811 Damage Prevention Council Meetings
 - Attend / Hold Local Preconstruction Meetings
 - Attend OHIO811 Excavation Seminars
 - Dominion Energy Ohio
 - Damage Prevention Specialists
 - Contractor Outreach / Presentations
 - FirstEnergy – Assisting USIC with High Voltage / Difficult Locates
 - AT&T – Communication Letters Of Expectations When Working Around CO's And Critical Facilities
 - Columbia Gas
 - Damage Prevention Specialists
 - USIC Electronic Field Meet Sheets – Documented Communications For Easy Reference Between The Locator And Contractor
 - USIC Contractor Presentations
 - Grass Roots
 - Documentation, Communication & Cooperation = Triangle of Communication
 - One person can make a difference—for example in NE Ohio we've had a 16% reduction in damages (not due to Covid, OHIO811 had a record year).
 - The star of the show is the excavator
 - 2021—Fiber Rollout Projects
 - Scheduling pre-construction meetings
 - Dominion, FE, Charter, Frontier, Centurylink, etc.
 - Prevent damages and get home safely
 - Rod Troxell: I'm from City of Cuyahoga Falls, I have a question about ATT fiber push, Verizon has pushed really hard in City of Cuyahoga Falls. I haven't heard anything from these companies. We do our own marking.
 - Johnny: Yes, we've had great conversations recently, very cooperative and helpful. We will get you in contact with the right people.
 - Justin: Do all your vehicles have dash cams?
 - Johnny: About 35 vehicles, all supervisors have them.
 - Any additional questions, Kyle, Noah, Kevin can answer them
 - Vita: we should get someone from ATT on the call
 - Chuck: they have a new damage prevention manager, Scott Mergler. Wants to participate in all the DPC meetings. I will get his email to Kimberly to get him on board.
 - Rod Troxell: I can look for a Verizon contact. With 5G, it's going to be constant. Why can't they work together to only dig one time? The underground is getting crazy in Cuyahoga Falls, chances of hitting something is about 95%.
 - Chuck: the whole process is about communication. I tell excavators, if you're not sure, you better be asking somebody. Pick up the phone. Liaisons are here to help.

- Kevin: we should be pushing large complex project tickets to start communications

3. OHIO811 Update

- Webinar this Friday for additional iDig information. We want to move people to iDig to relieve pressure off of CSRs. Benefits and features.
- 2/12 : Excavator seminar—virtual go to meeting
- 2/17: Webinar for Positive Response, changes coming up on March 1, 2021
- Sign up on our website
- Last month (January 2021) 86,349 tickets down 6.46% from January 2020 but over the years 2018, 2019
- January 2021: 560,000 tickets went out
- Paradigm meetings coming up: https://oh.pipeline-awareness.com/meeting_schedule
- Positive response updates starting 3/1/2021

Excavator Responsibilities

- Plan Work
- ORC 3781.29 (D)(F)(1-4) Premarking in White
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- “(D) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (E) and (F) of this section, prior to notifying a protection service of the proposed excavation, an excavator shall define and premark the approximate location. Proposed construction or excavation markings shall be made in white through the use of an industry-recognized method such as chalk-based paint, flags, stakes, or other method applicable to the specific site and when possible shall indicate the excavator’s identity by name, abbreviation, or initial.”

- 004 is for the locator, 005 is for excavator
- Really just clarification, see screenshot below for Current vs Revised language

Positive Response Codes – Current vs Revised

- **006** - High Profile Facility (Facility/Owner Request to be Present for Excavation)
- **007** - Joint Meet/Large Project (Will Coordinate with the Excavator)
- **008** - Design Ticket (Contractor was Notified by the Facility Owner)
- **009** - Work has been Completed Upon Arrival
- **999** - No Response given within the 48 hours

- **006- High Profile or Critical Facility** - Facility Owner or Operator requests to be present for the excavation in accordance with ORC 3781.31 (A). Excavator must provide notification of at least one full working day prior to commencing excavation.
- **007- Complex Project (LPRJ)** - This response is designated for use with a Complex Project notification only.
- **008- Design Notification (DSGN)** - Facility Owner or Operator has completed the design request in accordance with ORC 3781.27 (C) or 153.64 (B) (2).
- **009- Work Complete** - The Facility Owner or Operator or their representatives has deemed the excavation to have been completed prior to the legal start date.
- **999- No Response (LATE)** - The Facility Owner or Operator or its representatives has not posted a Positive Response prior to the legal start date. A “LATE” notification has automatically been sent to the Facility Owner or Operator.

- Webinar on 2/17 to go over this, sign up on the website

4. *New* Leads & Needs (bring awareness to group about upcoming projects and specific issues)

































- Rod Troxell: We had a company doing some directional boring in it. Homeowners association has a well system and have all water lines running out the well feeding the condos, none of


them were marked. My supervisor contacted OHIO811 and PUCO. Everyone saying it's not there jurisdiction.



























- Chuck: Who did you talk to OHIO811? If any of the water lines go to the public right away, then they need to be a member. HOA is Pinebrook Trail, contact Tim McCarty.
- Rod: MCI I have two contacts, Dan Arz. (Provided Chuck contact information) may be able to help.
- Kevin: Reminder, Marking Standards, if you want anything changed please let us know in this forum. LaRonda and I are the contacts. Dominion still has fiberglass pipe in the ground, introduce into the abbreviations.
- LaRonda: I've got color blind contractors, suggesting adding picture for each type of utility on the flags.
- Mike Hall: Are there marking standards for abandoned lines?
- Chuck: No. That is something we need to introduce into legislation.
- Vita: We can still bring it up.
- Chuck: Been a national topic since 2007.
- Jeff K: Coalition discussed how to be a leader in the national industry. No easy solution.
- LaRonda: GIS mapping feature shows the abandoned gas mains as Brown if they are abandoned. Has really helped.
- Kevin: Maybe have some verbiage saying "When known" label with ABD or something.
- LaRonda: If there are no flags, we assume it's abandoned. They don't belong to us. Not to say ATT/Verizon won't come in and use it. I don't recommend ripping things out of the ground. Stick the end of the flag down there to feel if there are any wires down there.
- Shaun C: We have a process for abandoned lines. Can provide information on that.
- Jack Bennet: Need a USIC contact for Western Ohio.
- Kevin: Sean Travis moving into that position. Will update maps and send out to centers.
- Kyle: Will send you the information.


Vita closing meeting at 10:37 am. Going to show Dig-in Dangers video now for those who are interested in that. Motion to adjourn from Jim Buetel, Justin Freudeman, Rod Troxell.












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