

The Scoop on Damage Prevention



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Oklahoma One Call

2013 Safety Training *Communicating Proper Locating Practices*

The Northern and Southern Damage Prevention Team are excited about the Damage Prevention Program for 2012. Call Okie and the Damage Prevention Councils are partnering with local underground facility companies to sponsor an Excavator safety program focused on communication...***“Communicating Proper Locating Practices”***. Attendees will have an increased awareness of the underground facility dangers that exist, the importance of using the State’s One-Call notification system and a better understanding of proper locating practices.

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.

Excavators need to know the proper procedures and responsibilities when they make the 811 call. Hearing, understanding and using the “Dig Safe” message protects both our excavators and facilities in our state.

Attending these programs will educate decision making personnel and employees on how to



Tulsa Farm Show December 6 thru 8, 2012

The last event of the year for the members of the Green Country Damage Prevention Council was the Tulsa Farm Show, December 6-8. This show is Oklahoma’s largest indoor farm show which is attended by farmers and ranchers from a 5 state area. The estimated attendance for this event is 38 – 40, 000.

Green Country Damage Prevention Council Members from AT&T, Level 3, Enbridge and Call Okie volunteered to man the booth and distribute “Call Before You Dig” trinkets and brochure. This show is a great way to reach out to farmers about the importance of making that call to 811 before doing any digging. Oklahoma farmers are very important to our economy. Seeing that they use the One Call keeps our state safe.

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Special points of interest:

- Inaugural meeting of a newly formed Damage Prevention Field Representative Group

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North Division

**Red Carpet Green Country Frontier
December & January Activities**

December

12/5 Open House Law Change Committee

12/6-8 Tulsa Farm Show

12/17-19 Damage Prevention/field Representative Group Mtg
in Jefferson City, MO

January

January 9th Red Carpet DPC, Enid

January 11th Presentation at Chesapeake Field Office,
Waynoka, OK

January 11th & 12th KNID Agrifest, Enid

January 16th Frontier DPC & PEDPC, OKC

January 17th thru 18th Oklahoma Ground Water Assoc.
Conference, Embassy Suites, Norman

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

South Division

**Chickasaw Great Plains Kiamichi
December & January Activities**

December

12/5 Open House OOC SI Legislative Committee

12/6-8 Tulsa Farm Show

12/11 OSC Conference Mtg

12/12 Seminole County 1,2,3 Safety Meeting Seminole

12/13 Great Plains DPC Mtg Lawton

12/19 Chickasaw DPC Mtg Durant

January

1/8 OSC Conference Mtg

1/15 USIC OKC

1/16 PEDPC OKC

1/17-18 OGWA Conference Norman

1/22 City of Stillwater USIC Mtg Stillwater

1/30 SAC Mtg Cushing

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

Damage Prevention Field Representative Group



December 17 – 19, 2012, Brenda Hoefar Northern Division Damage Prevention Manager. represented Oklahoma One Call at the Inaugural Meeting of a newly formed Damage Prevention Field Representative Group. The group met at Missouri One Call's offices in Jefferson City Missouri. Derek Leffert from Missouri One Call was the host of the 3 day event.

Damage Prevention Managers from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas were invited to the event. The goal of the event was for Damage Prevention Managers to collaborate together

and discuss their methods and techniques of getting the "Call Before You Dig " message out in their states. Open discussions about stats and trends, presentation ideas, goals, law differences from state to state and many other issues about damage prevention were discussed.

Brenda states that this event was a very productive and enjoyable. She brought back many ideas that she can use for promoting damage prevention in Oklahoma.

Ms. Hoefar was also elected as vice president of the group, which plans to meet at least twice a year. Each meeting will be held at a different One Call Center so that the group can see how each state operates.

The next meeting of the Damage Prevention Field Representative group will be in June with Indiana One Call hosting the event.



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Our Mission

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



Mark Your Calendar



March 2013
Call Okie Annual Meeting
date & place TBA



September 30th thru October 1st & 2nd, 2013 Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma

The Summit is for all those interested in keeping Oklahoma a safer place to live and work. Attendees will include stakeholders such as gas and pipeline representatives, professional excavators and locators, electric company personnel, water and wastewater operators, and communications representatives to municipalities.

