Eastern Ohio Damage Prevention Council Meeting

**Meeting Minutes** 

February 23, 2023 9:30A.M.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairmain Kyle Peyton, USIC at 9:30 AM
- 2. Attendee introductions 14 in attendance.
- 3. Meeting minutes for January 2023
  - a. Motion to approve as submitted by Gary Chaddock, Usic
  - b. Motion to approve as submitted seconded by Frank Snyder, Thomas Fok & Associates.
  - c. Approved by unanimous vote.
- 4. Digging Dangers Video "Tale of 4 Cities"
  - a. Lubbock, Texas: Gas and Sanitary Sewer Dig In
  - b. St. Louis, MS: Excavation for electrical conduit, a dig in to existing electrical lines and subsequent flooding causes excessive damage
  - c. McKeesport, PA: Contractor failed to call 811 and strikes gas line and causes fire
  - d. O'Fallon, MS: New fiber boring installation hits gas main. Dig in results in a house explosion.
- 5. Ohio 811 Updates:
  - a. There will be 4 excavator seminars in March 2023

i.	Fremont, Ohio	3/21/2023
ii.	Middleton, Ohio	3/22/2023
iii.	Marietta, Ohio	3/23/2023

- iv. New Philadelphia, Ohio 3/24/2023
- v. Registration is available online at OUPS.org.
- b. Ticket Volume
  - i. January was a record month at 97,552 calls.
  - ii. Ticket volume for January 2023 is up 18.8% from January 2022
- c. Central Ohio OUPS Liaison George Gillespie has retired after decades in Damage Prevention. OUPS has begun process to find a replacement. Good Luck George!
- 6. Marking Standards discussion for Marking Standards Committee to discuss in Biannual Review
  - a. Marking Standards Committee scheduled to meet Thursday, March 16,2023 in Belleville, Ohio.
  - b. Kyle Peyton, USIC, and Kevin Lyden, City of Hubbard will represent EODPC.
  - c. Discussed suggesting that Electrical Duct bank standards be revised
  - d.

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Suggested that this standard be eliminated as it is confusing. Only retain using 1 inside triangleindicating 1 2" or less conduit.



- e. Propose a solid line indicating edge of electrical duct bank with number in triangle indicating the number of conduits.
- f. Discussed the marking for untonable lines marked by measurement.
- g. Discussed abandoned lines-this would be a legislative issue
- 7. New Business
  - a. Discussed Joint DPC meeting with Northern Ohio DPC during April Safe Digging Month
  - b. Regular Eastern Ohio DPC Meeting will be held onsite of Safe digging project at Drummond Ave and S Main St. in Hubbard, Ohio April 27, 2023 9:30 AM
  - c. Safe Digging project will be landscaping and planting at Welcome to Hubbard sign.
  - d. Phantoms Hockey Game tickets are available for Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> game at 7:00 PM at Covelli Centre.
  - e. Lisa Taddei from Ohio Edison informed council that OE will be holding Live Wire Demonstrations March 13 at 6PM at Trumbull County EMA and March 14 at 9AM and 11AM at City of Warren Main Firestation
- 8. Next Eastern Ohio Damage Prevention Meeting **Thursday, March 23** at 9:30AM OHIO811 center North Jackson Ohio
- 9. Motion To Adjourn: Joe Dunlap, Seconded Don Austin
  - a. Motion carried by unanimous vote.