ND/SD Pipeline Training

2016
Who is the Common Ground Alliance?

Background

• **Officially formed in 2000**, the CGA represents a continuation of the damage prevention efforts embodied by the Common Ground Study. **Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and completed in 1999**, this Study represents the collaborative work of 160 industry professionals who identified best practices relating to damage prevention.

• **The CGA provides today’s optimal forum where stakeholders can share information and perspectives and work together on all aspects of damage prevention issues.** This allows the achievement of results that would otherwise be impossible. The CGA is working with industry stakeholders and regulators to produce stronger, more effective results through partnership, collaboration, and the pursuit of common goals in damage prevention.

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The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is a member-driven association dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services by promoting effective damage prevention practices. In recent years, the association has established itself as the leading organization in an effort to reduce damages to all underground facilities in North America through shared responsibility among all stakeholders.

Since inception, the CGA has grown to over 1,700 individual members, 250 member organizations, and 58 sponsors.

In promoting a spirit of shared responsibility, the CGA welcomes all stakeholders who would like to be a part of the identification and promotion of best practices that lead to a reduction in damage. Any “best practices,” endorsed by the CGA come with consensus support from experts representing the following stakeholder groups:
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Who can be involved in the

Excavators
Locators
Road Builders
Electric,
Telecommunications
Oil, Gas Distribution
Gas Transmission
Railroad
One Call Centers
Public Works
Equipment Manufacturing
State Regulators
Insurance
Emergency Services
Engineering/Design.

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CGA Vision

CGA is making significant, measurable progress in creating a damage prevention culture across North America...on every site, every day. Calling before digging is the norm, with all underground utilities identifiable and accurately mapped. Data is used to systematically address root cause issues and shows a trend of declining numbers of incidents.
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The business and activities of the National CGA are managed by the Board of Directors. Each stakeholder group within the CGA is represented by a Director on the CGA Board. There are currently 16 Board members. In addition to its Board of Directors, the CGA is comprised of 7 working committees:

1. Best Practices
2. Technology
3. Data Reporting & Evaluation “Call 811” –
4. Educational Programs & Marketing
5. One Call Systems International
6. Regional Partners
7. Stakeholder

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Regional Partners

The Regional Partners program started in 2002, as a way to connect the national CGA mission of shared responsibility and partnership with groups of local stakeholders called Regional CGAs. Currently, there are more than 70 Regional Partners playing critical local roles in damage prevention in their respective geographic areas.

As the local ambassadors of the CGA mission, Regional CGAs have been instrumental in creating state-wide summits and conferences, giving stakeholders who are unable to attend the national CGA annual meeting an opportunity to learn new damage prevention skills.

CGA’s Regional Partners consistently use the CGA Communications Plan to inspire their safe digging outreach among professional excavators and the general public. But just as frequently, Regional Partners’ creative events and campaigns – like hosting skill competitions for locate technicians, creating scholarship programs for current and future diggers and arranging awareness seminars featuring unique guest speakers – inspire case studies featured in the Communications Plan.
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What do Regional Partners do in their local areas?

Regional CGAs educate professionals and homeowners about the importance of safe digging through several creative outreach channels. Recently, Regional Partners across the country have been instrumental in hosting state-wide damage prevention summits and conferences, giving local stakeholders the opportunity to learn new skills and practices.
The mission of ND-CGA is to ensure public safety from the dangers of improper treatment of underground facilities through the development of best practices, education and cooperation.
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What activities are we involved with:

- Quarterly meetings held throughout the state
- Damage Prevention Dinners
- ND-State Fair
- 2016 Damage Prevention Summit
  - Educational Classes
  - Line Locator Rodeo
  - Excavator Rodeo

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# North Dakota Common Ground Alliance Excavation Safety Summit Agenda

## April 13th

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Damage Information Reporting Tool

- Any underground facility
- Near misses
- Hits
- Trends
- Record keeping
- Compliance

Sample form for reporting

Form 124-A, Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT)
Instructions: Complete this form for any property damage incident or near miss involving underground utilities. Forward completed forms to Corporate EHS.

Part A: Who is Submitting This Information

Who is filling out this form?
- CHK Employee
- CHK Contractor
- Equipment Manufacturer

Name and company of the person filling out this form

First name

Last name

Company name

KM incident number

What is your role/industry?
- Electric
- Engineer/Design
- Equipment manufacturer
- Liquid pipeline
- Excavator
- Insurance
- Locator
- Natural gas
- One Call Center
- Private water
- Public works
- Railroad
- Road builder
- State regulator
- Telecommunications
- Unknown/other

Part B: Date and Location of Event

Date of the event (MM/DD/YYYY)

Public or Private

Segment ID (if applicable)

Address

Street:

City:

State:

County:

Country:

Nearest intersection:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Part C: Incident Information

TRENDS ONLY

Did you call the RPC to report the incident and receive an Incident Number?
- Yes
- No

RCC incident number:

Right of way where event occurred

City street

Private business

Pipeline

State highway

Private land

Power/transmission line

County road

Private easement

Railroad

Interstate highway

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Distribution of Known Events by Root Cause Group (2010)

- Notification NOT Made, 32%
- Other, 5%

Less than 1% of excavations with a one call have an incident!
How to get involved

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