

The monthly Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was held July 15, 2020 with the option of committee members joining in using “Go To Meeting” format, or meeting in person at the Builders Exchange office. We are the first Damage Prevention Council to use a “hybrid” meeting format to include both online and live in person.

Rosie Leuby read the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council’s mission statement.

Collins Cranmer reviewed the Emergency Action Plan in case of but not limited to fire, and medical related emergencies.

The council moved to introductions present for the meeting.

George Gillespie presented to the council new signage idea for overhead powerlines as part of the Safety Moment. A number of contractors already use signage to designate overhead powerline hazards, and strive to maintain overhead hazard awareness on job sites.

George Gillespie, and Greg First with Conie Construction, discussed a concern regarding researching an electrical utility on a project in West Virginia. Unfortunately there is not a point of contact for the electrical owner for addressing concerns. Calls for utilities are filtered through West Virginia’s one call. The Ohio Damage Councils provide a connection of resources and contacts who are able to provide assistance for utility conflict concerns.

Chris Ferguson, and Brian Pack with Datafield Inc. 5G Division conducted a presentation on 5G Wireless growth, and where it is headed.

The council discussed several marking identification for utilities. One example involved what appears to be a termination mark for a gas line. Roger Lipscomb commented that the marking standards are part of Ohio 811 law as defined as “To Mark in Accordance to the Universal Marking Standards.” The Damage Prevention Councils are required to review the marking standards. Another example displayed white circles painted around marks portraying underground duct bank. Concern is that white is considered to be the proposed excavation. After discussion, as a result of an incident involving damaged utilities, the locators will use white paint to point out the utility marks, aiding in their investigations. A suggestion was made that the white marking proposed excavation, the contractor would initial along with the white marking.

The council discussed new business, and will be holding both in person and virtual format for August meeting. Roger Lipscomb explained that Central Ohio DPC was the first council to make both formats available, and have provided Ohio 811 Liaisons with media that will provide better quality for members using the virtual format.

Roger also provided an update for Annual Meeting will be held virtually. The golf outing for the annual meeting has been canceled, however the shooting event will still be held. Although the Annual Meeting is going to be held virtual, attendees are still required to RSVP.

Roger continued to provide updates for the CGA Conference in 2021 in Orlando, FL. Currently the event will still be held. In addition to Excavation Safety Conference will be held two weeks in Tampa, FL after the CGA Conference. These two conferences were held together the same week, but next year the events will be separated. Ohio 811 Liaisons will be providing more information regarding the two

conferences in the future. Since 2020 CGA Conference was canceled, those registrations can be used to register for 2021 CGA Conference.

George Gillespie provided information on the Farm Science Review will move to virtual format for 2020 CGA Best Practices books are available – See George Gillespie for your copy.

Ticket volume is up 13% from July 2019 to July 2020.

Excavator Seminars will be held in the Fall of 2020, George Gillespie will provide dates for the seminars at the next meeting in August.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 am