

AUGUST LIVE! OPEN MIC WITH MISS DIG 811 NOTES

The topic of discussion for AUGUST was COMMITTEES & MEETINGS
STAYING CONNECTED

- We talked about the committees MISS DIG 811 has that you can join to stay involved. They keep you up to date on the latest issues facing the digging and UG utility community. Staying connected also allows you to have a voice in the changes that take place to improve the system.
- All the Committees & Best Practices information can be found on our website at www.missdig.org/committees--best-practices

COMMITTEES & MEETINGS:

DPAs – Damage Prevention Associations

- Onsite meetings - can also attend by calling conference # and using join.me
- Begin with a chosen topic which leads to further discussion
- Allow members, locators, excavators to network
- Suggestions from DPAs are routed to MDPB for review
- Find DPA locations at www.missdig.org/education/dpas

MDPB – Michigan Damage Prevention Board

- Established to recommend changes to MISS DIG law that became PA174
- This committee is still in existence because in PA 174 it states:
The notification system shall request input regarding its policies from all interested persons, including facility owners and facility operators, excavators, marking service providers, and governmental agencies. It is responsible for providing valuable input for the changes that have taken place at MISS DIG 811 in the past few years.
- Made up of individuals from the MPSC, MITA, Utility Companies, MISS DIG 811, locating companies, and other stakeholders including excavators
- The committee develops Best Practices for Michigan safety related utility infrastructure issues and is a regional partner with the CGA which is a national organization that is dedicated to preventing damage to underground utility infrastructure.
- Meet Quarterly at MITA, to be added to the email list and receive updates contact Rob Coppersmith at rob-coppersmith@mi-ita.com

TIME - Ticket Initiation Management Execution

- Subcommittee of MDPB that evaluates and processes ticket updates
- Recent updates have been Locates Without Borders and Design Ticket response time changing to 10 days.
- Once a change is recommended by TIME they take it to MDPB for evaluation and approval
- Meet 10 months of the year via teleconference call hosted by MISS DIG 811, also optional onsite meetings before the LAC meetings. Quarterly meetings held at MITA in conjunction with MDPB meetings. To be added to the email list contact Katie Gruzowski at kgruzowski@missdig811.org

LAC – Locator Action Committee

- Subcommittee of MDPB that consists of contract locators, facility owner locators, municipal locators, private locators, MPSC, and MISS DIG 811.
- Purpose of this group is to evaluate the role of the locator in the notification process and provide input to MDPB for best practices related to the locating community.
- Meet monthly about 10 months of the year, via teleconference hosted by MISS DIG the same day as the TIME committee. Also, quarterly meetings at MITA in conjunction with MDPB meetings. For more information contact Bruce Campbell at bcampbell@missdig811.org

MUCC – Michigan Utility Coordination Committee

- Made up of MITA, MDOT, MISS DIG 811, Design Engineers, DPWs, Municipal Planners, Facility Owners, and Contractors.
- Meet to discuss pre-construction UG utility safety through planning & communication including post construction and as-built drawings and standards.
- Developed **GUIDE** – Geospatial Utility Infrastructure Data Exchange program for
 - Geospatial data collection by capturing XYZ information at time of installation to be accessible by stakeholders.
 - MDOT permitting process requirement to capture geospatial location of permitted underground utility installations with MDOT R-O-W.
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