

The Scoop on Damage Prevention



October 2011



New for 2012...Taking the Damage Prevention message to the Public Works and Excavators

The Northern and Southern Damage Prevention Team is excited about the new damage prevention program for 2012. Call Okie and the Damage Prevention Councils are partnering with local underground facility companies sponsoring a Public Works Employee Safety Program for all **Municipalities** and **Public Works Employees**. The program is very similar to the successful 2011 County Employee Safety programs which reached over 1000 county commissioners, equipment operators and their employees. *The programs will be offered* during the months of **February thru May**. The programs are being held to increase awareness of the underground facility dangers that exist and to encourage use of the State's One-Call notification system.

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Get Informed!

Attending these programs will educate decision making personnel on how to avoid costly mistakes when excavating near underground facilities. Call Okie will explain the key steps and identify the common mistakes associated with every day excavations.

Some of what attendees will learn...

When to Call
Types of Tickets
Dealing with accident investigations
What is Dial 811?

Attendees will receive a **FREE** catered lunch and door prizes followed by a 45-minute presentation. There will be an opportunity to meet and visit with underground facility representatives. Every attendee can register their municipality or public works department to receive **\$1,000** that will be given away at the end of our training year.

It is the goal of Call Okie and our valued members to protect the public, the environment and eliminate damages to vital underground facilities in Oklahoma.

To find out how you can help and be a part of this exciting program please contact Leslie Carter, Damage Prevention Events Coordinator, at 1-800-522-6544 ext. 7205 or lcarter@callokie.com.

Northern Division Activities

Red Carpet Green Frontier

October

10/4 - Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control
Break out session Speaker

*“Integrity is
doing the
right thing,
even if
nobody
is watching”*

Unknown Author



Watonga Cheese Festival
October 7-8, 2011
Watonga, OK

The 35th annual Watonga Cheese Festival and Art Show had an estimated attendance of 8,000 people. One of the featured attractions was the art show, which offered a collection of oils, acrylics, watercolors and pastels. Other attractions include two large craft tents featuring Made in Oklahoma products and other items. The armory also features craft and wine vendors from across the State of Oklahoma.

Besides a large selection of shopping, eating and tasting options, the festival offered bands on two stages, one at Centennial Park and one at Main and Noble. The highlight of Oct. 8 events was the annual Cheese Festival Parade at 12:30 p.m. This year's parade featured several area junior high and high school bands, floats, classic cars, clowns and characters. The second annual Race the Rail, a 32-mile race against the AT&L Railroad from Watonga to Geary and back was Saturday. Additional activities include a classic car show, Rat Race (5K, 1K and one-mile fun run Saturday morning), games, rides and amusements. Special Thank You to the volunteers that worked the booth; Leslie Carter, Call Okie; Brenton Mayfield, Western Farmers Elec; Al Swaney, ONEOK; Dee Rader, NW Electric Coop and David Deboar, CenterPoint Energy.

10/ 11 & 12 - ONEOK PHMSA Audit
Tulsa, OK

10/17 - Tulsa Community College

10/28 - City of Mustang Public Works Department



Mark Your Calendar

Public Education Damage Prevention Council

Next Meeting

November 9th

10am

Call Okie Office

2831 NW 59th St

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Southern Division Activities

Arbuckle Great Plains Kiamichi



Pumpkin Festival
October 15, 2011
Cordell, OK

The Great Plains DP hosted the 24th Annual Pumpkin Festival in Cordell, Oklahoma. The event attracted over 5,000 homeowners, farmers and excavators in the surrounding communities. The Cordell Pumpkin Festival is held in October by the Cordell Chamber of Commerce. Every October the community joins together for a hearty pumpkin breakfast followed by games, crafts and a parade. The show also includes an annual Classic Car Show, Largest Pumpkin and pumpkin baking contests, High School Band Concert and Costume Pet Parade. The buildings in the historic downtown are framed with white lights and the Washita County Courthouse and lawn come alive with festive lighted figures. Thank you to the following volunteers for making this event a success; Brenda Hoefar, Zetta Penner, Royce Lowber, Deana Cook, Laura Butler, and Gabby Hoefar.



Robbers Cave Festival
October 21-23, 2011
Wilburton, OK

Call Okie participates in over 25-30 events in Oklahoma. The Kiamichi Country Damage Prevention Council hosted The 25th Annual Robbers Cave Festival which is one of the biggest events educating homeowners, farmers/ranchers and excavators the importance to Dial 811 before they start their projects. This year the festival attracted over 65-70,000 people who visit over the three days of the event. Of the 70,000 visitors 9,800 individuals came to the festival from states other than Oklahoma. The festival hosted all types of hand crafted items, variety of music and food including a carnival for the kids. The largest day is Saturday, with the Fall Foliage Cruise which host between 450-500 pre-1981 cars, some restored and some customized.

A total of 12 volunteers representing the Kiamichi Country DP council worked the Call Okie and BP booth. Volunteers distributed over 5,000 marketing materials with the Dial 811 message. Hats off to the many volunteers for their time and making this event a huge success; Naomi Ranes, Lindsey King, Teresa Autry, Kenneth Morris and Joey Campagna BP Wilburton. Eddie Whitehead, Charley Bagley and David Borum Chesapeake. Brett Roberts and Todd Lowery ONG Hugo. Danny Turnage ONG Idabel.



***Before you
start your
excavation
Call Okie 48
hours before
you
dig....it's the
Law!***

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November

- 11/3 - AT&T Seminole County Mtg
- 11/10 - USIC/ATT Mtg OKC
- 11/14 - USIC/ATT Mtg Tulsa
- 11/16 - GPDPC Centerpoint Energy Office, Lawton
- 11/17 - KCDPC BP Facility, Wilburton

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"Call Before You Dig"

Know a contractor
that would benefit
from Call Okie
training.
Contact your
Damage Prevention
Manager!



Our Mission

To provide quality underground damage prevention and communication
services in the great state of Oklahoma.

When we change our clocks...

- **Daylight Saving Time** begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the **second Sunday of March**.
- Time reverts to **standard time** at 2 a.m. on the **first Sunday of November**.



Twice a year, when **Daylight Saving Time begins** or **ends**, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will **improve safety in your home...**

Do these things every 6 months when you reset your clocks:

- ◆ **Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.** Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years. Replace any CO alarms older than five years.
- ◆ Prepare a disaster supply kit for your house (*water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets*). Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (*including testing/replacing flashlight batteries*).
- ◆ A COLD winter is coming! Make a "winter car-emergency kit" **now** and put in your vehicle! (**Don't know what to include? Do an Internet search for "car emergency kit" and you'll find lots of ideas!**) It's a good idea to carry a *car emergency kit* in your car year-round, but be sure to add cold-weather gear to your general car-emergency kit each fall. (*Having a separate duffle/gear bag clearly marked "Cold Gear" specifically for your cold weather emergency gear makes it easy to add or take out of the car, seasonally.*) Like a Boy Scout, "Be Prepared!" In cold weather, even a very minor car problem or flat tire can be deadly serious, or at the very least, *miserable* to deal with, unless you're well prepared.
- ◆ Check home and outbuilding storage areas for hazardous materials. Discard (*properly, please*) any which are outdated, no longer used, or in poor condition. Move any which are within reach of kids or pets.
- ◆ Check and discard expired medications **those dates really DO have meaning** some very common over-the-counter medications can cause *serious* problems due to change through aging.



Communication from you, the stakeholders is the key to a successful damage prevention program. It's important that we as your damage prevention representatives promote your companies ideas on safety and the importance of using Oklahoma One-Call.



Your participation on the Damage Prevention Councils as well as the state wide Public Education Damage Prevention Council is greatly appreciated.

As stated earlier in this newsletter, excavator responsibilities will be our theme for 2012. We encourage your involvement in the process of getting the "Dig Safely" message into the excavation community.