

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Meeting Notes

July 15, 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 – Joel Johnson

Introductions – Josh Kleemeyer

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson made a motion to approve the May and June meeting minutes; Mike Wine seconded the motion. The May and June meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest Speakers: Allison Berry, NPL

Attendees:

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| 1. Rod Riley | 9. Alex McCann | 17. Adam Ryan |
| 2. Mike Tom | 10. Nicholas Murdock | 18. Lori Wade |
| 3. Brad Hegwood | 11. Aaron Hunt | 19. Jacque Kelley |
| 4. Al Tonetti | 12. Josh Kleemeyer | 20. Lacey Marcum |
| 5. Allison Berry | 13. Kyle Peyton | 21. Russ Bowerman |
| 6. Steve Ryan | 14. Chris Bonnet | 22. Joel Johnson |
| 7. Eric Morris | 15. Michael Wine | 23. Kelly Carpenter |
| 8. Michael Reed | 16. Collins Cranmer | |

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – Allison Berry will be getting involved in helping with getting the newsletter generated again.
- By-Laws – No new updates.

Old Business

HB 227

8/11 Day – jobsite visiting! Need suggestions of places to visit. Mike Tom will get in contact with Frank and set up a possible site with Clearpath.

New Business

Annual Membership Meeting

-August 5-7

-Embassy Suites by Hilton, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus Ohio

Farm Science Review

-September 22-24

-Molly Caren Agricultural Center, London Ohio

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates
 - a. Stats - <https://oups.org/stats/>
2. OUDPC/Coalition – attach meeting dates
3. UTC/PUCO – October 15th. <https://oups.org/oudpc/>

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – The group had a great roundtable discussion regarding late tickets and how we as an industry group can help with this issue.

Next Meeting: **August 19, 2026**
BX

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