

MIAMI VALLEY UTILITY SAFETY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2017



1. Jim Wooten called to order 9:15 AM

2. Roll Call

Jason Broyles passed around the sign in sheet.

3. Approval of last months minutes held.

4. Damages/Locate issues

Codeburn Excavating

Jim asked him to follow the 811 dig laws.

The guy cursed him out and had poor views of OUPS

He will be reported if he damages Vectren Utilities.

How can we report non compliant people if we are not a damaged party and get them on a list where they get harsher penalties for hitting a line when they are previously warned.

One of the largest contractors stuck a pin in a vectren pipeline.

The guys who hit Vectren did not contact vectren until hours later.

The contractor refused to call 811.

Owner or Safety Manager said they dont have time to call in tickets.

Once they were fined, they started calling in locates.

5. Other Discussions

D.I.R.T. Presentation by Jason Broyles

Damage Information Reporting Tool

Uses data produced targeted recommendations to protect underground facilities.

Damages or near misses are covered by D.I.R.T.

VPD (Virtual Private DIRT) secure isolated DIRT form

16 required fields for the form.

Stakeholder type, Date, Country, State, County, City, ROW Type, Facility Type,

Data Access Grant

What is it?

Access to OUPS data, and other organization data.

Benefits

Best practices for safe digging is taken from this data.

Provides answers.

Provides data.

Go to www.CGA-dirt.com to begin registration.

They have training manuals and good information to learn to use it.

What can be reported on DIRT?

Jim Wooten: Can you report non compliant people?

Jason Broyles: Will have to look into it.

Jim Wooten: It will be another good possiblity for this documentaion.

\$5,000.00 fine is enough to get them to call in to OUPS

Most contractors come around.

Smaller guys are the issue, not the bigger guys.

What is done for companies that won't white line?

File a complaint with UTC.

Nothing can be done if entire property is called in.

Sometimes white line is not as good as rear of property or entire property.

What is distance between white lines?

Should be understandable and easy to follow.

Not placing the white lines too far apart, or they are useless.

The way cable is lying in the yard before a project does not mean that is the route it will be going. This can lead to a hit if people mark their facilities based on the way the cable is lying on the ground.

Contractors carry things that can repair facilities, they patch their damages and keep moving forward.

When they call in front of property, it goes to the curb or centerline?

From what provided says they go to the curb, not centerline.

Marking Standards Meeting Packet handed out in meeting Review

Front of property is front of house to roadway.

Preference is centerline, not curb.

People need to know what the project is and how to use common sense for front of property locate.

Front of Property, Both sides of Road, Plus XX feet of Opposite side

Without footage, it is to edge of road.

Footage should be added

These guidelines will be best practice.

Jim Wooten Recommended people review the Marking Standards Meeting packet and discuss at next meeting.

Side Notes: If you call in 48hr ticket, you cannot begin work until 48 hrs later. They need time to revise potential mistakes.

Rented pieces of equipment are not causing as much damages in Ohio. Indiana has more damages from rented equipment.

6. OUPS News:

Broke 1 Mil Tickets

7.2 Mil Notices

7. New Business

8. Round Table

HOA: How to get them onboard to locate their own stuff?

Information needed. How to get the HOA involved on activities.

Jason will ask George what they are doing to combat the issue.

9. Adjournment. Motion by Jason to Adjourn. Seconded.

10:55 AM Close.