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OKLAHOMA ONE-CALL SYSTEM, INC.



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# 2023 Oklahoma

## Excavation Safety EXPO

*By OKIE811 Executive Director - Susan Bohl*

2023 marks the 10th year that OKIE811 has offered the Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo. In 2013 it was called the Oklahoma Damage Prevention Summit, but the name was changed in 2014.

We had 303 registered attendees this year and 25 exhibitors. On Wednesday of the conference, 117 people attended certification workshops:

- 36 attendees received their 811 Certification
- 41 attendees received their Line Locating Certification
- 40 attendees received their Excavation & Trenching Certification

On Thursday, 233 people attended our full day conference and got to hear from an incredible keynote speaker, attend their choice of 13 breakout sessions, meet with exhibitors, and enjoy networking with other industry stakeholders.

Be sure to save the date for our 2024 Expo happening March 6 & 7 at Embassy Suites in Norman!



### Save the Date

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Embassy Suites in Norman, OK

Join us to learn about what is happening at OKIE811 while enjoying an appreciation lunch and networking opportunities.



## 2023 Beer Can-paign

August 11th marked National 811 Day! We were thrilled to introduce a special delight in collaboration with Cross Timbers Brewing, a local Oklahoma City brewery. Behold the limited-edition craft honey brown ale beer: Bee Safe.

Wondering why beer? Well, in Oklahoma, the craft beer scene is booming like never before. We've seen our state go from having just a handful of breweries to now boasting over 40 in just 5 years! And here's the cool part: craft beer enthusiasts love the thrill of limited releases. They enjoy collecting different beer experiences, trying out a variety of styles.

Imagine sipping on a honey brown ale crafted with pure Oklahoma honey. This delightful beer has a refreshing quality, displaying a gorgeous amber-brown hue. The base of this creation is a classic brown ale, cherished for its malt-forward taste, featuring hints of nutty and caramel notes. But here's where it gets even better: we've added locally sourced Oklahoma honey to infuse a gentle sweetness and subtle floral undertones that perfectly complement the malty foundation. The outcome? A beautifully balanced flavor profile that's smooth and utterly satisfying. It's a dream come true for those who appreciate a touch of sweetness in their beer, harmonizing perfectly with other delightful flavors.

By using local honey, we've not only crafted a delectable brew but also infused it with the authentic essence of our region, making each sip a true taste of Oklahoma.

Our goal in this special "can-paign" is to spread the word about the importance of contacting OKIE811 before you dig. And guess what? We believe we've achieved this goal in a whole new and exciting way.



Ready to get your hands on Bee Safe Honey Brown Ale? You can pay a visit to Cross Timbers Brewing in OKC, or better yet, request your local liquor store to proudly offer this distinctive brew for your enjoyment.

So join us in celebrating 811 with a sip of this remarkable craft honey brown ale. Here's to responsible digging and savoring the genuine flavors of Oklahoma with every single sip!

## Volunteer with us at the State Fair!

# OK!LAHOMA STATE FAIR

Join the excitement at the Oklahoma State Fair 2023! Don't miss the chance to visit our incredible booth and grab some fantastic OKIE811 SWAG. Mark your calendars for September 14-24th, 2023, and be a part of the fun!

We're calling for VOLUNTEERS!! If you're eager to contribute and help us run the booth for a few hours, we've got an amazing deal for you - FREE access to the fair! Secure your spot now by signing up for your preferred shift.

Ready to make a difference and enjoy the fair at the same time? Act now by signing up and selecting your shift(s) at: [okie811.regfox.com/okie811-booth-ok-state-fair-2023](https://okie811.regfox.com/okie811-booth-ok-state-fair-2023). Your support will make this event even more unforgettable!

# What's New!

OKIE811 is excited to announce some new tools to support the excavation community in Oklahoma. We know the design and engineering phases of projects are crucial to ensuring quality, safe, cost-effective plans. This past legislative session resulted in a new Design - Survey Ticket that is scheduled to go into effect by November 1st, 2023. While OKIE811 has had a Design - Survey Information Request tool for some time, this new ticket will be sent to the facility operators listed and they will have

14 calendar days to respond with mapping or marks. It is up to each operator to choose how they respond but we'll be asking if you would prefer marks or maps and what mapping files would be most useful.

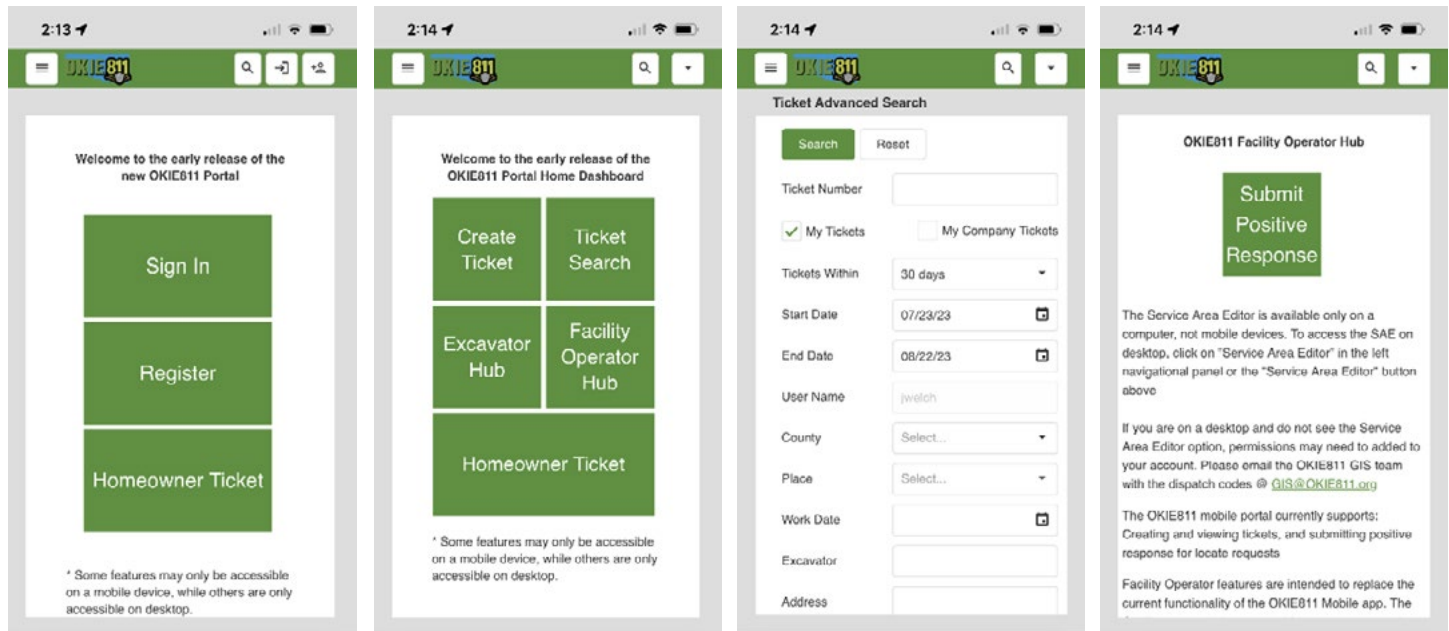
What's more exciting than a new ticket type? An all new mobile experience! In August we quietly launched a new mobile optimized portal for excavators and members. Here are some things you can do today:

## Excavators

- Search for tickets
- Submit locate requests
- See your submitted tickets
- Check positive response

## Facility Operators

- Provide Positive Response
- Search for tickets
- See your active tickets



## Catch up on "Digging Deep" the official podcast of OKIE811

Check out "Digging Deep," the educational podcast created by OKIE811. It covers a bunch of different topics, like why you need to call 811 before digging and how to dig safely in Oklahoma. Listen to the podcast to learn important stuff and keep yourself and your community safe.

Subscribe to "Digging Deep" now and start learning!







# OKLAHOMA EXCAVATION SAFETY EXPO

## Save the Date: Oklahoma Excavation Safety EXPO March 6-7, 2024

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss out on the upcoming Oklahoma Excavation Safety EXPO on March 6-7, 2024 in Norman Oklahoma.

Join us for an all-star line up of breakout sessions led by industry experts, safety certification courses, and a chance to network with vendors and industry professionals! For

more information go to [OKExcavationSafety.com](https://OKExcavationSafety.com).

## 2023 Safety Day Highlights

Throughout 2023, OKIE811 hosted a series of impactful safety events aimed at advancing safe digging practices and damage prevention within Oklahoma. These events included three localized Safety Days and a Virtual Safety Day held online.

The Safety Day held in Lawton during April drew an engaged audience of 62 attendees. In the subsequent month, Enid played host to another Safety Day event, with 67 participants learning the importance of 811 and damage prevention.

OKIE811 provided an online option during our Virtual Safety Day on July 12th. This digital event comprised four dynamic webinar sessions that collectively attracted a notable turnout of 152 individuals who actively participated and absorbed valuable insights.

The city of Tulsa welcomed an impressive attendance of over 120 individuals for a full day of training during the Safety Day on August 9th.

To delve deeper into the world of OKIE811 Safety Days and the enlightening Excavation Safety Expo, we encourage you to explore the comprehensive resources available at [OKExcavationSafety.com](https://OKExcavationSafety.com). Here, you can uncover more about our commitment to fostering a culture of safety and responsible excavation practices throughout the region.



**OKIE811** *Virtual*  
Know what's below  
811 before you dig. **Safety Day**

# List of New Members

We are excited to welcome the 31 companies who joined membership with Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. (dba OKIE811) this year, as of July 31, 2023. Our Member Services is here to assist you with all membership requests and inquiries such as account management, portal access, billing, etc. If you have any questions, please contact us at [MemberServices@okie811.org](mailto:MemberServices@okie811.org).

No.	Company Name	Classification	No.	Company Name	Classification
1	OSC - Oklahoma Safety Council	Sustaining	17	Comanche Public Works Authority	Municipality
2	Command Energy Operating	Pipeline	18	Jumpstart Investments LLC	Pipeline
3	Town of North Enid	Municipality	19	Richard Radcliff	Other
4	Tera Miranda Shores HOA	Other	20	Select Aqua Libre Midstream LLC	Pipeline
5	Nick Neville	Other	21	Stonewall Public Works Authority	Rural Water District
6	OMAG - Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group	Sustaining	22	Oktaha Public Works Authority	Rural Water District
7	Blood Hound Underground Utility Locating	Sustaining	23	TC Yukon Heights LLC	Master Meter
8	LineQuest LLC	Sustaining	24	Lynx Oklahoma Operating LLC	Pipeline
9	Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association	Sustaining	25	Oxley Energy	Pipeline
10	City of Oklahoma City Fiber	Municipality	26	Homeowners Water Corp	Rural Water District
11	FX Energy Operating LLC	Pipeline	27	Evolution Energy	Pipeline
12	True North Mapping and Solutions LLC	Sustaining	28	Flash Link LLC	Telecommunications
13	American Hydrovac	Sustaining	29	Upland Operating Inc	Pipeline
14	Town of Mountain View	Municipality	30	Garland Estates	Master Meter
15	Lime Rock Resources IV Operating	Pipeline	31	Rock Falls Wind Farm	Electric Power
16	Universal Surveying and Mapping	Sustaining			

## Positive Response

Since becoming mandatory in November of 2021, OKIE811 has been tracking the responses provided by facility operators. This is a key communication piece that allows the excavators to know the status of their locate from each facility operator in one location. Operators are required, by law, to respond to the locate request through the OKIE811 system by the work to begin date and time stated on the locate request.

If a facility operator fails to respond to the request by the expiration date of the ticket, the system will automatically close the ticket due to no response. Currently, more than 90% of the outbound notices are closed by facility operators. OKIE811 is working diligently to increase that number. When an operator fails to provide positive response it has a negative impact on

the system as a whole. Excavators are left to wonder the status of the ticket and put in subsequent notices to hopefully prompt a response. This costs time and resources for both the excavator and the facility operator. Although, less than 10% of locates are auto-closed, this equates to approximately 60,000 notices not being responded to, which greatly increases the likelihood of delays or damages to underground facilities.

OKIE811 has 8 different codes for the facility operator to choose from in communicating the status of the locate request. It's important to select the most appropriate code and provide comments to ensure clear communication. For tickets that are able to be closed as Site Marked or Clear, there are no comments necessary.

However, if another code is chosen, comments are required. It is recommended that the facility operator will identify what action was taken to complete the markings, document any conversations that were held with the excavator or identify what actions are necessary in order to complete the locate request.

Excavators are required to check the system for positive response from all facility operators listed on the ticket to ensure they are safe to begin their excavation project. Failure to do so may result in not receiving the communication that there were access issues that prevented the underground facilities from being located or other delays that are recorded in Positive Response.

## The new OKIE811.org

In a continuous effort to prevent damage to underground utilities and promote safe digging, the OKIE811 team is thrilled to unveil its newly redesigned website. This redesign is more than a cosmetic refresh, this comprehensive overhaul aims to provide visitors with an even more intuitive, efficient, and user-friendly experience, making it easier than ever to submit a locate request, allow excavators to access safety or educational resources, or underground utility operators to access important information.

During the planning process, OKIE811 met with several local agencies before deciding to partner with High Five Media. Two of the major

goals for the project were to remove duplicated or extraneous information and simplify the layout to allow for easier and more efficient navigation to important information or resources. Leveraging the expertise of High Five Media we were able to craft a clean, modern design that offers a streamlined experience connecting users with the information they need most. In coordination with our marketing efforts we also integrated Click the Mouse into the design of the homepage.

Previously, if you visited OKIE811.org via a handheld device you were directed to a mobile only website. The new OKIE811 website has been engineered to be fully responsive. This means that regardless of whether you're on a desktop, tablet, or smartphone the website will seam-

lessly adapt to your screensize and provide you with the best user experience.

The new OKIE811.org launched in early 2023, but we are constantly updating it to make sure we offer the most up to date resources and best possible experience. If you haven't seen it lately, be sure to check back soon!



# Upcoming Webinars for Excavators and Members

Get ready to elevate your knowledge with OKIE811's upcoming webinars! We're thrilled to introduce a series of dynamic webinars that will provide you with valuable insights. Our webinars feature expert staff members from various departments who are true Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective fields.

These engaging sessions span a wide range of topics tailored for both excavators and members alike. It's your chance to connect with us in real-time, get your questions addressed, and enrich your understanding. Even if you can't make it to a live session, recordings of all webinars will be accessible on our YouTube channel for your convenience.

Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity. Dive into the world of knowledge and interaction by exploring our upcoming webinar lineup. Your journey towards enhanced expertise begins here!

## Membership Growth

We now have 1,405 facility operators registered as members of the Oklahoma One-Call System. These companies join as members for the safety and protection of their underground facilities, damage report notifications and many more benefits.

OKIE811 notifies members of pending excavation near their underground assets. These notifications enable members to mark and provide information about their facilities to further protect their facilities and the excavators digging around them.

Members have the responsibility to respond to the locate request notifications via the OKIE811 Portal. This includes marking their facilities in conflict with the excavation. They are also responsible for account management. Keeping accurate information on file helps ensure members are notified of pending excavation near all their underground assets and helps make sure the notifications are transmitted to the proper personnel in their organization.



# GoToWebinar

## AUGUST TRAININGS

**August 30**

Member Responsibilities

## SEPTEMBER TRAININGS

**September 13**

Emergency Locate Request

**September 27**

Design Tickets



The Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act requires owners and operators of underground facilities to register with Oklahoma One Call System, Inc. to be part of the one call process. Have a look at the Membership Directory. If your organization is not currently

registered and has underground facilities in the State of Oklahoma, be sure to apply for membership today!