

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

*Agenda:*

1. Introductions—see last page
  - Minutes accepted by Sara Costanza
2. Presentation: Sara Costanza from Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, “Ohio Damage Claim Prevention – what has happened or can happen, and how following safety measures can avoid damages”.
  - April is National Safe Digging Month
  - What Can/Has Happened
    - Underground Gas Pipeline Accidents—every nine minutes a utility line is struck in the United States
  - Common Ground Alliance (CGA)
    - The 811 number was established by the CGA
    - All DPCs are regional partners
    - Annual meeting in October
    - DIRT report—collects statistics on damages (mostly gas companies)
      - Ohio doesn’t have mandatory reporting
        - Joe Kunzler: Can municipalities create an ordinance/regulations requiring damage reporting?
        - Sara: They need to go through the state. Can only govern their own utilities.
      - Helpful information drawn real incidents
      - Contractors/developers responsible for majority of damages
      - Root causes—No call excavations, early excavations, inaccurately marked facilities, unmarked facilities
  - Court Rulings (public record)
    - Ohio Edison v. Wartko Construction—failed to call after 10-day lapse from first marking
    - Boyd v. Moore—Excavator found liable-had a duty to call 811
    - Ohio Gas Co v. Blaze Bldg. Corp.-- Approximate location is defined as “the site of the underground utility facility including the width of the underground utility facility plus eighteen inches on each side of the facility”
    - Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. v. Stout Excavating, Inc.—if marking are destroyed/removed prior to completion, the excavator is to notify the utility and then the utility needs to remark within 48 hours
  - OHIO 811 (Chuck)
    - Homeowners need to remember to call!
    - Privately installed utility lines will not be located or marked
    - As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, new codes are in place

## Response Codes

- The updated codes and definitions can be found below and will go into effect on March 1, 2021.
  - 001- No Conflict – Underground facilities operated by this member are not in conflict based on information provided in the excavation request.
  - 002- Marked – Underground facilities operated by this member at the site of proposed excavation have been marked up to the privately-owned facility.
  - 003- Excavator Request Cancelled (CNCL) – Excavator has cancelled this excavation request.
  - 004- Locator Coordination – Locate request has not been completed. Locator has/will contact the excavator to coordinate markings.
  - 005- Facility Owner or Operator Coordination – Locate request has not been completed. Facility owner or operator will contact the excavator to coordinate markings.

## Response Codes Cont.

- 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 – 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) – 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.

- The Ohio Revised Code
  - Use your smart phone to take photos (365, different reference points, etc.)
  - Make sure you know which employees are color blind
- LaRonda: If you're hydro-vacuuming with non-destructive methods do you still need to call?
- Chuck: Yes.

### 3. OHIO811 Update

- We are really pushing for iDig. We can come on site and train, if needed. There is online training you can do yourself
  - No waiting on the phone
  - Ticket search abilities
  - Suspend feature—can put a ticket into the system and suspend up to 90 days and then go live when you're ready
- 3/12 & 3/26: Excavator seminar—virtual go to meeting (register on website)
- Last month (February 2021) 70953 tickets down 15.37% from February 2020
- Over a million notices went out to utilities so far this year
- Again, response codes are updated (see screenshot above)
- Marking standards meeting 3/24, hybrid

### 4. Golf Outing










- June 11<sup>th</sup> if we go through with it
- Let's look into getting this going
- What are the requirements for the course?
- Todd will look into and get information from the course

### 5. Marking Standards (Kevin Anderson and LaRonda Birmelin)




- Kevin: Setting a tolerance zone around structures/fixtures
- Anna: Can you send that out in an email?
- Chuck: Yes. The council needs to agree and let LaRonda and Kevin know.
- George: Are you saying on a pedestal, are you talking about drops wrapped around and then going into it?
- Kevin: Yes, excess of slack or coiled up. Unless it's known to us, we have no way to locate
- George: They get paid by how much cable they put into the ground. I agree with this idea.
- Kevin: One thing to consider, the plastic water lines more often than not the tracer wire is not in the center of the pipe.

Anna closed meeting at 10:42 AM.

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