

May 2023

MVDPC Meeting Notes

In Person Meeting started at 9:03am

Introductions and Attendance:

Meeting Notes approved.

Safety Messages: Hand Protection – “Hands and Fingers are the instruments of the mind”
Protect your hands with gloves, pay attention to tasks being performed and use proper tools.

Driver Safety: Things happen in the blink of an eye. A recent incident involving a member of the committee changed the perspective of what being prepared and safe.

Marking Standards – Committee Changes

Definitions to the front of the book. The new Excavator Manual books will be out soon. English and Spanish. All standards discussed during the April Minutes were adopted by the Marking Standards Committee.

Presentation – Jordan Weber with United Rentals (614) 204 - 9481

“Trench Safety”

- Why – OSHA Standard 1926 Subpart P
 - Anything over 5’ deep requires excavation protection
 - Access and egress required at 4’
 - Must be able to reach an acceptable means of access and egress within 25’
 - Ladder must extend at least 3’ out of excavation.
 - Spoil pile must be at least 2’ back.
- Competent Person
 - “One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees. Additionally, they are the person who has the authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.” One is deemed competent by the employer not the training.
- Type of Soils
 - A, B, C Soils
 - Each soil type needs to be considered for the type of protective system used.
- Types of Protective Systems
 - Sloping, Benching, Shielding, Shoring
- Site Specific Systems
 - Protective Systems are designed to fill the need or requirement based on site specific variables.
 - Hydraulic Shoring, when properly installed, applies pressure against the walls to provide protection.

- Whether benching, shoring, or shielding, make sure that the method utilized is capable of protecting personnel in the excavation. Follow guidelines from OSHA and the equipment.
- Considerations
 - Shoring is designed for a specific use. It should not be used in any other way than it was designed. Do not place loads on the equipment that the equipment was not designed to handle. Do not try to use the equipment as a ladder or a support system to hold facilities in an excavation.

Discussions-

- Seeing a lot of damage and reckless behavior.
- The volume of excavations has vastly increased.
- Fiber in residential areas has exploded.
- The request was made to get all the fiber companies in a single room and have a conversation about excavations and the damage being caused.

- Who is at fault with when a non-English speaking excavator damages a facility? – The 811 law does not differentiate between the spoken or written language of the excavator. An excavator not following 811 law is responsible if damage occurs.

Ticket Volume

April – Up 8.5% over last year. Year to Date up 12%. Up significantly from just 3 years ago. April 24th 2023 busiest day ever for 811.

Events

Golf tournament at end of May

Butler County Event – Creating excitement for 811 knowledge.

August 811 Dragons Game Chair Committee –

Jim Wooten – Chair, Volunteers to help - Mick Greer, Jody Stout, Jason Ward, Quinn Millsop, Brad,

- Needs – Donations for Giveaways,
- Employee of the Game – everyone who donates gets entered to become the employee of the game.