



Tri-County DPA
5/15/19 @9am
Saginaw CRC

ATTENDEES: Tarah Kile-MIOSHA, Mike Todd Jr-CMS, RJ Crannell-TCCA, Scott Hare & Mike Ecker-SCRC, Christine Davis – Champagne & Marx, Paul Harding & David Bowen-MISS DIG 811, Prizza Sylvester (on phone)-R Roese Contracting

ABSENCES:

PRESENTATION: None

DISCUSSION: David Bowen, who now represents the area, was introduced to the group. There was no presentation, but we will go over the eMod once it's online. Chris from C&M brought up a recent situation in Saginaw where AT & T issued a 001 (no conflict) on a ticket, and then they ended up damaging an AT&T line that they assumed was abandoned. We pulled up the positive response on the ticket & discovered (per Mike Todd) that it was auto-cleared, and USIC played no role in it. There was no visible evidence of a telecom facility at the work location. Mike Todd noted that Genesee County is currently having an issue with receiving 2 positive responses for work due to communication issues between USIC & URG. Tarah discussed MIOSHA's plans for safety stand-down week, which takes place from June 17-21. MIOSHA will come to you as a consultant instead of in an enforcement capacity to help with any safety issues. No tickets will be issued, even if infractions are found. She also noted that she would like to see more people at MIOSHA to receive MISS DIG 811 training, as many in the organization could use it. In the Tri-County area, ticket volume is being handled much better than in other areas of the state, and props were given to Shannon from USIC by Mike Todd. It was asked if MISS DIG 811 ever does anything on radio, and I mentioned that we are on Hire It Done Network on Saturday morning. The billboard on I75 was brought up. The consensus was that there is too much content to read when driving 70+ mph. One issue occurring in the area and state is a lack of quality help. RC mentioned that companies are having trouble finding enough workers. Christine mentioned that schools should be pushing working a trade that is high paying for some just as hard as they push college to others. Attendance issues for workers (especially younger workers) has also been an issue for contractors needing laborers. Mike mentioned he is running into a recurring problem where



people obtain design tickets, and then fail to use the information that's supplied, leading to problems in their design, and future excavation issues when arriving on-site. It was noted that depth is typically noted on design tickets, especially when it comes to gas facilities. Mike also noted that most if not all locating devices can tell depth, but facility owners are still unwilling to give it for a multitude of reasons. Finally, next year's Spring Kick-Off was briefly discussed, suggesting we either do it on the day of the regular meeting in February or March, or hold it in place of the monthly DPA meeting. Tarah had an interesting idea of live streaming the event, so people who couldn't attend could participate. We also discussed alternative speaker ideas or demonstrations for the event. Also, it was wondered aloud why other DPA's don't do spring kick-offs.

ISSUES: We are working to increase attendance. I added 725 names to the reminder list this past week. Tarah is going to forward her reminders, but first she needs to be added to the list, as does Mike, and that has been done. RC is going to forward his reminder to the TCCA members. Additional suggestions for the reminder included an "add to calendar" feature, & for the actual date to be shown.

NEXT MEETING

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