

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Meeting Notes

July 16, 2025

Mission Statement: The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to promote safety by bringing together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

Emergency Action Plan – Joel Johnson

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson. Mike Wine made second. May meeting minutes were approved.

July Attendees:

Eric Morris	Al Tonetti	Brad Hegwood	Mike Payne
Michael Wine	Vanessa Vickroy	Frank Riegler	Matt Reinhart
Aaron Hunt	Josh Kleemeyer	Ashton Chapman	Ian Stipes
Joel Johnson	Alex McCann	Lori Wade	Collins Cranmer
Chastity Walisa	Jon Dorsey	Dan Parker	Steve Ryan
Colin Smith	Kevin Baxter	Jessica Burlett	Elizabeth Pyles
Adam Ryan			

Guest Speakers: City of Columbus Emergency Planning and Preparedness (Ryan Arthur & Capt Bishop)

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – Looking for more volunteers to help with the newsletter.
- By-Laws - Will reconvene in the Fall. Brad Hegwood is still the chair of the committee.

Old Business

Marking Standards Committee – All new marking standards have been approved and are now available on the website. <https://oups.org/excavator-manuals/>

2025 Events

August 10, 2025 – Clippers Sunday game 1:05 p.m. Please email Joel Johnson to reserve your tickets.

New Business

CODPC/811 Summer Challenge – Jessica Burlett presented the 811/CODPC summer challenge with the council. Please share your photos in the following links. All pics are welcome and encouraged. Please use the #CanYouDigIt if you post the pic on social media. Prizes will be given out to the top pictures.

8/11 Week – Site Visits. Please reach out to any officer with ideas of any work site that could be a possible destination to visit.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates
 - a. Stats - <https://oups.org/stats/>
 - b. Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio August 13-15, 2025
2. OUDPC/Coalition
 - a. Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition: Will be held from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus.
 - i. July 17, 2025, October 16, 2025
3. UTC/PUCO
 - a. next meeting **Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 10:30 AM**
Kevin Baxter informed the council that due to an influx of complaints there will be 2 meetings in July. The next UTC meeting is July 31st. In person meeting is at new ODOT headquarters on W. Broad St. Meeting will be hybrid.

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – No discussion.
- Flood safety sheet (attached)
- Sunbury trench collapse press release. (Attached)

- Mitch Richard spoke about the ICWHY golf outing. The golf outing will be able to provide 100 kids meals during the first couple of months during the 2025-26 school year in Mt. Sterling. Mr. Richard also gave details about the upcoming ride for autism charity ride. Please reach out to Mr. Richard to get involved with the upcoming poker run. <https://www.icwhy.org/#/>
- Lori Wade announced her retirement from Columbia Gas. Lori's last day with CG will be 8/8/2025.

Next Meeting: **August 20, 2025**
Builder's Exchange

Meeting adjourned @ 10:19am.

Meeting Locations 2025

- BX: January, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September
- Franklin County Engineer's Office: February
- GPD Group: October, November, December

