



**Tri-County DPA**  
Thursday, 6/21/18  
Saginaw CRC

**ATTENDEES:** Cathy Kelbey – CMS, Lisa Douglas – CMS, Ed Brown – Davison City, Christine Davis – Champagne & Marx, Dick (RC) Crannell – TCCA, Shannon Taylor – USIC, Paul Harding – MISS DIG 811, Tim Brown – Saginaw CRC, Mike Ecker – Saginaw CRC, Scott Hare – Saginaw CRC, Travis Hare – Saginaw CRC

**ABSENCES:**

**PRESENTATION:** Paul Harding did a presentation whether a dig notice should be placed if the homeowner/excavator is only hand-digging or using non-mechanical tools. He also briefly rehashed that the e-Plan is now available for residential single-address locations

**DISCUSSION:** The presentation spurred a conversation about getting the message out regarding calling in dig tickets no matter how the digging is being done. The idea of being broadcast over Gas Station Pump Video Systems was discussed, which we did do a few years back.

Also, Lisa Douglas brought up that she was on our website and couldn't find MISS DIG 811's Scope of Work rules anywhere. She was correct, and now we are adding a "Reference Materials" section to the Education Page on the website.

RC brought up an issue that occurred at a Rohde Bros worksite where the crew were looking (per their plans) for a 2" gas main, and instead found a 6" main, which they thought was the abandoned line. They continued digging and did not find the 2" main, and felt that even if the facility was lower than the 4 ft that they dug, they would not be in conflict with the yet-to-be-found active line, and proceeded to cut into the 6" steel main. They quickly discovered that the 2 inch main had been inserted inside the 6" steel line. Bay County Central dispatch was called and a nearby school/day care were evacuated as a pre-caution. No explosion or injuries occurred, and Cathy Kelbey from CMS noted that the plans did specify that it was 6 inch main with a 2 inch line inserted. Shannon was asked whether the locators get specific when noting what type of line is in the ground, and he said it has been attempted, but excavators sometimes misunderstood what was noted. Shannon also noted that one of the biggest issues USIC still encounters is people putting in tickets when the work isn't occurring within the next 3 business days to 14 calendar days.



ISSUES:

**NEXT MEETING**

*Topic:* TBD

*Date:* 7/19/18

*Time:* 9am

*Location:* Saginaw CRC