

# The Scoop on Damage Prevention



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## 2012 Safety Training Update

On June 15, Brenda Hoefar conducted our second safety training class for Oklahoma City Public Works where 72 employees attended the training. The Public Works employees were informed about the Oklahoma law concerning calling 811 before excavating, Call Okie's new Web Services and many other aspects of staying safe while digging.

Future training events are in the works for the City of Oklahoma City. Jeremy Veach, OKC Public Works Safety Analyst has planned several more of these trainings in the fall.

Call Okie's Damage Prevention's focus in 2012 has been "excavator responsibility." Anyone being paid to move dirt in the state of Oklahoma must use the state's notification system (Call Okie) 48 business hours before planned excavation. Excavators need to know the proper procedures and responsibilities that are required of them when they make the 811 call.

Hearing, understanding and using the "Dig Safe" message protects both our excavators and facilities in our state.



	January thru June					
	2012 YTD			2011 YTD		
	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs	RSVP	Actual Attendees	# of Mtgs
County / Public Works Employees	806	705		1020	866	
Member Company's	2	2		24	19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>28</b>

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### Special points of interest:

- Webinar Training Schedule
- Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit

## North Division

Red Carpet Green Country Frontier  
June Activities

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

The Damage Prevention Team of Brenda Hoefar and Jerry West participated in the **Cushing BBQ Blues Festival June 7-9**. Call Okie shared a tent with Damage Prevention Council Member **Plains All American** and handed out Call Okie trinkets and conveyed the "Dig Safely Message" to the festival goers.

The three-day event is a meaty, musical gift of mutual thanks between the public and the pipeline companies that work in and around one of the world's biggest crude-oil hubs.

Eleven pipeline companies set up tents and hook up to one giant smoker. The firms foot the bill for the food, while the \$5 charge per person for a taster's kit actually goes half to the chamber's fund and half to a scholarship fund.



### Public Education Damage Prevention Council

#### Next Meeting

August 8, 2012

10 AM

Call Okie Office

2831 NW 59th St, OKC, OK 73112

### North DPC June Activities

**July 11th** - American Public Works Assoc. at Warren CAT, Tulsa

**July 12th** - Circle B Underground, Bristow

### WEBINAR TRAINING SUMMER 2012

In the Spring of 2012 a new feature was introduced for Excavators to the Call Okie web site; ticket lookup and enhanced web ticket entry. Webinars will be offered at various times during the summer for a better understanding in how to use the new added features, enhanced web tickets and ticket lookup. Visit the link below to RSVP

<http://www.callokie.com/excavators/damageprevention/events/calendar.asp>

#### July Training Date

July 24th - 10am to 11am

**South Division  
Chickasaw Great Plains Kiamichi  
June Activities**

Each year the **OSC** hosts the largest safety and health conference in Oklahoma. The **2012 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference** will be jointly hosted by the Oklahoma Safety Council and the Oklahoma Department of Labor (OKDOL). The event was held on **June 13-15 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa, OK.**

OSC represents a membership of more than 800 businesses throughout our state. Some of the large members are The Noble Foundation, York International, OG+E, ONEOK, PSO/AEP, Enogex, Sunoco and many more involved in the oil and gas, electric, communications, state, municipal, county and health management industry.

Call Okie was one of the sponsors and exhibitor at this event. Brenda and Jerry from Call Okie Damage Prevention hosted a booth for

the two day event providing information and answering questions. Over the course of two days, more than 500 participants in the utility and construction industry had the opportunity to hear speakers on a variety of safety and health related topics, pursue ongoing educational accreditation, and participate in courses designed for OSHA compliance and network with peer professionals. OSC goal is to provide attendees with the knowledge they can take back to their workplace to enhance productivity.



*Abbey McClellan, Oklahoma Center for Orthopedic & Multi-Specialty Surgery, LLC and Michael Gordon, PSO enjoy networking during the Exhibit Hall at the OSC Health & Safety Conference.*

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



**Oklahoma Rural Water Operator Expo  
June 19-20, 2012  
Payne County Expo Center  
Stillwater, OK**



The Operator Expo is geared towards system managers, training and safety operators in the ORWA. The event attracted 200 attendees to attend safety classes for digging around underground facilities, shoring and operating excavating equipment. Ditch Witch presented a class for locating lines and operating locating equipment.

**South DPC June Activities**

**July 11th** - Chesapeake Midstream Contractor Mtg Sayre

**July 19th** - KCDPC Mtg BP Facility Wilburton

**July 20th** - Call Okie Operating Committee Mtg

**July 26th thru 28th** - Whole Hawg Festival Eufaula

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### ***Our Mission***

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



### **REGISTER NOW AND SAVE \$50**

#### **THE OKLAHOMA DAMAGE PREVENTION SUMMIT OCTOBER 1-3, 2012**

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Interested in more information about attendees, workshops, exhibitors, sponsorship, etc. Visit the web site below.

<http://www.oklahoma.damagepreventionsummit.com>



### **“Call Okie: A Damage Prevention System in Action”**

*Presented by Naomi Martinez, Call Okie GIS Coordinator  
At the June 20th SCAUG meeting*

Call Okie believes that damage prevention is a shared responsibility. Communication is our key to success, our mission is to provide quality underground damage prevention and communication services for the excavators, operators and owners in the Great State of Oklahoma. Call Okie works with underground utility owners to obtain the geographic location of their underground facilities, the information is entered into our system. Now that we know the location of the facilities, locate requests can be received by the underground facility owner. The excavator contacts Call Okie to request a locate request, the excavator will provide location information (driving directions, address, legal description and/or GPS coordinates) the Call Okie customer service representative uses this information to digitally define the digging location on a map with a polygon. Any underground facility owners who have registered underground facilities in the area of the dig site polygon, will receive a locate request notification. The Call Okie system is dependent on participation from underground utility operators, the excavators and the Public Safety sector to ensure that all Oklahomans are protected from the potential dangers of damaged underground facilities.

There were 161 attendees, everyone was very interested in the Call Okie system. They were really impressed by the impact we have on the State. The SCAUG Group is an innovative and diverse group made up of GIS Professionals from various industries across the State of Oklahoma. There were attendees at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting from Missouri and Kansas.