

ODDPC Training Discussion Group

Conference Call #6: 8/13/19

11:00am

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

Members of the discussion group shared feedback from stakeholder groups regarding potential training requirements and recommendations:

- Kevin Schimming: Facility Owners, Locators
- Al Tonetti: Archeologists
- Alice Miller: Commercial Excavators, Designers
- Jeff Kursman: Developers, Engineers and Designers

Discussion centered on fundamental lessons and basic standards that should be incorporated in all training programs, including the one-call OHIO811 notification process, positive response, responsibilities of utilities, locators and excavators, marking standards and Ohio Revised Code.

Al shared that the archeological community would benefit from a clearer understanding of the mapping process, due to the difficulty of conveying “work areas” to OHIO811 CSRs when the proposed excavation sites may be significant distances (miles) from crossroads and recognizable markers, or when excavation may be proceeding in a non-linear path (skipping around). Archeological work may take place years before anything is built.

Basic training already available through OHIO811 liaisons and others suffices for the majority of needs.

Kevin addressed the difference between the basic elements of training and issues that may require greater focus and more in-depth training for specific stakeholder groups. White lining, directional drilling, proper trench safety and the principles of locating were cited as examples of topics that would be relevant at a fundamental understanding for all groups, but would require much greater detail from their respective stakeholders.

Jeff raised the importance of leveraging the flexibility of technology to expand the delivery of training programs.

Alice raised the importance of competency testing and frequency to promote understanding and retention of the training.

Next Call: Tuesday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.