

March 2023

MVDPC Meeting Notes

In Person Meeting started at 9:05am

Introductions and Attendance:

Meeting Notes approved.

Safety Messages:

- Job Fatigue – Higher chances of injury. Lower level of performance. 1 in 5 workers are sleep deprived in the USA. Poor sleeping habits lead to stress on the job.

Presentation – Metronet

Demonstration with markings and utility damage with “hit kit”

- Hit kits should include 3 Marker Posts, 1 Damage Post and measuring device with large easy to read numbers.
- When documenting a damaged facility, the first object to identify is the damage using the damage marker in the hit kit.
- Take pictures of the scene, vehicles, house numbers, the equipment. Make sure to capture the perspective of the scene that can be explained later through photographic documentation.
- The only paint that should be put down after a damage is white paint. Circling the existing marks in white to identify and stand out in the pictures.
- Document, document, document.
- Walking the bore path prior to boring and recording the markings along the path.
- Strike Alarm stop immediately, locate the bore head, and circle the location in white.

Special Considerations – The diameter of the facility damaged over 2” creates a larger tolerance zone. 4” diameter facility equals a 20” tolerance zone.

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

Theme - Today’s Technology Tomorrows Future

- Dave created a way of donating to the MVDPC through a QR code.
- Vendor Registration will be open and door prize donations are being accepted.
- Flyer is being reviewed and will be distributed by the end of March.
- Speakers are set but still need someone to present drones (Blood Hound, UAS, Metronet possible presenters)
- Staking University was given as a potential candidate to speak.

Marking Standards – Sub Committee.

- Tickets are going to begin expiring. The reason – Currently the lifetime of a ticket is never ending.
- Life of the ticket will be 30 days regardless if the job is active or not.
- New tickets will need to be called in every 28 days.
- 1320' max ticket length
- All changes subject to pass through coalition and passage into ORC.

Damages and Near Misses

- None to be discussed.
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Upcoming Excavator Seminars:

- Being held on March 22 in Middletown – Sign up at OUPS.
- Dates for the specific locations still to be determined.

January of 2023 is 18% ahead of 2022 ticket volume.

February Of 2023 up 26% from 2022. YTD 22% increase over last year.

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