Event Activities

7:00 am - 10:00 am - Meet the President

Meet Bill Kiger, President and CEO of Pennsylvania 811.

Location: Booth 100

7:00 am - 11:00 am - Help Desk

Do you have a question about our online applications? Complex project meetings? Spend time one-on-one with experts from Pennsylvania 811. Walk in or sign up for an appointment at the booth.

Location: Booth 300

7:00 am - 11:30 am - Meet the Damage Prevention Liaison Team

Spend time with a member of the Damage Prevention Liaison team. Do you have a question about complex project meetings? Spend some time one-on-one learning how to use Coordinate PA. Or if you have a question about PA Act 287, as amended. Location: Booth 107

7:00 am – 8:30 am – Registration for the Global Locate Masters Tournament (indoors)

After you have checked-in at the Welcome Center, go directly to the Global Locate Master Tournament area to secure your time slot. Prizes are awarded for first place (\$100 gift card), second place (\$50 gift card) and third place (\$25 gift card) winners. Location: Booth 500

7:00 am - 11:30 am - Pennsylvania 811 Scavenger Hunt

Play a game with us! QR codes are spread throughout the venue. Scan as many as you can find to earn points. Those with the highest points will be in a drawing to win a gift card! Three drawings for a \$100, a \$50, and a \$25 gift card. Happy hunting!

Damage Prevention Theatre Schedule

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Attendee Orientation

Bring your coffee into the theatre to watch a quick orientation video of the day's events. The video will repeat every fifteen-minutes. This orientation is highly recommended for all conference attendees, newcomers and veterans alike. Take advantage of the time allotted to schedule your day.

8:30 am - 11:30 am - Pop up Education

Educational videos will play throughout the conference day and will include Online Ticket Management, Member Mapping, Web Ticket Entry 4.0, and Digging Dangers.

8:45 am and 9:45 am Demonstration

Blue Box

A safety demonstration showing the elements of natural gas.

8:00 am - 8:45 am Sessions

Pipeline Safety

In this session, you will learn about PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration), a U.S. Department of Transportation agency responsible for overseeing the safety of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. You will learn about its regulatory requirements for excavators, gain an understanding of 811 and safe digging practices, and discover helpful resources available for you.

Presented by PHMSA, Nita Raju Location: Session Area 1

Designer Obligations

During this session, you will learn Designer obligations including preliminary and final designs, Subsurface utility Engineering (SUE) requirements, and how to use Coordinate PA to communicate directly with facility owners.

Presented by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Session Area 2

Excavator Obligations

Review of excavator obligations under PA Act 287, as amended. Discussion includes safe digging practices.

Presented by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Session Area 3

8:20 am - 8:30 am Demonstration

Documenting your work site

Learn how to document your work site with tips about taking pictures by using the clock method and the benefits of using a hit kit.

Presented by Pennsylvania 811

Location: Outdoors

8:45 am - 9:15 am Demonstration

Blue Box Demonstration

A safety demonstration showing the elements of natural gas.

Presented by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Bill Shupe and Steve Shupe

Location: Damage Prevention Theatre

8:50 - 9:20 am Demonstration

It's Electric

Learn about high voltage electricity from industry facility owners.

Presented by METED, a FIRSTENERGY Company

Location: Outdoors

9:00 am - 9:45 am Sessions

Intro to Public Works Safety

This course is an excerpt of the four-hour Public Works Safety class provided by LTAP. You will be introduced to common safety factors and practices associated with public works road maintenance operations. You will learn why accidents occur and how to use personal protective equipment to protect personnel. Workplace awareness is stressed and the importance of establishing a formal safety program for maintenance or construction activities on municipal roadways.

Presented by Jason Snyder, PennDOT, LTAP

Location: Session Area 1

Subsurface Utility Engineering

In 2022 the American Society of Civil Engineers, Utility Engineering & Surveying, and the Construction Institute aka ASCE/UESI/CI adopted the new Subsurface Utility Engineering (**SUE**) Standard of Care Guidelines for Investigating and Documenting Existing Utilities ASCE 38-22 and for Recording and Exchanging Utility Infrastructure Data ASCE 75-22. These documents detail the use of SUE data during the design process when designing underground facilities for construction. This session is an overview of the SUE and Pennsylvania 811's processes for Project owners and Designers' responsibilities under PA Act 287, as amended, and will detail how the use of the SUE process will save on construction cost and minimizes damages during construction.

Presented by Nicholas Zembillas, Subject Matter Expert

Location: Session Area 2

Locator Obligations

This session will help facility owners and locators understand the definitions and terminology used in PA Act 287, as amended, and will explain how to mark underground lines by using the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) and American Public Works Association (APWA) color code standards.

Presented by Pennsylvania 811

Location: Session Area 3

9:45 am - 10:15 am Demonstration

Blue Box Demonstration
A safety demonstration showing the elements of natural gas.

Presented by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Bill Shupe and Steve Shupe Location: Damage Prevention Theatre

10:00 am - 10:45 am Sessions

Risk Normalization

Learn how to add microlearning to your safety training program to produce an effective method of delivering a task hazard analysis in a compliance-based platform. In this session you will be exposed to a risk normalization scenario where an incident will be watched, reviewed and discussed.

Presented by Flagger Force, Jacob Kondrasuk and Tamara Palmer Location: Session Area 1

Coordinate PA

Learn how to utilize Pennsylvania 811 Coordinate PA application for all of your notifications from conception to construction. Use Coordinate PA to create design, complex project, and excavation notifications to increase project safety and reduce project costs as required by Pennsylvania's Underground Line Protection law. *It is required to use Coordinate PA for all Complex Project and Design notifications

Presented by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Session Area 2

The Collapse of Trench Safety

Focusing on the National Emphasis Program for Trench Safety, this program will provide a brief review of 1926 Subpart P with highlights on where common errors can be found in the field. It will provide a further understanding of the 12 general requirements as well as common trench safety systems, the limitations that are often overlooked, as well as include an overview of other readily safety solutions for unique digs.

Presented by Monica Rakoczy, EnterTRAINING Location: Session Area 3

10:20 am - 10:30 am Demonstration

Documenting your work site

Learn how to document your work site with tips about taking pictures by using the clock method and the benefits of using a hit kit.

Presented by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Outdoors

10:30 - 11:25 am Demonstration

It's Electric

Learn about high voltage electricity from industry facility owners.

Presented by METED, a FIRSTENERGY Company

Location: Outdoors

11:00 am - 11:20 am Sessions

Alleged Violation Reporting

This presentation will help you understand when an Alleged Violation Report (AVR) is required and what must be in the report when it is filed.

Presented by Braxton Cooper and Summers Karlow, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) Location: Session Area 1

Complex Project Meetings

Learn how to conduct a complex project meeting with Coordinate PA. What is your role, who should you invite, who should attend and what steps you should take for a successful outcome to delivering an agreed-upon locate schedule?

Presented by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Session Area 2

Understanding Soil Types

When discussing safety as it pertains to trenching and excavations, there are many variables to consider. One variable that is often overlooked is the classification of soil that is being excavated. This will be a short discussion of the basic types of soils that exist, and some common methods that can be used to determine the type of soil present.

Presented by Shawn Renaldi, OSHA Location: Session Area 3

11:20 am - 11:30 am

Conception to Construction

A brief version of the "planning to design to construction" process. Learn how to use Coordinate PA through each process.

Video by Pennsylvania 811 Location: Dining Hall

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ten Feet Tall and Bulletproof

When we interact with a hazard and get hurt, it's usually because we're complacent. Complacency is at the center of being "10 feet tall and bulletproof". When is comes to this mentality, we've heard people say things such as, "I've driven this road a million times, I can do it with my eyes closed"? This mindset isn't something we believe or feel from the beginning. Most of the time when we get hurt, it's because we're in one of the four human states that contribute to most incidents. Learn how you can prevent many serious incidents from occurring by heightening your awareness.

Keynote speaker: Jack Jackson, SafeStart

Location: Dining Room

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Closing Remarks
Door Prizes