

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Agenda

August 20, 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.

Liz Pyles called meeting to order at 9:02am.

Collins Cranmer read the mission statement.

Emergency Action Plan – Joel Johnson

Attendance:

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| 1. Ashton Chapman | 11. Mike Wine | 21. Blake Ross |
| 2. Mike Tom | 12. Colin Smith | 22. Mitch Richard |
| 3. Collins Cranmer | 13. Russell Bowerman | 23. Alan Tonetti |
| 4. Frank Riegler | 14. Jacqueline Kelley | 24. Josh Kleemeyer |
| 5. Joel Johnson | 15. Matt Reinhart | 25. Jessica Burlett |
| 6. Chastity Walisa | 16. Luke Houseworth | 26. Elizabeth Pyles |
| 7. Bradley Hegwood | 17. Andrea Davis | 27. Daniel Parker |
| 8. Steve Ryan | 18. Brandon Croston | 28. Brandon Worthington |
| 9. Kevin Baxter | 19. Kyle Mangione | |
| 10. Adam M Ryan | 20. Jonathan Dorsey | |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – *Joel Johnson made a motion to approve July meeting minutes. Collins Cranmer made a second. July meeting minutes were approved.*

Guest Speakers: Mid-Year Review. *Frank Riegler asked for feedback from the April safe dig event “Utility Showcase” we held. Discussion was held with the council if the event is something we should continue. The feeling from the council is that the event was a success and planning for the 2026 event is to be started soon. Jessica Burlett mentioned to the council to reach out if they have a desire to be a guest speaker at a CODPC meeting.*

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – *Lori Wade would like to continue the newsletter*
- By-Laws - *October is the projected month to restart the committee.*

Old Business

2025 Events

August 10, 2025 – Clippers Sunday game 1:05 p.m.

8/11 Week – *Frank spoke on the multiple jobsites he and Jessica Burlett stopped at during the week to show appreciation and educate.*

New Business

Volunteers needed for Farm Science Review for the following dates Tuesday September 16th, 17th and 18th. Please reach out to Frank Riegler.

Officer elections will be held in November.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates

a. Stats – <https://oups.org/stats/>

b. Fall Excavator Seminars – **2025 Fall Excavator Seminar Areas**

Tuesday, Oct 28th – Oak Harbor (Ottawa)

Wednesday, Oct 29th – Wadsworth – (Medina Cty)

Thursday, Oct 30th – Waldo – (Marion Cty)

Friday, Oct 31st – St. Clairsville – (Belmont Cty)

November 18th – 21st:

Tuesday, Nov 18th – Sidney (Shelby Cty)

Wednesday, Nov 19th – Cincinnati (Hamilton Cty)

Thursday Nov 20th – Columbus – (Franklin Cty)

Friday Nov 21st – Logan (Hocking Cty)

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. October 16, 2025

ii. Thursday, September 4 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am: White Lining Focus Group Meeting

- iii. Monday, September 8 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Exemptions Subcommittee Meeting
- iv. Tuesday, September 9 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Enforcement Subcommittee Meeting
- v. Tuesday, September 16 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am: Utility Coordination Subcommittee

3. UTC/PUCO

- a. next meeting **Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 10:30 AM**
- b. **next meeting September 11th. In person at ODOT and online.**

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – Kyle Mangione mentioned to the council to reach out to him if you need something from Columbia Gas. Columbia Gas is still currently looking to feel Lori Wade's position. Brad Hegwood mentioned educating the public on "how to call in an OHIO811 ticket". John Dorsey notified the council that he is currently working on getting educational information out on how-to call-in tickets. Jamie Gillen also mentioned that the OHIO811 website is undergoing a facelift to help with education outreach. Jamie asked for feedback on ideas to improve the website. Jamie and John both mentioned that AI is not a great resource for asking OHIO811 questions due to all states having different dig laws. Steve Ryan spoke about how the dryer season can bring challenges with hard digging surfaces and to make everyone aware that during this type of season please continue to dig safe.

Next Meeting: **September 17, 2025**
Ohio Homeland Security regarding threats and protection of critical infrastructure, in particular, water and wastewater threats.
Builder's Exchange

Meeting Locations 2025

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.