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OKLAHOMA ONE-CALL SYSTEM, INC.



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## 2024 Oklahoma Excavation Safety EXPO

The 2024 Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo, held in Norman, was a resounding success. Attendees engaged in workshops covering excavation and trenching safety, line locating, and GIS service area mapping. The event featured OSHA-aligned training, hands-on practice, certification opportunities, a general session, and breakout sessions. Participants also enjoyed networking opportunities and the annual meeting for members. The expo significantly enhanced safety practices and communication within the excavation and construction industries, fostering a collaborative environment for professionals.

On Wednesday of the conference, 212 people attended certification workshops:

- 55 attendees received their 811 Certification
- 54 attendees received their Line Locating Certification
- 73 attendees received their Excavation & Trenching Certification
- 30 attendees received their GIS Training Certification

On Thursday, 152 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.

For information for 2025's OESE, visit <https://okexcavationsafety.com>.



## 2024 Safety Day Highlights

The recent Oklahoma Excavation Safety Days in Enid and Hugo were highly informative events for excavation and construction professionals. Attendees received expert training on safe digging practices and damage prevention, ensuring compliance with safety regulations. The events also provided excellent networking opportunities, allowing participants to connect and share best practices. Held at various locations across the state, these sessions were conveniently accessible and offered at no cost, making them a valuable resource for anyone committed to safety in the industry.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Safety Day in Tulsa! This event will offer in-depth training on safe excavation practices and damage prevention techniques. Attendees will benefit from expert-led sessions designed to enhance safety and ensure regulatory compliance. Additionally, you'll have the chance to network with industry peers and exchange best practices. Conveniently located and free to attend, this Safety Day is a must for anyone dedicated to excavation and construction safety.

For more details, visit <https://okexcavation-safety.com>.



## Upcoming Law Changes

Did you know HB-4095 was signed into law earlier this year and with it, amends the current Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act? Here are the main changes you need to know about that go into effect November 1, 2024:

- New positive response notification - Watch and Protect: Provides the Operator of the underground facility a way to notify the Excavator that they want someone on-site during excavation. The Operator will send a positive response of "Watch and Protect" to the Excavator when they determine they need a company representative

## New Members

OKIE811 is excited to welcome the 27 companies who joined membership with Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc. (dba OKIE811) as of June 30, 2024. We encourage you to take full advantage of your membership by participating in OKIE811 events, networking opportunities, and accessing resources tailored to help your company meet your damage prevention and safety goals. Visit our Membership Announcements to stay informed of significant events, programs and other important information.

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).

on-site during excavation. The Operator shall include in their positive response the name and phone number of their company contact that will be present for observation.

- New ticket type - Pre-Excavation Meeting Request: Provides the Excavator a way to notify all Operators with underground facilities in the dig-site area of the need for a pre-excavation meeting when it is determined to be a large project. This is an additional notice that does not qualify as a "dig-ticket" or a ticket that excavation can occur under. Excavators will include in the meeting request a proposed meeting

date, time, location and contact information. Operators are then able to send a positive response back to the Excavator on their ability to meet. Parties involved in the pre-excavation meeting shall coordinate a marking plan, so Operators are provided adequate time to locate the large area.

- New definition - Large Project: Defines what qualifies as a large project for purposes of requesting a Pre-Excavation Meeting. Large projects are excavation projects that exceed the scope as defined in 142.6 or a project that will take more than 90 days.

No.	Company Name	Facility Type	Classification
1	Burk Royalty Co LTD	Pipeline	General
2	North American Operating	Pipeline	General
3	DM Meadows LLC	Master Meter	General
4	Ignis Energy LLC	Pipeline	General
5	Kiowa Public Water Authority	Municipality	General
6	The Elms by ONYX LLC	Master Meter	General
7	Town of Apache	Municipality	General
8	Scissortail Exploration & Production LLC	Pipeline	General
9	Coronado Energy Partners LLC	Pipeline	General
10	Town of Ravia	Municipality	General
11	Noble County RWD #1	Rural Water District	General
12	TransAlta Corporation	Electric Power	General
13	Town of Westport	Municipality	General
14	City of Geronimo	Municipality	General
15	American Subcontractors Assoc	n/a	Sustaining
16	Krapff-Reynolds Construction Company	n/a	Sustaining
17	Metro Tech	n/a	Sustaining
18	Boss811	n/a	Sustaining
19	Schwarz Paving Company Inc.	n/a	Sustaining
20	AOGC - Association of General Contractors	n/a	Sustaining
21	EGW Utilities Inc	n/a	Sustaining
22	NUCA-OK -National Utility Contractors Assoc. of Oklahoma	n/a	Sustaining
23	B&H Construction LLC	n/a	Sustaining
24	Autry Technology	n/a	Sustaining
25	Petrolink Energy LLC	Pipeline	General
26	BE Anadarko II LLC	Pipeline	General
27	MA Mortenson Company	Electric Power	General

## 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!





# Meet our Board of Directors

By Susan Bohl, Executive Director

Over the past several months, we have had some changes in our board representatives. I thought it might be a good opportunity to introduce you to the members of the OKIE811 Board!



**2024 Board President – Chris Breeding, COX Communications**

Chris Breeding has 20+ years of experience in telecommunication across Field Operations, Design and Engineering and Construction Operation. He is highly experienced at delivering large complex residential and commercial telecommunication builds across both FTTX and Coax networks.

2017 to Present: Sr Director of Construction and Engineering, Cox Communications where he oversees all construction operations and budgets across multiples markets/states across a team of 100+ internal employee and numerous vendor resources with an annual construction budget of \$100 + Million.

2009 to 2017 Chris was Regional Design and Engineering Manager where he Led a team of GIS designers located across central US to the East coast supporting all forms of outside plant design, FTTX, Coax and Power.

2004 to 2009: Construction Field Engineering where Chris was project manager of fiber and coax builds across Oklahoma. 2001 to 2003: Field Operations



**2024 Board Vice-President – Tim Young, City of El Reno**

Currently, Tim serves as the Assistant City Manager & Director of Finance for the City of El Reno. He previously served as City Manager for the City of Tuttle, and Assistant City Manager & Director of Community Development for the City of Durant. Before coming to Oklahoma, Tim was Senior Transportation Planner for North Central Texas Council of Governments, Transportation and Planning Intern for City of Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Tim graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Masters in Public Administration and from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design. He was a graduate student intern from the University of Oklahoma Center for Business & Economic Development and served on the Land Improvement Committee for City of Mustang.

Tim resides in Tuttle Oklahoma with his family.



**2024 Board Secretary – Teri Anderson, ONEOK**

Teri is currently serving as the Senior Manager DOT Regulatory Compliance at ONEOK. She has over 25 years of quality process management, pipeline operations, gas control, drug and alcohol, damage prevention, operator qualifications, and public awareness experience.

Teri has a Bachelors of Business Administration and a Masters of Business Administration from Friends University, Wichita KS



**Board of Directors – Greg Clarkson, AT&T**

Greg is Sr. Specialist, EH&S and is a member of the AFO - AT&T Field Operations. He also serves as Damage Prevention Manager for Oklahoma and Kansas. Greg lives in Oklahoma and enjoys watching his kids sports.



**Board of Directors – Sobronia Conley, AEP-Public Service Company of Oklahoma**

Sobronia Conley, who has 30 years with AEP-PSO, was named PSO Contract Construction Manager as of April 1, 2023. In this new role, she is responsible for Inspections and Billing of Distribution Contract Labor.

Conley was previously supervisor of PSO Resource Management, which encompassed the oversight of billing and scheduling for PSO distribution contract labor since 2014.

Her work has impacted multiple facets of the distribution contract labor, from billing, scheduling, forecasting, and budgeting. She utilizes that experience as she now incorporates the field inspections as well.

Conley has a tremendous role in Storm Recovery efforts throughout the state. As Resource Unit Leader during ICS Storm Events, she manages storm resources and coordinates all areas involved from safety orientations, logistics, and operations, as well as forecasting expenditures.

She resides in the Tulsa area, has been married for 36 years, with two sons. She enjoys spend-

ing time with her family, who love the outdoors, hunting, fishing and boating. Her greatest joy is watching her family grow as her third grandchild will arrive this fall.



**Board of Directors Chad Guthrie, OG&E**

Chad Guthrie serves as the Director of Distribution Construction Operations, at Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E). As Director of Distribution Construction Operations, he is responsible for maintenance of existing distribution lines, construction of new lines, and service restoration. He also leads the team that manages all Distribution Construction Operations Contractors which includes overhead contractors who install new overhead distribution lines, underground contractors who install new underground services and work on underground projects. In addition, Chad also serves as the Restoration and Construction Lead on OG&E's Storm Response Team.

Chad began his career with OG&E in 1998 as a Meter Reader and worked for 15 years as a Lineman and Line Foreman. He has held several leadership roles including Supervisor Resource Coordination and Manager Distribution Construction.

Chad is a graduate of the Power Transmission and Distribution Technology program at Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City. Chad earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from the University of Phoenix.

He is active in the community and industry and serves as a member of the OSU-OKC Advisory Committee and OSU-IT Advisory Committee.



**Board of Directors Michael Humphries, City of Enid**

Graduated from Enid High School and started working for the City of Enid in 2002. Over the years, he has held various roles within the City of Enid, including crew worker, Heavy equipment operator, and foreman. In 2018 he was elected President of AFSCME local 1136, the union that represents the non-management and non-uniformed employees of the City of Enid, which he held until becoming a supervisor. In 2022 he was promoted to the Supervisor of the Utility Maintenance Department.

He and his wife have been together since 2002 and married in 2006. They have 3 children, ages 24, 20, and 18, and 2 grandchildren ages 3 and 9 months. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with family and outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing. He also enjoys woodworking and recently started perfecting his welding skills.



**Board of Directors Drew Miller, ONG/ONEGAS**

Drew Miller is director of operations for Oklahoma Natural Gas, a division of ONE Gas, Inc. In this role, Drew is responsible for all field compliance activities across the Oklahoma Natural Gas service area. Oklahoma Natural Gas provides safe, reliable natural gas distribution services to over 913,000 customers, making the company the largest natural gas distributor in the state.

Previously, Drew served as manager of operations for the southeast area of Oklahoma Natural Gas, where he managed and oversaw field operations activities. He joined Oklahoma

Natural Gas in 2014 as an engineer in Oklahoma City.

Active in the community and industry, Drew has previously served on the board of directors for Bryan County United Way.

A native of Oklahoma, Drew graduated from Latta High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He has been married to his wife Tara for 13 years, and together have two children: Lily, 6, and Beau, 3.



**Board of Directors Clint Mobley, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative**

Clint started at OEC in 2004 as a part time employee in Vegetation Management awaiting a full-time position to open. In October of 2005 that happened, and he was moved to Overhead Construction and started the 4-year apprenticeship program. He made Journeyman in April of 2010 and since 2011 was in a lead role of some capacity, crew foreman, lead lineman, and district lineman. In July of 2020 he was promoted to the Manger of Underground Construction this is also when he joined the OKIE811 Operating Committee. I was recently promoted to be the Vice President of Operations. He currently resides in Noble, and loves anything outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, etc.



**Board of Directors**  
**Bob Porter, Verizon**

Bob Porter has worked 30 years in the telecommunications industry working in network and field operations. From 1998 to 2011 Bob served on Oklahoma One-Call Operating Committee and is actively serving on the Oklahoma One-Call Board of Directors since 2011.



**Board of Directors, Ex-Officio (Locator) -**  
**Brandon Renfro, Gridhawk Locating**

Brandon has over 18 years in the damage prevention industry experience. Starting out as a locator technician, on the ground floor of the locating industry to his current position of VP of Operations for GridHawk, overseeing 900+ employees covering 11 states.

Brandon has been married to his wonderful wife Haley for 12 years. They have three amazing children Austin, Landon and Nevaeh. Brandon is also an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, who enjoys spending time with his family, attending church at Life Church in Moore, and being on the lake.

Brandon has been a member of the Okie 811 operating committee since 2020, in 2023 he joined the Okie 811 Damage Prevention Council. Brandon regularly attends and is actively involved in 811 activities in Indiana, Missouri, Alabama, and Kentucky.



**Board of Directors, Ex-Officio (Excavator) -**  
**Nicole Rhodes, Center Phase Energy**

Nicole Rhodes is the Chief Operating Officer at Center Phase Energy/Imperium Utility Services where she has responsibility for the operations of the companies. Center Phase Energy provides construction resources to electric utilities across the United States during storm restoration events while Imperium Utility Services performs overhead and underground excavation services to electric utilities in Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. Nicole previously worked for OG&E as a Director of Construction Operations. Nicole previously served on the Board for OKIE811 from 2013 – 2023 representing OG&E before transitioning to her current role in late 2023.

Nicole has a degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech and an M.B.A from Southern Nazarene University. Nicole also has several Lean Certifications, Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, and Dupont STOP Safety Program Certification.

Nicole is also very involved within her community and is on the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, volunteers with the United Way by serving on a Community Investment Subcommittee, volunteers with and holds board positions with several animal rescue organizations.



**Board of Directors, Advisor**  
**Jim Proszek, Hall Estill**

Jim Proszek is Of Counsel in the Tulsa, Oklahoma office of the law firm of Hall, Estill. Jim is a trial attorney with over 40 years of experience. He has received the highest rating from Martindale Hubbell and has been named a Best Lawyer in Communications Law in Oklahoma and America on multiple occasions.

Jim has represented utility owners and excavators in claims and litigation over damage to underground facilities and right-of-way disputes in 33 states. He is an advisory member of the OKIE 811 Board of Directors. He has authored numerous publications and has given numerous presentations and webinars on damage prevention, damage investigation, documentation of claims, and preparing for court at the CGA Excavation Safety Conference and Expo and many other industry forums, including the OKIE 811 Excavation Safety Expo.



## Save the Date: Oklahoma Excavation Safety EXPO March 26-27, 2025

We are excited to partner with MetroTech to host the 2025 Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo in Oklahoma City! The Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo offers invaluable opportunities for professionals in the excavation and construction industries to enhance their safety practices and knowledge. Attendees can:

- Gain Expert Knowledge: Participate in workshops covering essential topics like

excavation and trenching safety, line locating, and GIS service area mapping.

- Hands-On Training: Engage in practical sessions aligned with OSHA standards.

- Certifications: Obtain certifications that enhance professional credentials.

- Networking: Connect with industry peers, fostering valuable relationships.

The expo promises a comprehensive learning experience, making it a must-attend event for those committed to safety and excellence in the field.

For more details, visit: <https://okexcavationsafety.com>.

## 811 Day

811 Day, observed on August 11th (8/11), is significant for organizations that promote safe digging and damage prevention. It serves as a reminder to homeowners, contractors, and excavators to always call 811 before starting any digging project. Contacting OKIE811 connects them to their local one-call center, which notifies

the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. This helps prevent unintentional damage to underground utility lines, which can lead to service disruptions, environmental damage, and even personal injury. Therefore, 811 Day is used by these organizations to raise awareness about safe digging practices and the importance

of contacting 811 before digging to ensure everyone's safety.

Be sure to follow OKIE811's social media channels as well as our website for upcoming 811 Day promotions!

## Mid-Year Ticket Trends

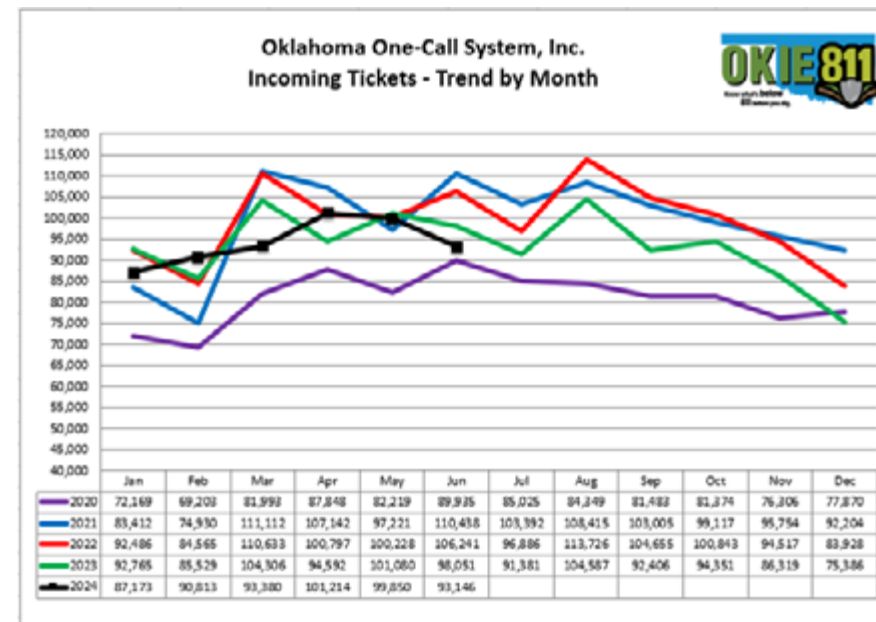
Through the end of June 2024, our year-to-date inbound locate request volume is down by 2% as compared to 2023. In 2022 we process our highest number of locate requests with almost 1,190,000 tickets!

When an excavator or homeowner is not done with their digging project and they need to update their ticket, we now ask if they need re-marks or if they just need to extend the life of their ticket. Through the end of June, we had 7% extend their ticket and 31% request their site be re-marked.

78.5% of the locate request come in electronically while 21.5% are phoned in. And the largest majority of tickets, 77%, are submitted by

Contractors/Professional Excavators. Only 6% are submitted by Homeowners. The remaining percentage is made up of Utility operators, Government, and Other.

The major types of work taking place across Oklahoma are 1) Fiber, 2) Electric, 3) Water, 4) Gas, and 5) Bridges & Roads.





# Upcoming Webinars for Excavators and Members

Attending a webinar hosted by OKIE811 provides numerous benefits for professionals in safe excavation and damage prevention. Check out upcoming webinars, and let us know if there are topics you would like more information. Participants can:

- Enhance Knowledge: Gain in-depth understanding of safe digging practices and damage prevention techniques.
- Stay Compliant: Learn about the latest regulations and standards to ensure compliance.
- Convenience: Access training from the comfort of your home or office.
- Interactive Learning: Engage with experts and ask questions in real-time.
- Resource Access: Receive educational materials and resources to support ongoing learning.

## July TRAININGS

July 31  
Ticket Transmission Options

## AUGUST TRAININGS

August 14  
Excavator Responsibilities

August 30  
Ticket Concerns



## SEPTEMBER TRAININGS

September 11  
What Do the Markings Mean?

September 25  
Upcoming Law Changes

For more details, visit the OKIE811 Learning Hub: <https://okie811.org/learning-hub/>

# 2025 Fee Schedule

There is no change to the way we will be billing the membership for Notification Services. As in 2024, we will be taking the total outbound notices that were sent in the previous 12 months and dividing that into the planned budget for the upcoming year.

Also included in our Fee Schedule are the State Holidays in 2025. Some holidays we remain open for but that day will not count towards the 48 hour notice, not including date of notification or weekends. We must recognize all State Holidays per the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:	
• <b>Minimum Base Fee</b> = \$400 (except for Exempt Members)	
• <b>Membership Fees Due by Member</b> = Funds Needed for Upcoming Budget, less Premium Service Fees, DIVIDED by Tickets from Previous 12 months	
PREMIUM SERVICE FEES:	
• <b>*Fax Delivery Surcharge</b> = \$1.00 for each ticket delivered to members by fax	
• <b>*Manual Voice Delivery Surcharge</b> = \$5.00 for each ticket delivered to members verbally	
• <b>**2<sup>nd</sup> Notice Surcharge</b> = Additional \$2.00 for each second notice	
• <b>**3<sup>rd</sup> Notice Surcharge</b> = Additional \$3.00 for each third notice	
• <b>***Output Fee per/Dispatch</b> = \$180 maintenance fee per year, per additional output	
<i>*Optional fee for operators' setup to receive tickets via Fax or Phone.</i>	
<i>**Required fee when operator has not responded to the original ticket.</i>	
<i>***All members receive (1) primary output per/dispatch included with their Membership Fee.</i>	
OTHER FEES:	
• <b>New Membership Setup or Member Reinstatement Fee</b> = \$325.00 (one-time, non-refundable)	
• <b>Sustaining Membership</b> = \$811 Annual Fee	
• <b>Custom Ticket Management Services &amp; Support</b> = \$250.00 p/hour (with a one hour minimum)	
• <b>Custom Ticket Reporting &amp; Ticket Research</b> = \$250 p/hour (with a one hour minimum)	
Outbound Notices for a 12-month period from 11/1/PRIOR YEAR to 10/31/CURRENT YEAR. Billed out Annually in November each Year (except when requesting an alternate billing cycle). The revenue collected will fund the UPCOMING CALENDAR YEAR.	

2025 State Holiday Operating Schedule	
OFFICE IS CLOSED	
(EMERGENCY TICKETS ONLY FOR SAME DAY PROCESSING)	
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving (Day After)	Friday, November 28
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25
2025 State Holiday Operating Schedule	
OFFICE IS OPEN	
* THIS DAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE MANDATORY WAIT TIME	
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20
President's Day	Monday, February 17
Veteran's Day	Tuesday, November 11
*On State Holiday's when the Office is OPEN, all ticket types will be processed, however, this day will not count towards the 48-hour notice period of tickets previously submitted.	

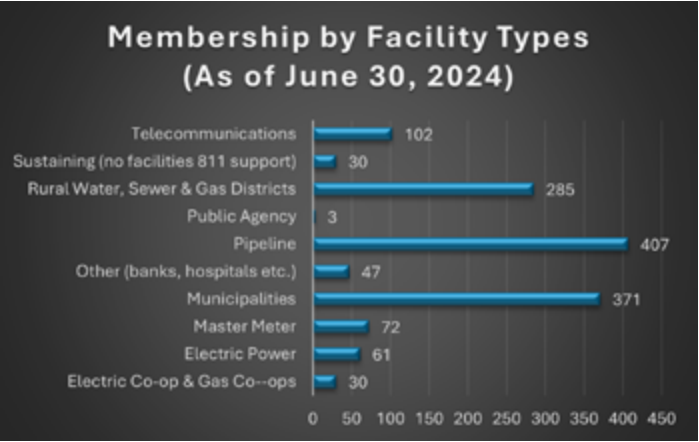
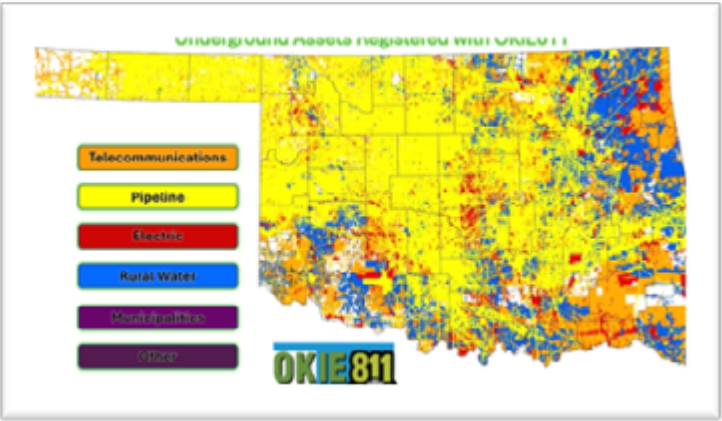
# Member by Facility Type

Oklahoma One-Call System Inc. (dba OKIE811) has over 1,400 companies registered for membership. These companies who own and operate underground facilities include various types of underground facilities serving different purposes and providing different services throughout the Great State of Oklahoma. Protecting underground facilities is not only about safeguarding infrastructure but also about maintaining service continuity and promoting sustainable development. The charts

below show you the number of underground facilities and the different facility types registered with OKIE811 in the state.

These companies join as members for the safety and protection of their underground assets. OKIE811 notifies members of pending excavation near their underground facilities. These notifications enable members to mark and provide information about their facilities to further protect their facilities, excavators digging around them and the public.

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. Take a look at our Membership Directory. If your company is not currently registered and has underground facilities in the State of Oklahoma, be sure to apply for membership today!



## Join Us for the 2025 OKIE811 Annual Meeting of the Membership!

Date: Wednesday, March 26th, 2025  
Time: Noon - 4:30 PM  
New Location: Metro Tech - Springlake Campus, Oklahoma City

- A special guest speaker
- Damage Prevention resources
- Engaging presentations about the latest at OKIE811

But that's not all! After the meeting, join us for the Networking Event where you can enjoy more food, fun, and fantastic networking opportunities with other industry professionals. More details coming soon!

Don't miss out on this incredible event! We can't wait to see you there!  
Save the Date & Register Today!  
Register for the Annual Meeting & EXPO at: [2025 Oklahoma Excavation Safety Expo](#)

OKIE811 45th Annual Meeting of the Membership

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

Noon - 4:30PM

Metro Tech - Springlake Campus  
1900 Springlake Dr,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

We are thrilled to partner with Metro Tech to host this year's Annual Meeting at the Metro Tech - Springlake Campus in Oklahoma City! This partnership brings more opportunities for Members during the Annual Meeting & EXPO.  
This year's Annual Meeting will kick off with a delicious lunch at Noon followed by an action-packed meeting from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. Get ready for a spectacular day filled with:

- Exciting door prizes