



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

09:36am to 11:04am

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course (9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio)

### **1.) Introductions**

- The meeting began at 09:36am – there was a delay due to traffic congestion.

### **2.) Meeting Minutes Approved**

- A motion was made and seconded at 09:38am.

### **3.) Presentation – Kyle Peyton with USIC**

- Kyle started with a video presentation that covered the increase amount of work and what steps contractors can take to ensure locates are not delayed. There was also a handout for everyone.

- Kyle covered dig ins and what good practices are should a facility be damaged.

- There are multiple reasons why damages are up including a total over all ticket increase, FOB work up 40%, and individuals not knowing to call 811.

- In 2022, there were 19,348 damages, with an average cost of \$2,500. The total cost was \$48,370,000.

- One of the most important aspects of damage prevention is two-way communication.

### **4.) OHIO811 Updates**

- OUPS recently finished the spring excavator seminars. They were well attended and received. The seminars are now more hands on focused (more hands on, talking with versus to). There will be six more seminars in the fall. There will be more information that will be provided shortly, including dates and locations.

- Chuck has the safe digging banners for those that are interested.

- Last month, there were 148,716 locate requests which was an 8.4% increase. YOY, there have been 491,583 locate requests which is a 12.1% increase.

- There have been 11,078 notices in the month of April in Cuyahoga County and 35,544 YTD (with an average of seven member companies per ticket).

- CGA was attended in April by Scott, Matt, and Kyle.

- One initiative was the “Five in Fifty” challenge which was aimed to cut damages in half by the year 2028.

- The top root causes were effective and consistent use of 811, use of potholing/exposing the facility, and facilities being marked on time and accurately.
- Reaching that goal is the responsibility of all participants of the DPC (member companies, excavators, locate companies, etc.).
- The CGA reviewed the importance of communications being bilingual. OUPS manuals will be updated once the marking standards are updated.
- Scott recommended checking out the CGA website if you haven't already. There is a wealth of information on there for excavators to utilize.

### **5.) Speakers for 2023**

- We still need speakers for 2023.
- We will have Johnny Henson with Davey Resources Group speak for June.
- Jack K. will possibly be the speaker for September.
- We may have a picnic on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- We will not be having a meeting in July.

### **6.) April Safe Digging Month**

- Chuck has banners available for those who are interested.

### **7.) Marking Standards Review**

- The marking standards committee will be having a conference call on Thursday (05/04) to have a discussion regarding finalizations of changes.

### **8.) Open Discussion**

- There will be no July DPC meeting.
- There is a planned fiber ring around Summit County that will begin shortly (unknown start date or location – shared by USIC).
- The meeting was adjourned at 1104.