

January 2023

MVDPC Meeting Notes

In Person Meeting started at 9:10am.

Introductions and Attendance

Safety Messages:

- Black Ice and Road Hazards. Speeds and lead times on roads are crucial to preventing accidents. Slow down, maintain the speed of the conditions on the road, not the posted speed limit.
- Zone safety – Cable crew with a zone setup failed became complacent. USI employee felt comfortable with zone setup didn't have the appropriate PPE on. Was struck by a vehicle passing through the zone.
- Zone Safety - Lane shutdown on a bridge in Memphis. Traffic Control crew didn't maintain the lane or zone correctly. As a vehicle entered the zone, an employee trying to avoid the vehicle dove over the side of the bridge and died.

Presentation - Adam Lofton with GridHawk.

Learned from early on that he was inspired by self-improvement. Worked for several different companies as a locator and has been impressing people with his ability to do his craft of locating. Wants to encourage his employees to be elite in their field, their skill, and the art of locating.

Locating is an art and science.

What is cradle to grave – Start to Finish – How do we as a locate vendor take a ticket from the time it's called in to the point where it's marked on the ground?

What GridHawk brings to Damage Prevention.

3 tiers of locating – designed to keep guess work out of locating.

- Tier 1 - Locate Technician – Most critical part of the locating process.
 - At this level - without optimal signal, we do not want our technicians' making guesses or decisions.
- Tier 2 - Advanced locating
 - Investigating the issues elevated from tier 1.
- Tier 3 - Remediation – spotting and installing locatable material to make optimal locates.

GPS - Capturing GPS Coordinates and utilization of captured points to create locates. Future is coming.

Discussions after Presentation

Safer Ohio App – If you see something say something – In regard to attacks on infrastructure.

- <https://homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/terrorism-and-crime-analysis/report-a-crime-or-threat>
- Link includes web based report and links to download from Google or iPhone App Store

Smart Cable guard – an interesting development for AES.

- <https://youtu.be/pi6eaY7jQHM>

April Safe Dig – discussed the outline of the plan and the topic. Requested donations and vendors

Marking Standards

- Confusion over large diameter duct runs and how many utilities are in the ground in the area.
- Jim – Wants to change the verbiage from number of facilities to the number of conduits that are in 2” or larger conduit.

Jim Motions for MVDPC to make this change – Brad Shoemaker- Seconds motion and everyone in attendance confirms.

- Brad is an alternate for the Marking Standards meeting.

Discussion of Locates

- GridHawk started receiving tickets on 10/28/2022.
- They are going to be focusing on the Gas contractors again.
- GridHawk is getting out there and making a great difference to the Fiber contractors.
- Kettering is even noticing a big difference in the concerns.
- GridHawk is handling the volume of tickets while performing quality locates.
- Training locators about mistakes and learning from them.

Concerns – The shortfall of the 811 tickets. No control over the locator response time to tickets for project work. The utilities are the potential problem in the delay of tickets based on the way they are requesting locates to be done. Some appear to be playing a numbers game and bypassing the locate laws.

Damages

- Concerns over the way contractors are installing fiber or facilities.
- Public notification of fiber installation.
- Not spotting correctly
- Unintended damages from work related to road cuts and steel plates
- Standardized way of looking at locate planning within the scope of project work.

Point Broadband to make presentation in February.

Coalition open to the public – if you want added to the email list for the lists of the dates and everything.

Jason Broyles –

December 2022- 91, 586 locate requests received by OHIO811 which was down .5% from December of 2021

2022 Overall- 1,523,060 locate requests received by OHIO811 which was up 4.62% over 2021

Upcoming Local Paradigm meetings:

- Hamilton, OH 1/17/2023
- Wilmington, OH 1/18/2023
- Springfield, OH 1/19/2023
- Can go to pdigm.com to register

Upcoming Excavator Seminars:

- Being held on March 21, 22, 23, 24
- Locations include Findlay, New Philadelphia, Marietta and Middletown.
- Dates for the specific locations still to be determined

Meeting ended 11:15am.