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OKIE811 Returns To The State Fair of Oklahoma



In 2016, OKIE811 returned for the State Fair of Oklahoma, held in Oklahoma City. The ten day event was projected to bring in over one million people from across the state and region.

"The state fair represents an enormous opportunity to help spread the 811 message to the general public. It is one of the few events that draws in a wide variety of Oklahomans from newly minted homeowners to farmers and ranchers. We love the opportunity to meet with the public one-on-one and educate them



about damage prevention and how they may be affected in the event of a line strike," said Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Andrew Wilson.

Manning such a large event is no small task. In order to fulfill the requirements of having a booth occupied at all times, OKIE811 relied upon the help of its employees and countless volunteers from our member companies. Volunteers included: Ronald Klein (Enable Midstream), Gary Loeffelholz (City of Norman), Troy Cowley (OG&E), James Prothro (PHMSA/



ODOT), Debbie Marshall (Surveying and Mapping), Brian Horner (ONG), Garrett Bernethy (OG&E), Craig Farrell (DCP Midstream), Laurie Burgess (Enable Midstream), Cody Fees (Enable Midstream).

The volunteers from OKIE811 were: Brenda Hoefar, Andrew Wilson, Amy Copeland, Jerry West, Susan Bohl, Teka McGill, Kendra Tillery, Jerrell Welch, Shana Montellano, Robert Hogan and Gabby Hoefar.

Membership Updates

In 2016, OKIE811 gained 96 members, bringing the total to 1,280. OKIE811 encourages all owners of underground facilities to become members. Homeowner associations, farms and other non-utility or pipeline companies are also joining OKIE811 to help protect their assets. From water systems for irrigation or sprinkler systems to private fiber or electric lines, by joining OKIE811 those owners can receive a locate request of planned excavation near their facilities. The investment of protecting those facilities is minimal compared to the cost of repair, not to mention the downtime without those services.

In November of 2016, HB1951 became effective which changes the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage

Prevention Act §63-142 and requires all Municipalities (aka Public Agencies) with underground facilities/lines to become a member of the Statewide One-Call Notification Center (known as Oklahoma One-Call or OKIE811) and to locate their lines within 48 hours after receipt of notification. OKIE811 currently have 322 "Municipality - State" memberships registered. If any town has underground assets such as water, sewer, gas, etc., the town must register with OKIE811 to be compliant with the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act.

Do you know of a company or municipality that should register their assets with OKIE811? Check out the membership directory under the members tab on

our website. If you don't see them, refer them to us to reach out to them and advise them of the benefits of OKIE811 membership.

Membership Announcements

OKIE811 Members, please continue to use our website to keep up-to-date with membership announcements. We will be announcing details regarding the Annual Meeting coming up with our Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo. Our membership verification campaign is also approaching quickly, so be on the lookout to review and update your membership details.

OKIE811 Corporate Headquarters Update



Last summer, OKIE811 broke ground on a new corporate headquarters that is located in Oklahoma City. Since then, construction has been underway with a projected completion date of spring 2017. A mild winter has allowed for accelerated construction to occur.

To help clear the way for the new building, OKIE811 closed the doors on its Claremore location in the fall. By moving the remaining staff to either an at-

home position or to the Oklahoma City location, the company will be able to cut expenses and streamline work-flow through one location.

The target open date is March/April 2017 with plans to host an open house event during the summer. The new address will be:

**6908 N. Robinson Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73116**



2017 OKIE811 Fee Schedule



The following is a description of the fees and ticket rates approved by the
Board of Directors for Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. dba OKIE811.

***** Effective 11/1/2016: Ticket Quantity will be based on Ticket Count, not on Notifications Delivered*****

REGULAR MEMBERS (\$275 Minimum Base Fee):		
MEMBER CLASSIFICATION	RATE p/TICKET	TICKET QTY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pipeline ➤ Electric Power ➤ Telecommunications 	\$0.92	Over 300,000
	\$0.98	100,001 – 300,000
	\$1.20	36,001 – 100,000
	\$1.25	13,001 – 36,000
	\$1.50	4,501 – 13,000
	\$1.75	3,801 – 4,500
	\$2.00	1,076 – 3,800
	\$5.00	Up to 1,075
OTHER MEMBERS (\$275 Minimum Base Fee):		
MEMBER CLASSIFICATION	RATE p/TICKET	TICKET QTY
Co-Ops & Independent Telecom	\$0.55	All Tickets
Municipalities/Public Agencies With over 3,000 Population	\$0.15	Over 50,000
Rural Water District, Gas, Sewer With over 1,100 Meters	\$0.20	Less than 50,000
Master Meter / Others		
Sustaining	\$275 base Fee	No Tickets

OTHER FEES:

- **New Membership Setup or Member Reinstatement Fee** = \$325.00 (one-time fee)
- **Records or Ticket Research Fee** = \$250 p/hour (with a minimum of one hour)

PREMIUM SERVICE FEES:

- **Fax Delivery Surcharge** = \$1.00 for each ticket delivered to members by fax
- **Manual Voice Delivery Surcharge** = \$5.00 for each ticket delivered to members verbally
- ***Additional Outputs per/Dispatch** = \$120 maintenance fee per year, per output

****NOTE: All members receive (1) primary output per/dispatch at no charge as our Basic Service.
\$120 maintenance fee is applied to each additional output setup under each dispatch as a Premium Service.***

August 2016

75,276

OKIE811 had a record month for August 2016. Our contact center handled 75,276 inbound tickets. Not only is that the most in the month of August, it is the single largest month in the company's history.



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ON & OFF THE COURT**

**KNOW WHAT'S
BELOW. CONTACT
OKIE811
BEFORE YOU DIG.**



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New Signage At Chesapeake Energy Arena

This winter, OKIE811 extended its sponsorship with the Oklahoma City through the end of the 2018-2019 season. The Thunder provide a great avenue to help spread the 811 Message across the entire state due to their brand appeal. With the updated terms of the sponsorship, OKIE811 expanded its outreach from just website ads and radio ads.

Not only does the updated deal provide OKIE811 with advertisement placement across the Thunder's website and radio broadcast, but OKIE811 will now be visible around the upper concourse as well as directly on the basketball goal stanchion. This agreement helps OKIE811's long term plan of continued brand placement by placing it within the live sports scene where active viewership remains high.



8/18

**MCEPS/OSHA Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK**

OKIE811 presented a safety presentation to the Mid-Continent Exploration & Production Safety Network (MCEPS Network). The organization promotes safety, health and environmental improvement in the exploration/production of oil and gas in Oklahoma, Kansas, and the Texas panhandle. The event took place at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Oklahoma City with over 150 attendees. The presentation covered the one-call process and how it impacts excavators working around pipelines and ended with a question and answer session aimed at addressing key questions and issues.

The MCEPS Network fosters a work environment that relies upon open communication and trust to raise the awareness of personnel in oil and gas production, operations, and servicing to industry hazards and safe practices. MCEPS has an alliance with OSHA.

8/16-18

**Oklahoma Emergency Management
Conference
Norman, OK**

The OKIE811 Damage Prevention Team worked the company's booth during the Oklahoma Emergency Management Conference. During the conference, the team met with many professionals in the emergency management field and spoke with them about the one-call's role in emergency situations and what improvements can be made on the company's end to help streamline and expedite requests. OKIE811 also provided literature and promotional items to help remind the attendees about the organization's services and role.

8/19

**Cushing Safety Day
Cushing, OK**

At the Cushing Safety Day, the OKIE811 Damage Prevention Team handed out brochures and

promotional materials to everyone from kids to adults. The crew also spoke to them about the 811 Message and how every digging project should start by contacting OKIE811.

8/29-31

**Oklahoma Gas
Association Conference
Norman, OK**

The 2016 Annual Oklahoma Gas Association (OGA) Conference ran from August 29- 31. The event, located at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma, reached over 300 decision makers in the oil and gas industry. OKIE811 was one many vendors in attendance, offering attendees damage prevention information and finding out how to better serve those with oil and gas interests.

8/31-9/2

**Oklahoma Rural Water Association Fall
Conference
Wagoner, OK**

The Oklahoma Rural Water Association (ORWA) invited OKIE811 to present a break out session about accident investigation and damage prevention at their fall conference. On top of the presenting, OKIE811 was an exhibitor for this conference. The event, located at the Western Hills Lodge in Wagoner, OK drew over 600 state wide rural water operators and owners. The ORWA attendees expressed that they are pleased with OKIE811's process and their efforts to help protect the water resources in Oklahoma. Numerous operators commented about how the OKIE811 database department has been instrumental providing current and detailed maps of their facilities. The new maps allow the operators to respond to locate requests with increased accuracy and efficiency.

9/14

**Devon Energy Company Training
Oklahoma City, OK**

The Damage Prevention Team conducted a safety training/presentation for Devon Energy's contractors and employees.

9/29-30

**Oklahoma Nursery Landscaping Conference
Oklahoma City, OK**

The Oklahoma Nursery and Landscaping Association held their 8th annual conference and trade show at the Cox Convention Center. OKIE811 and over 70 indoor/outdoor exhibitors from around the state participated in the event. The conference

and trade show attracted over 300 professional excavators in the landscaping/irrigation industries, as well as those in small farming. The OKIE811 Damage Prevention team spent their time speaking with commercial excavators and farmers about the 811 Message and why it is important for them to contact the one-call before excavating.

10/8

**Damage Prevention Training
Bristow, OK**

All of Bristow's public work employees were in attendance for an OKIE811's safety training. The training is a part of the city's annual safety meetings.

10/11

**Blackburn Plumbing Training
Durant, OK**

Blackburn Plumbing, one of the largest plumbing companies in the Durant area, hosted OKIE811 for a safety training. The company understands the importance of the 811 Message and stressed the need for their employees to contact 811 before beginning any plumbing job that requires excavation.

10/13-16

**Robbers Cave Fall Festival
Wilburton, OK**

2016 marked the 30th year for the Robbers Cave Fall Festival and OKIE811's 10th year of involvement as a sponsor and exhibitor. Each year, there are approximately 65,000 to 75,000 people, from all over the region, visit during the three day event. The biggest draw is on Saturday as the Fall Foliage Cruise passes through. The caravan features many pre-1981 cars of all makes and models and usually brings in approximately 500 car loads of people.

The Kiamichi Country Damage Prevention Council helped organize and staff the festival. The event is one of the biggest in the region and provides an excellent opportunity to educate homeowners, farmers, ranchers and excavators about the importance of contacting 811 before you dig.

8 volunteers from the Kiamichi Country Damage Prevention Council worked the OKIE811 and BP booth. Volunteers distributed over 5,000 marketing materials with the contact 811 Message. Hats off to the many volunteers for their time and making this event a huge success; Tracy Rowlett (OneGas), Kenneth Morris (retired - BP Wilburton), Ray Freeman (AOG - Ft. Smith), Brian Young (CenterPoint Energy), Brett Roberts and Steve Lowery (OneGas-Hugo)

811 WEEK



August 11 is National 811 Day. Across the country, one-calls unite in a single effort to raise awareness to the 811 Message. But, OKIE811 takes it a step further and dedicates a full week of outreach in order to capitalize on the event and educate as many Oklahomans as possible.

This year, the OKIE811 Damage Prevention Team spent the week traveling the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metro areas and visiting a variety of locations to maximize their outreach. Early in the week, the team traveled to several equipment rental places in order to help educate contractors and excavators that were renting heavy machinery. By speaking to them before they started their excavation, OKIE811 was able to help



prevent any accidents and educate them about the 811 Message. As the week progressed, OKIE and the team traveled to several nurseries and a public water park in order to help spread the word. Finally, the



week concluded in Tulsa as OKIE attended the Tulsa Drillers' game and helped pass out promotional items and trinkets in order to remind families to contact OKIE811 before they dig.

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SAFETY DAYS



In an effort to make our Oklahoma Safety & Damage Prevention programs more relevant and beneficial to those attending, in 2017 OKIE811 will be offering Safety Days across NW, NE and SW Oklahoma. Our goal is to reach excavators, contractors and county/municipal personnel in these areas and provide safety and damage prevention awareness, best practices, and facilitate a mock line strike demonstration to give attendees hands on experience to know what to do in the event of an incident. OPAL will be providing emergency responder training classes at each of these events.

JUNE 17, 2017

Woodward, OK

Woodward Rodeo Outdoor Arena

AUGUST 26, 2017

Kellyville, OK

Creek County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 28, 2017

Lawton, OK

Comanche County Fairgrounds

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo
March 23 - 24, 2017

Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. Annual Meeting
March 23, 2017