



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

09:30am to 11:00am

6363 Selig Drive, Independence

1. Introductions

- There were thirty-four individuals in attendance.

2.) Meeting Minutes Approved

- The October meeting minutes were approved without revision.

3.) Presentation: Khrysanne Kerr with Common Ground Alliance

- CGA is dedicated to preventing damage to underground utility infrastructure and protecting those who live and work near these important assets through the shared responsibility of our stakeholders.
- CGA produces the DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) report every year to understand why damages are happening and the root causes. There are seven root causes that make up eighty percent of the damages. A quarter of damages are from no ticket digs.
- CGA has a “living breathing” Best Practices standard. It is available to order either physical or online download.
- DPI (Damage Prevention Institute) – Accreditation Metrics Peer Review – active part of what CGA does. Any member can be accredited by DPI.
- NEXT Practices Initiative – Systemic Issues/Opportunities – looks for opportunities that can change the damage prevention industry, such as an invention in Isriel that allows an excavator to see what’s below with a GPS on the bucket.
- Current working groups – abandoned facilities, chapter 3 review, cross bore review, disaster preparation and response, excavation forecasting, extraordinary circumstances, joint trench marking,

large project ticket, mapping, marine practices, recording facility records, ticket life preservation of marks, ticket load leveling/scheduling, tolerance zone, and tracer wire

- Anyone can submit and new practice proposal to CGA.
- In 2024, there were 11 modifications to existing and 2 new practices
- In 2024, there were 264 922,835 locate requests made in the US.
- In 2024, there were 196,977 unique reported damages.
- 2026 CGA dates are April 27th through April 30th in Colorado Springs.

4.) OHIO811 Updates

- In October, there were 160,879 notifications made to the center, which is 6.49% above last year.
- Year to date, there have been 1,445,486 notifications made to the center which is up 6.74% above last year.
- Fall Excavator Seminars
 - Sidney, Cincinnati, and Columbus are all full (other dates have passed)
 - Logan has limited spots available for Friday, November 21st at 830am at Local 18 Center (30410 Strawn Road).
- Ohio House Bill 227 – passed the house, in testimony now.
- Paradigm meetings will be starting in Ohio on January 14th.

5.) April Safe-Dig Event Subcommittee

- The safe-dig event subcommittee will meet after today's meeting, then biweekly thereafter. They will report back to the council on updates at each month's meeting.

6.) Annual NODPC Sporting Clay Event

- This year's shoot will be next Friday, November 14th at 9am at Hill 'n Dale in Medina. There are currently seven spots left. We will be going to lunch afterwards at On Tap in Medina.

7.) NODPC Officer Nominations

- There was no new interest in officer positions (secretary, co-chair, and chair), so the current positions will remain the same (Scott Templeton – Chair, Justin Freudeman – Co-Chair, Vincent Teuscher – Secretary)

8.) December Breakfast Meeting

- Our annual breakfast meeting will be next month on Friday, December 5th.
- The council voted on Bob Evans as the caterer for this year's event. We will be ordering the "Best in Class Breakfast", which includes scrambled eggs, home fries, fresh fruit, bacon, sausage links, hotcakes, and biscuits and gravy. If funds allow, we will get other items.

9.) Open Discussion

- The council Facebook page has been created and has gained traction. We plan to work with OHIO811 to have a "Twelve Days of Safe Digging" in December where we will giveaway OHIO811 branded items.
- The City of Cleveland's new right of way permit policy will be going into effect soon. Contractors must be registered to obtain a permit. Please contact Carter Creviston with questions.

Next Meeting:

**Friday, December 5th, 2025, at the Enbridge Gas OTTC (418 East Hines Hill Road,
Hudson)**