Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council
Agenda
September 16, 2026

<u>Mission Statement:</u> 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. Brad Hegwood seconded the motion. August meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers: Kyle Peyton – Blood Hound underground infrastructure

Attendees:

1. Liz Pyles
2. Joel Johnson
3. Frank Riegler
4. Brad Hegwood
5. Josh Kleemeyer
6. Kyle Peyton
7. Jon Foley
8. Russ Bowerman
9. Ashton Chapman
10. Michael Reed
11. Steve Ryan
12. Lori Wade
13. Al Tonetti
14. Alan Austin
15. Collins Cranmer
16. Nicholas Murdock
17. Syla Bebel
18. Kelly Carpenter
19. Devin Dodson
20. Alex McCann
21. Michael Simpson
22. Cristina Parody
23. Lacey Marcum
24. Jacqueline Kelley
25. Eric Morris

Old Business

ICWHY & OHIO811 Sporting Clay Event October 9th at Cardinal Shooting Center.

New Business

Farm Science Review – Frank has a volunteer list together. Frank will get ahold of those who volunteered to give out passes and other information. Frank is still seeking more volunteers.

Please consider participating in the Steps for Sarcoma event. Link below

https://runsignup.com/stepsforsarcoma

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates – Frank spoke about some new updates coming to the OHIO811 website that will make certain options more user friendly.
    a. Stats https://oups.org/stats/
    b. OHIO811 safety seminar dates - October 17th – Hillard, October 28th – Wilmington, October 29th – Greenville, October 30th - Oregon
2. OUDPC/Coalition- https://oups.org/oudpc/
3. UTC/PUCO - N/A

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – Discussion was had surrounding what constitutes an emergency ticket. The council talked about how much education is important around what an emergency consists of. Frank read the "Emergency" definition defined in the ORC. The next meeting for the "misuse and abuse" committee, which is in discussion on the emergency ticket issues, is November 16th at 11am.
  Allison Berry brought up an issue NPL is facing at Wittenberg University. Wittenberg has utilities in the ROW and is not a member of OHIO811 so their utilities do not get marked.

There is an upcoming Ohio Broadband meeting on September 29th.
https://broadband.ohio.gov/news-and-events/broadbandohio-alliance-meetings

Next Meeting: **October 28, 2026 at EMH&T**

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 28, 2026 – EMH&T
- November 18, 2026 - BX
- December 16, 2026 – TBD