

Area 3 Eastern Damage Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

Graciously hosted by
Dominion Virginia Power
6104 Fiddlers Green Road, Gloucester
March 18, 2010

Attendee introductions were done through a round table.

Channing Guvernator with VUPS briefed the group on VUPS' outreach program to better assist the damage prevention community. VUPS is taking suggestions on how they can better serve locators and excavators. Suggestions made at the VUPS membership meeting were:

- Excavator work force management in order to manage tickets and responses through software including the ability to suspend tickets until they are needed to be released
- Locate contractors suggested a set work day, where if any ticket was called in after a certain time of day would be considered called in the following day
- Locate groups would like to work with VUPS auditors to suggest better ticket instructions
- Expanding the use of designer tickets: creating a pre-designer ticket to notify utility operators that a project is planned and that ticket would not need to be marked
- Creating a "damage ticket" to be called in, in the event that there was a damaged facility
- Creating excavator "score cards" for contractors to track tickets that are called in, especially continued Update and Remark tickets

The Virginia Damage Prevention conference will be held at the Virginia Beach Hilton on April 20th, 21st, and 22nd

Dave Thompson from Henderson Inc spoke on the use of Phase III technology currently installed on several of their construction equipment and the benefits of its use

OPEN DISCUSSIONS:

The use of Marker Ball technology was discussed as well as the benefits to utility operators

Procedures and difficulties when working on military installations were discussed. Gene Midkiff will work with Akima and Channing Guvernator will work with Old Dominion Utility Services getting them to attend the Area 2, May DPC meeting. Both contractors will be locating on Fort Eustis.

The April meeting will be announced at a later date and location.

Respectfully,

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