

# Pennsylvania One Gall: The Keystone of Damage Prevention

2020 Annual Report



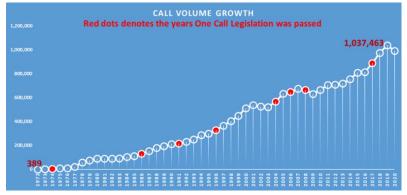
Dear PA One Call Stakeholders - Underground Facility Owners, Excavators, Designers, Project Owners, Locators, DIY Homeowners, and Emergency Responders:

2020 was an unprecedented year that presented challenges felt by all stakeholders. Pennsylvania One Call System continued to serve all stakeholders without interruption in service. We thank our staff for their quick action in mobilizing 90% of all employees to work remotely within a day's notice. Their flexibility and ability to adjust along with our implemented and practiced disaster recovery plan made this transition seamless.

Despite the pandemic, we continued to enhance services, provide educational outreach, and support our mission by providing an efficient and effective communications network. Our Workforce Management system was upgraded adding functionality to analyze calls and automation of quality monitoring. The architecture of the website was changed to provide more flexibility, implement a new Content Management System to allow for easy web content management, and simplify the menu structure and site navigation. Coordinate PA (CPA) updates included a release of the API, providing third party applications the ability to initiate a transfer of data to CPA, and a technology backbone upgrade. Through the MS Teams platform, Staff, Board Committees, the Board, and Commission Enforcement carried on. Enhanced cleaning began immediately at the West Mifflin center for employees remaining in the building, including those who did not have the home environment or internet needed to ensure full service operations continued. Each department was able to address the needs of our Stakeholders remotely while in the safety of their homes. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to getting through this TOGETHER!

Please Dial or Click PA 811 before you plan, demolish, or excavate. Thanks to all who participated in making Pennsylvania a safer place to live and work!





### **INDUSTRY**

Associate - PA Builders Association Cable Television - Comcast Contractor - NUCA Pennsylvania Designer - Larson Design Group, Inc. Electric

FirstEnergy

Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. PECO Energy

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Gas

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania PECO Energy National Fuel

Peoples Natural Gas

Municipal

Philadelphia Gas Works Butler Township

PA Municipal Authorities Association PA State Association of Boroughs

PA State Association of Township Supervisors

North Wales Water Authority

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### **INDUSTRY**

**PA Emergency Management Agency PA Department of Transportation PA Public Utility Commission** 

Pipe Line

Texas Eastern/Enbridge Williams Gas Pipeline - Transco Energy Transfer/Sunoco UGI Utilities, Inc.

**Telecommunications** 

Verizon Business **RCN Telecom Services** 

Telephone

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC Windstream Communications CenturvLink Verizon North, LLC

Water

Lehigh County Authority Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Pennsylvania American Water Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County

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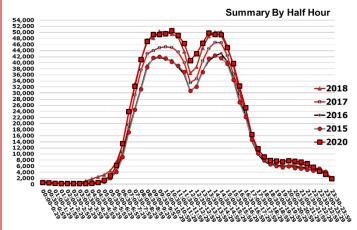
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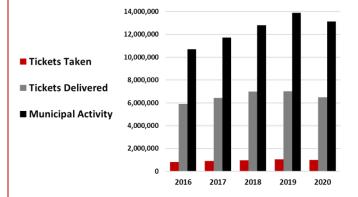
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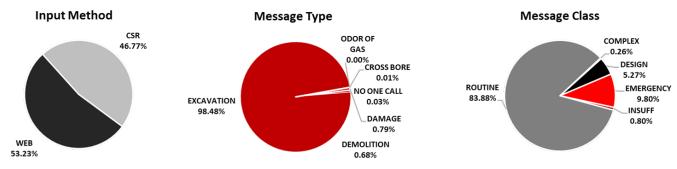


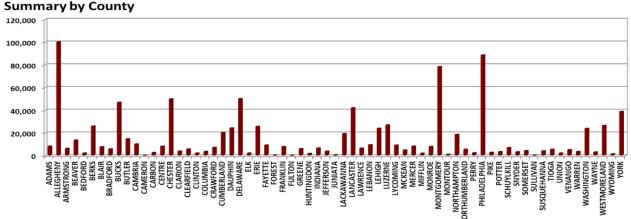
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. is a non-profit Pennsylvania service company dedicated to minimizing utility service interruptions, reducing the number of on the job injuries and deaths, promoting a higher level of public safety and protecting the environment. The company can be reached using the national call before you dig number of 811 or through its toll-free telephone number **800-242-1776** by anyone requesting location of underground lines prior to digging, or by creating notifications online through our website www.paonecall.org. All services are available 24 hours per day, every day of the year. Information is obtained from the person planning or scheduling excavation or demolition and disseminated to underground facility owners/operators via email, fax or web view. Additionally, text notifications can be sent to members when emergency notifications are received, or voice relay is possible outside of normal business hours. The system accepts the required automated responses from facility operators and relays them to the originator of the notification. We provide supplemental electronic member mapping service which allows members to define polygonal notification areas to reduce the number of non-involved dig notices they receive, saving them time and money on their end, as they do not need to receive, research or respond to dig notices outside their spatial service area. There is no additional charge for this service and it can be managed completely online. The member still has online access to the excluded notifications.

### **Ticket Volume with Municipal Activity**



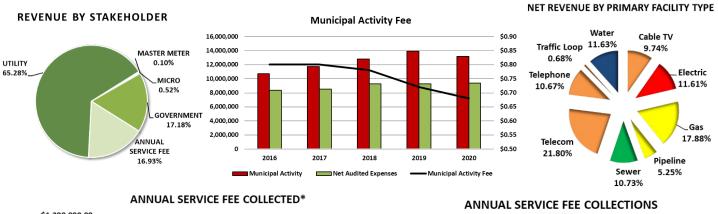
Use of the service by excavators increased from 389 tickets the first year to 991,975 in 2020. Increased revenues from growth are used to offset operating expenses.





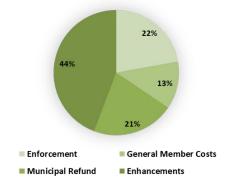
# FINANCIALS...

The corporation's financial position is audited annually by the independent certified public accountants Love, Scherle and Bauer, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In 2020, Pennsylvania One Call System's total operating revenue was \$12,881,514 and its total operating expenses were \$13,797,506. More complete information in the form of financial statements is on file in the offices of Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. and is provided to the Board of Directors for review and approval annually.



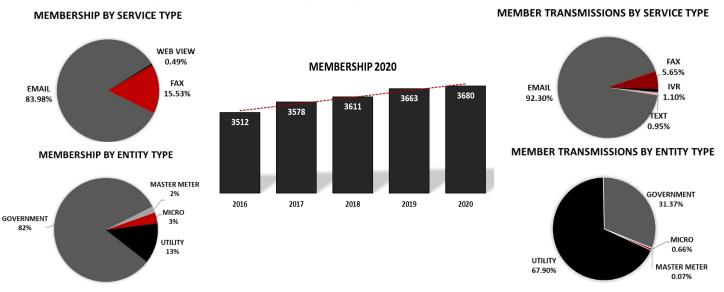


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# MEMBERSHIP...

Since its inception in 1972, Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. has increased its membership from six (6) utilities to 3,680 underground facility owners from the following industries: cable television, electric, gas, propane, Marcellus shale, pipeline, sewer, telecommunications, telephone, water, and government, including state, county, city, borough, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, and municipal authorities. Members also include private master meter companies, manufactured housing communities and private entities, such as schools, hospitals, manufacturing sites, and others owning underground facilities which cross public roads.



# **EDUCATION...**



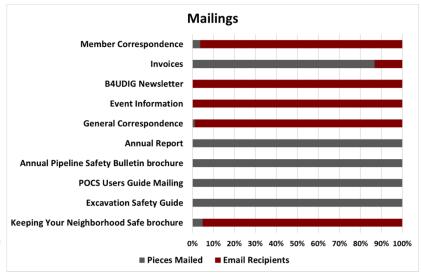
The year 2020 was very challenging for the Education Team. Beginning in early April the Education Team had to cancel all "live" presentations for the year because of COVID-19. The good news is that when the COVID shutdown occurred in March, the Education Team pivoted quickly, developed and implemented a Virtual Education program for all of our underground stakeholders.

Educational activities across the state consisted of numerous "live" and "virtual" educational events with the regional Damage Prevention Liaisons, as well as outreach to stakeholders through social media, web, email, postcards, magazines, ads, banners, sports sponsorship, radio and television campaigns. Damage Prevention Liaison outreach consisted of the following educational and training activities: 336 educational programs with 9,247 attendees, and attended 366 meetings with 4,781 attendees.

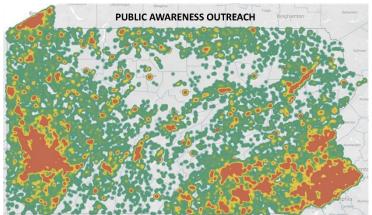
The Education Department also had to cancel all of its 2020 Safety Day events; however, several "virtual" events were held to fill the Safety Day void. There was a National 811 Day webcast that was attended by 298 people. This event was done virtually on WebEx and also streamed live on Facebook. A new educational web event called Liaison

Library was rolled out in 2020. The Liaison Library Series launched its first webcast in October with 87 attendees and the second in November with 90 attendees. These monthly virtual programs are designed to provide our members education and training on a variety of topics associated with underground safety, planning, designing and excavation.

Direct mailings continue to be an important part of the Education Department's outreach program. POCS sent a gas safety mailing to assist members with federal regulation compliance, an underground excavation industry-specific Excavation Safety Guide, which contained a complete copy of the UULPL, and newsletters promoting educational events.

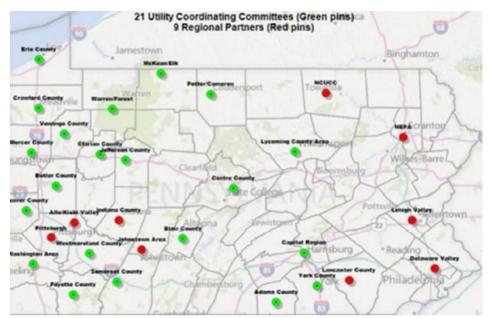


Direct mail pieces in 2020 totaled 181,571 pieces. In addition, emails were sent to 2,761,358 recipients covering a variety of topics such as PA Act 287 training, invitations to events, and educational information.



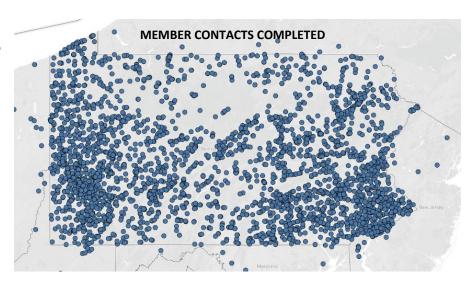
POCS continued public awareness programs to promote safe digging practices within local communities across Pennsylvania through Gas Station TV ads, an OTT Video Everywhere campaign, and a Digital Marketing Plan with Entercom targeting specific consumers based on their characteristics, behavior, lifestyle, demographics, and interests. POCS continued its Geo-Fencing digital banner ad campaign targeted equipment rental stores and landscaping, engineering and construction companies. POCS also continued posting billboards in high damage rate counties.

Excavator Initiative (NEI) campaign materials. This material was published to our social media channels. Pennsylvania 811 promoted the national statistics for damage to buried utilities, how to notify 811, a reminder to call 811 or submit a request online, and happy safe holiday wishes.



Pennsylvania 811 believes strongly that early utility coordination is an important component of damage prevention, and devoted resources to starting, building, contributing and maintaining thirty (30) active **Utility Coordination Committees** (UCC) throughout the Commonwealth. These committees also provide the Liaison an opportunity to educate the committee members on POCS's products and Services, and new developments with POCS's ticket management applications. In 2020, there were 1,016 attendees at 76 UCC meetings throughout the state.

The Damage Prevention Liaisons completed 3,377 member contacts. These contacts were made to the facility owner Company Representatives in 2020. The Damage Prevention Liaisons check in with an annual call to answer any questions and update each member on new developments. The call alternates each year between the company representative and the ticket receiving site representative. A survey is sent to each member after the call along with invitations to POCS educational opportunities and events.



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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our purpose is to prevent damage to underground facilities. To promote safety, we provide an efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners.