

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Agenda

October 22, 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.

Josh Kleemeyer read the mission statement.

Emergency Action Plan – Jessica Burlett

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Attendance:

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| 1. Adam Ryan | 9. Dan Parker | 17. Blake Ross |
| 2. Steven Mulcahy | 10. Chuck Cunningham | 18. Frank Riegler |
| 3. Josh Kleemeyer | 11. Mike Wine | 19. Alan Tonetti |
| 4. Mike Tom | 12. Kelly Carpenter | 20. Jessica Burlett |
| 5. Bradley Hegwood | 13. Russell Bowerman | 21. Elizabeth Pyles |
| 6. Collins Cranmer | 14. Zac Maynard | 22. Joel Johnson |
| 7. Eric Morris | 15. Matthew Reinhart | |
| 8. James Jewell | 16. Kevin Baxter | |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Blake Ross seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – Lori Wade will be getting reengaged into the council and may be heading the newsletter.
- By-Laws – Brad Hegwood will get some committee meeting dates ready. Please look out for meeting invites soon.

Old Business

Officer Elections November – Officer elections will be held in November. If anyone is interested in knowing what the officer’s position duties are, please contact the current officers.

Farm Science Review Recap – Frank Riegler said it was a great turnout and a good event with productive conversations with stakeholders. Frank also thanked everyone who volunteered for the event.

New Business

Christmas Breakfast, swag always appreciated from companies for door prizes!

Frank asked the council about our 2025 CODPC “Utility Showcase” event we held in 2025. We would like feedback from the council on ideas for 2026 and how we can build on the event.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates

a. Stats - <https://oups.org/stats/>

b. Fall Excavator Seminars

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 – <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb227>

a. Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition: Will be held from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus.

i. 2026 OUDPC Full Coalition meeting dates below:

January 15th, April 16th, July 16th, October 15th.

All meetings are held at the Ohio Contractors Association building 10am-2pm.

3. UTC/PUCO

- a. next meeting – November 13th. In person and online.

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – Adam Ryan mentioned that his company continues to run into prudent digging practices and how its defined. Jason Broyles will mention the issue to the OUDPC.

Next Meeting: **November 19, 2025**
 GPD Group

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 10:36 am.

