



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024

09:30am to 11:00am

6363 Selig Blvd, Independence, Ohio, 44131

1.) Introductions

- There were thirty-eight individuals in attendance.

2.) Meeting Minutes Approved

- The meeting minutes were approved at 0936 with no revisions.

3.) Presentation Bill Hocevar with Great Lakes Construction Company

- As of January 1st, 2016, PUCO has the authority to enforce Ohio utility damage prevention laws.
- Utilities, excavators, developers, etc. can report compliance failures as well as seek enforcement of safety laws.
- PUCO required a fee of \$35 in 2023 and expects the same amount in 2024.
- To date, the PUCO has collected \$133,665.
- In 2022, UTC met seven times. PUCO received 138 complaint submissions and decided 115 cases.
- In 2023, UTC met seven times. PUCO received 140 complaint submissions and decided 124 cases.
 - 18 of 140 complaints were invalid (did not meet aggrieved person definition, 90 days past date of discovery).
- UTC has authority to issue fines as penalties. Fine can be issued up to \$2,500 as a first offense and up to \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.
- Fines totaling \$38,600 were recorded by the UTC in 2023. Out of these fines, \$11,350 were collected.
- Funds from the fines are used for public awareness, training and education, incentive, and similar programs.

4.) All Ohio DPC meeting review

- OHIO811 wants to provide the councils with business cards with QR codes on them (English/Spanish).
- OHIO811 would like councils to host an excavator dinner in hopes to better attendance of DPC meetings.

- Several councils have subcommittees that handle council needs, such as safe digging events or public outreach. We discussed incorporating this into our council for our yearly safe digging project. Mike Hall with Akron Energy Systems will lead our subcommittee for safe digging month.

- Some DPC's have social media pages that are updated frequently and used to promote outreach. Vincent Teuscher with Enbridge volunteered to handle this for our DPC.

- All Ohio DPC Blood Drive for 811 Day

- We are partnering with The Red Cross to complete as councils for a great cause. Councils will compete to obtain the largest amount of blood donations. The American Red Cross will be the primary organization, but all donations will be valid. The dates are July 10th through August 10th. Each DPC will be forwarded a BloodLink from the American Red Cross to use for tracking. Anyone is welcome to join and can find their nearest location for donation through the American Red Cross website.

- Our council unanimously agreed to participate in this event.

5.) December Breakfast Meeting

Our yearly breakfast meeting will be on Friday, December 6th, 2024. We do not yet have a location of a speaker.

6.) OHIO811 Updates

- The annual membership meeting will be held in Warren, Ohio at the Avalon Inn. It will be between August 14th and 16th. The registration is not yet open.

- The fall excavator seminars are being planned for October 22nd in Youngstown and October 23rd in Franklin County. We are still looking for dates and facilities for the Medina and Lima areas.

- There were 153,541 notifications made to the center for May. Year to date, there have been 634,284 notifications made to the center which is down YOY by approximately 2.45%.

- August 11th, the Rubber Ducks are hosting a game. Akron Energy and OHIO811 split a sponsorship. OHIO811 will have a table set up.

- August 30th is the date for the annual shoot at Hill n Dale. Scott Templeton will be sending out an e-mail with more details in the coming weeks.

7.) Open Discussion

- **There will be no meeting in July.** Our next meeting will be August 7th.

- Municipalities can reach out to relocation@dominionenergy.com to communicate large projects where Enbridge Gas Ohio (formerly Dominion Energy)'s facilities may pose issues.

- The meeting was adjourned at 1047.