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2011 Safety Meetings Kick Off in January

The Wisconsin Damage Prevention Council and Diggers Hotline have worked together to bring free safety seminars to towns across the entire state of Wisconsin; there are a total of 60 meetings on the schedule at 54 different locations. The complete meeting schedule is listed on page two.

The theme of the 2011 meetings is "Know What's Below & Use Care in the Air". The meetings' message will stress the importance of safety when working around underground and overhead utility lines. The series of meetings will get underway Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 AM at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha, WI.



At each meeting, the safety focused program will be presented after attendees have had a chance

to enjoy the free breakfast or dinner buffet. At the end of the program there will be a drawing for door prizes; prizes in the past have included gift cards, tools, sweatshirts, hats, and other valuable items. Many people who attend these meetings use it as a chance to mingle with their industry peers and the sponsoring utility owners as well. Other sponsors, including locators, hardware stores, equipment rental locations, and hydro vacuum excavators will also have representatives available to answer any questions.

Contractors, landscapers, plumbers, home builders, utility workers and other excavators interested in this valuable training is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Not only does the 2011 program contain vital information for first time attendees,

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but the Wisconsin DPC strives to include new and updated information for repeat attendees. A few topics that will be covered in the meetings include contacting Diggers Hotline, trench safety, pot-holing, private lines and white lining.

To register for the meetings you can visit DiggersHotline.com and follow the link to Safety Meetings or call (262) 785-5300 ext 5811.

Sponsor a Safety Meeting to Reach Local Customers

The Utility Damage Prevention Meetings are a public service organized by the Damage Prevention Council but would not be possible without the support of the sponsors.

Sponsors of the safety meetings not only help bring this valuable safety training to their communities, but they also get to a chance to reach a targeted group of local customers. Meeting sponsors will have their name shown on screen and announced during the meeting. They also have the option to set up a booth which allows for one-on-one interaction with attendees, which is a great opportunity for any local business.

For more information on sponsorships call Sarah Souders at 262-785-5320 or email ssouders@diggershotline.com.



2011 Utility Damage Prevention Meetings

Location	Date & Time
Waukesha - Country Springs Hotel	Tuesday January 18 - 7 am
Waukesha - Country Springs Hotel	Wednesday January 19 - 7 am
Janesville - Holiday Inn Express	Tuesday January 25 - 7 am
Racine - Roma Lodge	Wednesday January 26 - 7 am
Elkhorn - Monte Carlo Room	Thursday January 27 - 7 am
Middleton - Madison Marriot West	Tuesday February 1 - 7 am
WI Dells - Glacier Canyon Lodge	Wednesday February 2 - 7 am
Milwaukee - Serb Hall	Thursday February 3 - 7 am
Black Creek - Romy's Nitingale	Tuesday February 8 - 7 am
Black Creek - Romy's Nitingale	Tuesday February 8 - 5 pm
Kohler - Range Line Inn	Wednesday February 9 - 5 pm
Juneau - Juneau Community Center	Thursday February 10 - 5 pm
Germantown - The Quilted Bear	Tuesday February 15 - 7 am
Germantown - The Quilted Bear	Wednesday February 16 - 7 am
Fond du Lac - Holiday Inn	Thursday February 17 - 7 am
Oshkosh - La Sure's Hall	Thursday February 17 - 5 pm
Green Bay - Stadium View	Tuesday February 22 - 7 am
Green Bay - Stadium View	Tuesday February 22 - 5 pm
Kewaunee - CJ's Restaurant	Wednesday February 23 - 5 pm
Sturgeon Bay - Stone Harbor	Thursday February 24 - 5 pm
Wisconsin Rapids - The Ridges	Monday February 28 - 5 pm
Viroqua - Firehouse Restaurant	Tuesday March 1 - 6 am
La Crosse - Baus Haus	Tuesday March 1 - 5 pm
Marshfield - Eagles Club	Tuesday March 1 - 5 pm
Fountain City - Hilltop	Wednesday March 2 - 6 am
Chilton - Kloten Oasis	Wednesday March 2 - 5 pm
Tomah - Cranberry County Lodge	Thursday March 3 - 6 am
Manitowoc - Twin Fountains	Thursday March 3 - 5 pm
Hixton - Club 95	Tuesday March 8 - 6 am
Lancaster - St. Clement Parish	Tuesday March 9 - 6 am
Prairie du Chien - Huckleberry's	Wednesday March 9 - 7 am
Menomonie - Stout Ale House	Wednesday March 9 - 6 am
Menomonie - Stout Ale House	Wednesday March 9 - 5 pm
Richland Center - Ramada Inn	Thursday March 10 - 6 am
Baldwin - Coachman Supper Club	Thursday March 10 - 5 pm
River Falls - Kilkarney Hills Golf Club	Friday March 11 - 6 am
Eau Claire - 29 Pines	Tuesday March 15 - 6 am
Stevens Point - Holiday Inn	Tuesday March 15 - 7 am
Waupaca - Best Western	Tuesday March 15 - 5 pm
Rice Lake - Turtleback Country Club	Wednesday March 16 - 6 am
Shawano - Comfort Inn & Suites	Wednesday March 16 - 7 am
Hayward - Lumberjack Steak House	Wednesday March 16 - 5 pm
Wautoma - War Memorial Building	Wednesday March 16 - 5 pm
Amery - Cricket's Bar & Grill	Thursday March 17 - 5 pm
Ladysmith - Tee Away Golf Club	Monday March 21 - 5 pm
Ladysmith - Tee Away Golf Club	Tuesday March 22 - 5 pm
Eagle River - Eagle River Inn	Tuesday March 22 - 7 am
Crandon - Mole Lake Lodge	Tuesday March 22 - 5 pm
Rhineland - Quality Inn	Wednesday March 23 - 7 am
Philips - Municipal Hall	Wednesday March 23 - 5 pm
Medford - Simek Recreation Center	Monday March 28 - 5 pm
Superior - Barkers Island Inn	Tuesday March 29 - 7 am
Ironwood, MI - Tacconelli's	Tuesday March 29 - 5 pm
Arbor Vitea - Town Hall	Wednesday March 30 - 7 am
Ashland - AmericInn	Wednesday March 30 - 5 pm
Wabeno - Indian Springs Lodge	Thursday March 31 - 7 am
Peshtigo - Schusslers Supper Club	Thursday March 31 - 5 pm
Wausau - Best Western	Tuesday April 5 - 7 am
Antigo - Knights of Columbus	Tuesday April 5 - 5 pm
Tomahawk - Rodeway Inn	Wednesday April 6 - 7 am

BEST OF THE EXCAVATOR....

The Excavator has addressed many important topics over the years, so we have decided to do a recap of a few articles as a review.

BEWARE: PRIVATE LINES

From the April '09 Issue

Private lines are those lines owned by a private owner and contained fully on their property. These lines can include sprinkler systems, ornamental lighting, electric lines to an adjoining barn or garage, and propane lines servicing a building. These owners, whose lines do not cross the public right of way, are not required to be members of Diggers Hotline. This means their lines may not be located after a call to Diggers Hotline.

If you see clues on a job site that indicate there might be private lines you should contact a locating company who will mark the lines for a fee. To find a list a locators visit DiggersHotline.com and follow the link to Locators listed under Resources.

WHITE LINING:

From the June '10 Issue

White lining is when an excavator marks the proposed excavation area with white paint or flags to better communicate with locators. This removes guesswork for locators, as there are fewer ways to misinterpret white marks showing the limits of an excavation compared to just using marking instructions on the Diggers Hotline ticket.

REMOTE ENTRY:

From the August '10 Issue

Remote Ticket Entry gives individuals the power to log into the Diggers Hotline system and work with the same program that the call center staff uses. This allows users to enter all of the information needed for the locate request, and they also outline their own jobsite on the map.

In order for users to access Remote Ticket Entry they must first complete a free three-hour instructional class. If you are interested in signing up for a class visit DiggersHotline.com and follow the link for Remote Entry. After you submit your contact information you will hear from DH when a class is scheduled in your area.