



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

09:30am to 11:00am

6363 Selig Blvd, Independence, Ohio, 44131

1.) Introductions

- There were twenty-three individuals in attendance.

2.) Meeting Minutes Approved

- The meeting minutes from last month were approved at 0935.

3.) Presentation Jack Krusinski with Columbia Gas

- Jack has been with Columbia Gas for thirty-seven years and has been in his current position for about ten years. His telephone number is 440.653.7123.
- Columbia Gas strives to partner with every contractor to prioritize safety.
- Natural gas is odorless, colorless, and lighter than air.
- The upper and lower explosive limits are between 5% and 15%.
- Natural gas is not toxic itself, but it replaces air and can suffocate.
- Safe digging practices? Calling OHIO811, respecting the tolerance zone, knowing what the risks are with the facilities, knowing what to do if there is a mismatch or if you can't find a line that is marked.
- If there is a damage, leave the area immediately! Turn off and abandon any equipment and do not do anything that may cause a spark. Call Columbia Gas (1.800.344.4077) and 911. Keep the public away and do not attempt to restrict the flow of gas. Do not call a DPS in this situation. Also advise OHIO811 after calling Columbia Gas and 911.

4.) OHIO811 Updates

- The excavator seminars and annual shoot information was sent out with the meeting reminders.
- There were 136,963 calls in September which was down about 4.2%YOY. So far this year, there have been 1,228,207 calls made to the center which is still on track for a record year.
- There was a coalition meeting last week. The coalition is working towards changing the current forty-eight hours to a two working day ticket not counting the day that it was called in. They are working on clarifying the life of a ticket.
- Any legislation that is submitted for approval now will likely not be effective until the later half of 2024.

5.) December Breakfast Meeting

- The December breakfast meeting is on December 1st this year. It will be at Sleepy Hollow.

6.) Speakers for November, and December Breakfast Meeting

- We still need speakers for November and December. Chuck or Matt will be sending out a list for everyone to review and discuss.

7.) Open Discussion

- There is a shoot at Hill n Dale on November 10th.