

WHAT'S UP BELOW

The 2013 Excavation Safety Awareness Program will include 12 luncheon programs geared towards Iowa's professional contractor/excavator communities and 4 breakfast programs geared towards Iowa's farming and land improvement contractors communities. In conjunction with these 16 damage prevention and safety awareness program meetings, Iowa One Call will develop partnership opportunities with various stakeholder groups to promote the state's Iowa One Call system and the importance of practicing safe excavating and damage prevention protocols.

While Iowa One Call appreciates and welcomes all program attendees who have previously attended the annual excavation safety awareness program meetings, the primary objective has always been to reach and educate as broad a base as possible, especially the groups and individuals who may never have attended these types of excavation safety meetings. Although the 2013 program will include fewer "contractor/excavator" meetings than in previous years, the mailing list for those 12 meetings has been updated to include new contractors and excavators who have never attended an Iowa One Call meeting. In addition to hosting and conducting the luncheon and breakfast meetings, Iowa One Call will seek additional speaking/presentation opportunities in conjunction with other industry conventions, conferences, meetings and seminars. By diversifying the program venues and target audiences, Iowa One Call will effectively reach a broader audience base. Conveying the same damage prevention and safety awareness message via established conferences and informational events will also provide Iowa One Call an efficient means to expand the overall damage prevention program.

The integrity of our state's underground facilities infrastructure impacts all Iowans. Quite literally, we are all stakeholders in the damage prevention initiative. The attitude and commitment of those in the field, who necessarily carry a great deal of responsibility, are just as critical as any established physical safety and damage prevention procedures. Those who are directly involved in the actual processes of excavating, installing and maintaining underground facilities, and locating and marking underground facilities play a critical role in safeguarding the rest of Iowa's stakeholders – our families and our communities.

Thank you for your diligence in protecting what matters most. Dig Safe!

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2013 Excavator Safety Awareness Program This Year Is Something Completely New!

Are you ready to talk damage prevention and to learn how you can help safeguard Iowa communities? Are you ready to enjoy a great lunch and get the answers to everything you've wanted to know about Iowa One Call? Are you ready for an opportunity to win a really nice gift? If you are, then you better be at your nearest 2013 Excavator Safety Awareness Program! This newsletter is dedicated to our 2013 program with exciting information, dates, and new things that you haven't seen before.

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NEW FAX NUMBER Please note that the current FAX number to be used for registering for the 2013 program meetings is: **563-884-7761**. For your convenience, register online at www.iowaonecall.com or email to ia@occinc.com

Jan 15, '13	Tuesday	Ottumwa, Hotel Ottumwa	11:30 A.M.
Jan 16, '13	Wednesday	Ankeny, FFA Enrichment Ctr/DMACC	11:30 A.M.
Jan 21, '13	Monday	Sioux City, Bev's on the River	11:30 A.M.
Jan 22, '13	Tuesday	Council Bluffs, Mid America Center	11:30 A.M.
Jan 28, '13	Monday	Dubuque, Peosta Community Ctr	11:30 A.M.
Jan 29, '13	Tuesday	Cedar Rapids, Kirkwood Comm Center	11:30 A.M.
Feb 4, '13	Monday	Spencer, Clay Count Event Ctr	11:30 A.M.
Feb 5, '13	Tuesday	Ft Dodge, Best Western	11:30 A.M.
Feb 11, '13	Monday	Cedar Falls, (UNI)	11:30 A.M.
Feb 12, '13	Tuesday	Mason City, Best Western	11:30 A.M.
Feb 18, '13	Monday	Bettendorf, Waterfront Cnvntn Ctr	11:30 A.M.
Feb 19, '13	Tuesday	Burlington, Pzazz Convention Ctr	11:30 A.M.

Three Ways To Sign Up for the Excavator Safety Awareness Program!

Register online at www.iowaonecall.com, click on the **RED 2013 ESAP** box and sign up, or E-mail to ia@occinc.com, or Fax to **563-884-7761**

NEW LEADERS FOR EXCAVATION SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

After many years of doing the Excavation Safety Awareness Programs for Iowa One Call, Bob and Sally Pose sadly decided to throw in the towel this year. Bob was an amazing presenter who always made sure to check every detail to assure that every event went smoothly. Sally was the ideal greeter who welcomed everyone with a cheerful smile and made everyone feel right at home. They were an unstoppable team who worked wonderfully together. Many will be sad to hear that Bob and Sally will no longer be doing the program, but the show, as they say, must go on and for the 2013 program meetings the presenter duties will be handled by the IOC administrative staff.

Ben Booth and Kellie Gregorich will divide up the meetings and provide the moderator/presenter duties. Since September, Ben and Kellie have been hard at work making plans for the program. Ben has developed three new video clips and a new PowerPoint presentation for the 2013 program. Kellie has spent many hours lining up dates, meeting locations and catering services.

There has been a lot of time and effort put into the 2013 program and all indications are that the program attendees will enjoy a highly informative and interesting program. While it won't seem the same without Bob and Sally, the 2013 Excavation Safety Awareness Program will undoubtedly be attended by many of Iowa's premier contractors and excavators. Beginning in January, Ben and Kellie will hit the road for damage prevention and safety awareness. We certainly hope you can join them for lunch! They'd love to see you at one of the meetings.

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WHY YOU NEED TO ATTEND

Excavation safety awareness isn't about Iowa One Call. It's about you, your families and Iowa communities. Our main goal is to keep you and the communities you work in safe and to assure that the essential underground infrastructure is protected and remains intact. Calling 811, 1-800-292-8989, or using the ITIC online ticketing system is FREE and easy to use. This important service won't work if it's not used or used properly. Excavators play a major role in safeguarding and maintaining the essential services that all Iowans rely on.

2013's Excavation Safety Awareness Program meetings will help to educate professional excavators and contractors on just how important it is to call Iowa One Call. The presentation will include valuable information from the Iowa Attorney General's Office as well as information about some of our most vital resources and essential services. The new video clips feature persons in the field with hands-on experience – nothing contrived, no actors and no scripts. These folks have seen the damage, the disruption, and the pain that reckless excavation practices can lead to. They aren't taking time out of their day just to be on a video. They want to keep you safe and they want you to help keep other Iowans safe. They don't want to be called onsite to your accident.

Iowa One Call has been implementing the Excavation Safety Awareness Program for 12 years and continues to invest significant time and resources in this valuable outreach and educational program. In January, Iowa One Call will kick off another program aimed at Iowa's professional contractors and excavators. As always, other stakeholders are encouraged to attend – including facility locators, utility operators, municipality workers, engineers and professional building and construction designers and anyone who has a vested interest with safety and damage prevention.

*Iowa One Call would like
to wish that all of our readers
and damage prevention
stakeholders enjoy a very
happy and prosperous new year.*

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IOWA PIPELINE ASSOCIATION & IOWA ONE CALL WORKING TOGETHER

Iowa One Call and the Iowa Pipeline Association have been working hand in hand on developing an Agriculture Pipeline Safety & Damage Prevention Program that will be presented to rural Iowa communities in 2013. The main goal is to remind people that are living out in rural areas that they need to call, too! They are actually the people who have the most underground infrastructure running through their land. Iowa One Call and the Iowa Pipeline Association are working hard to make sure everyone understands how important it is to observe safe digging and damage prevention practices, what the correct legal depth for "normal farming operations" is, what to do if there is an emergency, protocol requesting locates outside of city limits and other important information.

For the last couple months, these breakfast meetings have been well thought out and planned by a special subcommittee. We understand the importance of Iowa's farming operations and the significant role that farmers in our society play. These are important factors that we must address when developing programming designed to effectively reach and impact Iowa's agriculture and farming communities. Once farmers understand how significant their role is in safeguarding their communities and all the other families who rely on the essential services conveyed via the pipes and facilities buried below their farmland, they can champion the damage prevention initiative.

Each of the "agriculture meetings" will include a hearty breakfast specifically catered to kick-start the attending farmers and land improvement contractors' morning. Although, most of these folks will have already been up for hours! The actual presentation will focus on pipeline safety and damage prevention, touching on the serious nature of performing excavation related farm operations near high-pressure gas and hazardous liquids pipelines. The theme for this important program is, "Protecting What really Matters."

Feb 19, '13	Tuesday	Ft. Madison, Comfort Inn	7:30 A.M.
Feb 20, '13	Wednesday	Monticello, Berndes Center	7:30 A.M.
Feb 26, '13	Tuesday	Cherokee, Western IA Community College	7:30 A.M.
Feb 27, '13	Wednesday	Ames, Gateway Inn	7:30 A.M.

Pre-Register To Win Prizes!!!!

In 2013 Iowa One Call will be giving out one great prize to one lucky winner at each Excavator Safety Awareness Program! To be eligible for the prize you must be pre-registered and present to win! We aren't going to tell you what the prize is, but we can guarantee its well worth the efforts to pre-register. Of course we will also be raffling multiple prizes at each meeting.

Remember, Iowa One Call is dedicated to safety for you, your family, your community and all Iowans. Don't just come to win the prize; come to learn about how you can truly make a difference in preventing serious incidents involving potential injury, loss of essential services, property damage, environmental contamination and even loss of life.

Check the meeting locations now and save the date on your 2013 calendar and don't forget... pre-register for a great prize... and as always, dig safe!