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## The "Scoop" on Damage Prevention July 2010

### Special points of interest:

- \* Muskogee Kiwanis request safety training.
- \* Oklahoma Safety Council
- \* \$500 awards

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The summer heat has finally arrived and Brenda Hoefar and Jerry West are hoping your summer is going well and that you are staying cool.

The onset of summer brings more digging and the opportunity for more damage. Your damage prevention team is staying busy promoting the "Dig Safely Message" throughout the state. Brenda Hoefar and Jerry West never turn down an opportunity to promote digging safely. On July 6th Brenda Hoefar spoke to the Noon Kiwanis Club in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The president of the Muskogee Kiwanis is Mr. Mike Stewart is also the Director of Public Works for the City of Muskogee. Mr. Stewart had the majority of his public works road crew attend Brenda's presentation and

is committed to keeping his employees and the citizens of Muskogee safe. He felt this training would be an important part of his safety training program.

Brenda is happy to report that after her presentation, Mr. Stewart and his crew volunteered to participate in the Green Country Damage Prevention Council which meets in the Tulsa area on a monthly basis.



## Oklahoma Safety Council

The Oklahoma Safety Council is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, public service organization which promotes the adoption of safety, health, and environmental practices and procedures that prevent and mitigate human suffering and economic loss.

Jerry West, the Southern Division Damage Prevention Manager, has been on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Safety Council for the last 2 years. Because of Jerry's participation in the Safety Council, Oklahoma One-Call participated in the councils'

annual safety conference held in Tulsa in June.

Both Jerry West and Brenda Hoefar attended the annual conference and the Call Okie booth was set up in the vendors area.

In order to get back in sync with the OPAL meetings, the next meeting of the Public Education Damage Prevention Council will be September 8th, 10 am.

## Call Okie—Oklahoma Safety Council Sponsor

15 sponsors at the OSC conference

Jerry West takes a break from setting up the Call Okie booth at the OSC conference in Tulsa

Do you know?

What is the number One cause of damage to underground facilities in the United States?

Answer:

Because the excavator did not notify the One-Call.

## End of Year \$500 awards

At the end of the training year Call Okie's Damage Prevention program presented 1 county agency and 1 contractor agency with a check for \$500.00.

The purpose of these checks was to reward agencies for attending the county employee

Safety meetings or the Contractor/Excavator meetings which were held throughout the state from January—June. The more attendees an agency had at a meeting the better their chances of winning the \$500.00.

This years winners were:

County winner was Noble County #3.

Gary Shann owner of Shann's Landscaping was the winner of the \$500 for attending a contractor/excavator meeting.



Left Photo: Brenda Hoefar, & Jerry West, present \$500 to Noble County Dist. 3 (pictured are: Brenda Hoefar, Jerry West, Janna Parrish, Noble County Safety Director, Dale Frech, Safety Director, Angela Shaw, County Clerk, Noble Co. Commissioner, James Gregg and Leah White).

Right Photo: Gary Shann, owner of Shann's Landscaping receives \$500.00 check from Jerry West and Brenda Hoefar.





# "The Inside Scoop"

Other DP activities

## North

- July 16      Call Okie Operating Committee
- July 20      Red Carpet Damage Prevention Council Meeting
  - October 8—9 Watonga Cheese Festival
  - Sept. 14-17 Kay County Free Fair

- July 26      5s on the Road Meeting

Call Okie, McDonalds, Loves, & Chesapeake sponsor this event that will be held in September



## South

- July 14 Association of County Commissioners Spring Conference—Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City
- July 16 Call Okie Operating Committee Meeting—OKC
- July 26 5s on the Road Meeting  
Call Okie, McDonalds, Loves, & Chesapeake sponsor this event that will be held in September
- July 30-31 Kiamichi Damage Prevention Council—Whole Hawg Fest. Eufaula, Oklahoma

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## Common Misconceptions—Continued from last month

As stated in last month's news letter, the Call Okie Management team is putting together a list of the common misconceptions about the One Call.

Here are this months questions or misconceptions:

Casual excavator - "Why didn't they mark the electric line to my pool?"

Excavator" - Every line will be located in two days."

Excavator - "Every line will be located in two days."

Excavator - "They should locate all water lines."

Excavator - "Why isn't everyone a member of Call Okie?"

Excavator - "This locate is good for 10 days."

Member - "I have 4 hours to locate an emergency."

Member - "Call Okie is a for profit company."

Future issues will publish the answers to these questions and/or misconceptions.



In order to get back in sync with the OPAL meetings, the Public Education Damage Prevention Council will meet prior to the OPAL meeting on September 8th. Please mark your calendars