

Call Okie's Damage Prevention Newsletter

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Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc.



The "Scoop" on Damage Prevention

Special points of interest:

- * Spring & Summer mean Home Shows
- * County and Excavator Safety Trainings
- * The DP has been busy

Brenda Hoefar, Northern Division Manager and Jerry West, Southern Division Manager have been busy since the beginning of spring participating in 7 home & garden shows across the state. With the help of the volunteers from the Damage Prevention Councils, the "Call Okie Booth" has traveled all over the state this spring getting the "Dig Safely" message out..

New for the 2010 home show season, the "Call Okie" booth introduced "event specific" graphics and a scrolling marquee. For example, if the event was a farm show, the scrolling marquee displays tractors and farm equipment related digging pictures, as well as the 811 number scrolling across the screen at various intervals. Further changes for the booth will be

new signs and pictures and new table covers.

More Volunteers are needed on all of the Damage Prevention Councils as well as the state wide Public Education Damage Prevention Council. The PEDPC brings members of all 6 state wide councils together on a monthly basis to discuss any damage prevention issue, as well as, updating members of upcoming events

The Northern Division (Red Carpet, Green, & Frontier Countries) are managed by Brenda Hoefar and the Southern Division (Great Plains, Lake & Arbuckle and Kiamichi Countries) are managed by Jerry West.



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Damage Prevention.....More than just a booth at a home show

County Employee Safety Training:

The Call Okie Damage Prevention team completed 22 County Employee Safety Meetings this year. The meetings were one hour before the OPAL first responders trainings and are specifically

structured toward county employees and the hazards that could be involved in their everyday job duties out on the county roads. By working side by side with OPAL's first responder trainings, a larger audience demographic can be reached.

Contractor/Excavator Trainings:

In addition to the county safety meetings, 17 contractor/excavator trainings were completed in 2010 reaching 151 contractors.

Northern Division Activities - Frontier, Green, & Red Carpet Countries



Jerry West Instructs County Employees in Stillwater

Did you know?

**Call Okie's County
Employee Safety
Meetings reached
574 County Em-
ployees in 2010**

**Spring Shows - Northern Division
Frontier, Green & Red Carpet Countries**



Frontier County

**Southern Plains Farm Show
Oklahoma City**

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Green Country



Earth Day

Grove, Oklahoma



Southern Division - Arbuckle, Kiamichi, and Great Plains Countries

Call Okie participated in the Sam Noble Agricultural Safety Day at the Sam Noble Campus in Ardmore, OK. The event consisted of 150 students from nine Elementary Schools in the surrounding Ardmore area. Each class was rotated between ten, 20 minute learning sessions. Call Okie presented a class on Underground Utility Safety. Students attended other safety topics such as ATV, lawn equipment, tractor, poison control and meth lab awareness.

Jerry West has participated in this event for 2 years and is glad to report that the number of participants has nearly double in just 2 years.

The Farm Safety Day is a nationally accredited program sponsored by The Progress Farmers Association. One Calls nationwide participate in this event, educating young students about the hazards related to the farming industry.



Jerry West gives the "Dig Safely Message" during Sam Noble Farm Safety Day in Ardmore, OK.



150 students from 9 elementary schools surrounding the Ardmore area attended the all day safety program.





"The Inside Scoop"

Other DP activities for June

North

- June 9–11 Damage Prevention and OPAL had a booth at the Oklahoma Safety Council Conference in Tulsa
- June 1, 8, 15 Brenda Hoefar attended 3 part webinar series on Damage Investigations
- June 30 Locater meeting in Stroud, Ok



South

- June 1
Love County Conservation Meeting, Marietta, OK
Jerry distributed materials for educating farmers/ranchers in Love County.
- June 4—5
Magnolia Festival in Durant, OK
Arbuckle DP Council hosted this event. Volunteers were from ONG in Durant.
- June 8—11
Oklahoma Safety Council Governors Safety & Health Conference, Tulsa, OK
Call Okie was a sponsor and exhibitor reaching over 300 safety professionals associated in the Oil, Gas & Safety Industries.
- June 30
Oklahoma One-Call Line Locating Round Table Stroud, Oklahoma
Roundtable discussing current One-Call and Member locating issues. The following companies were represented: USIC, OKC/Tulsa, AT&T, ONG, Cox, OG&E, & Call Okie

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Common Misconceptions & Questions about the One Call

Despite our efforts to educate the public about the dig safely message and the law that governs it, there are still several misconceptions about our one call.

The department managers at the one call have decided to compile a list of the most common misconceptions about the one call. Once the list is complete, we will work towards solving these misconceptions.

Starting with this issue and continuing into the future, this portion of the newsletter will list the common misconceptions.....later issues will list the solutions we have come up with to best solve these misconceptions.

- 1) It's been the 48 hours and nothing is marked.....does that mean its "all clear" to dig?"
- 2) Call Okie will locate all lines in my yard.
- 3) Call Okie marks the lines
- 4) Why can't I schedule a time for the locate?
- 5) They didn't mark my lines in the back because of the dog.
- 6) I have a crew on site and we are waiting....who will pay for this?

To be continued.....

