

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

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 – Frank Riegler

Attendance:

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| 1. Russell Bowerman | 13. Mark Timbrook | 25. Shauntai Shoots-Nichols |
| 2. Michael Reed | 14. Aaron Hunt | 26. Josh Motzer |
| 3. Bradley Hegwood | 15. Steve Ryan | 27. Alan Tonetti |
| 4. Josh Kleemeyer | 16. Ronald Adams | 28. Collins Cranmer |
| 5. Eric Morris | 17. Kyle Mangione | 29. Chuck Cunningham |
| 6. Frank Riegler | 18. Ryan Blanton | 30. Michael Simpson |
| 7. Kevin Baxter | 19. Nicholas Murdock | 31. Liz Pyles |
| 8. Lacy Marcum | 20. Lori Wade | 32. Joel Johnson |
| 9. Jon Foley | 21. Steven Mulcahy | |
| 10. Kelly Carpenter | 22. Syllas Bebel | |
| 11. Allison Berry | 23. Alexis Shaffer | |
| 12. Ashton Chapman | 24. John Groves | |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – May and June meeting minutes will be approved during the July meeting due to May meeting minutes being sent out late.

Guest Speakers: Kyle Mangione, Columbia Gas – The Columbia Gas coverage map and contact information is attached.

DPC Committees

- Newsletter - No updates.
- By-Laws – No updates

Old Business

HB 227 – Alex McCann spoke about the transition stating he has not encountered any setbacks within his group. Alex also mentioned the mandatory training and how Shelly is implementing it.

8/11 Day – jobsite visiting! Need suggestions of places to visit!! Still in need of jobs to visit.

June 12 Northwest Golf Outing – Frank Riegler updated us on the outing. Approximately 70 people attended and it was a good event. Frank brought up a potential DPC Ryder Cup amongst all the Ohio DPC's. Frank is looking to do this event next year.

New Business – We are looking for 2 volunteers to represent our DPC on the Marking Standards committee. Please reach out to an officer if you are interested.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates
 - a. Stats: <https://oups.org/stats/>
2. OUDPC/Coalition – Next full coalition meeting – July 16th, 10am-2pm at The Ohio Contractors Building. Full update attached
3. UTC/PUCO – Kevin Baxter said the June 4th meeting went well. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 23rd @9am.

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – 004 issue was brought up regarding not having any contact for the locator who submitted the 004. Frank mentioned making sure you are doing a site assessment before digging to look for underground infrastructure.

Next Meeting: **July 15, 2026**
BX

Meeting Adjourned at 10:23am.

Meeting Locations 2026

- January 21, 2026 – GPD Group
- February 18, 2026 - BX
- March 18, 2026 – EMH&T
- April – Safe Dig Event Franklin County Fairgrounds
- May 20, 2026 - BX
- June 17, 2026 - BX
- July 15, 2026 - BX
- August 19, 2026 - BX

- September 16, 2026 - BX
- October 21, 2026 – EMH&T
- November 18, 2026 - BX
- December 16, 2026 – TBD

