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## **2026 PA SAFETY DAYS**



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We encourage you to wander around and experience the conference at your own pace. There is a map in the center of this booklet for your reference.

## Event Activities

### □ Meet the President

Meet Bill Kiger, President and CEO of Pennsylvania 811.

### □ Help Desk

Do you have a question about our online applications? Complex project meetings? You can spend one-on-one time with our One Call experts.

### □ Meet the Damage Prevention Liaison Team

Spend some time with our liaison team to learn how to use Coordinate PA or to discuss a problem you may be having in the field.

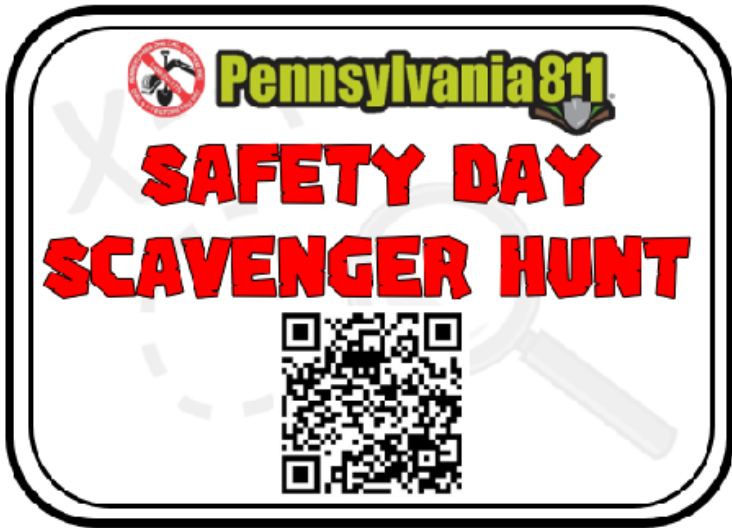
### □ Global Locate Masters Tournament

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### □ Pop Up Education

Educational videos will play throughout the conference day. **Location: Damage Prevention Theater**

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- **Session speakers and volunteers** who added value to this conference by contributing their time and brilliant expertise.

## 8:00am Sessions

### □ 8:00–8:45am – Excavation and Trenching

Provide information and understanding on the hazards associated with excavations/trenches in addition to what precautions can be taken to ensure the safety of those working in and around. Presented by:

L&I/BWC/Health & Safety Division. **Location:**

**Session Area 1**

### □ 8:00–8:45am - The Six Traits of a Great Safety Leader

Frontline and trade leaders are often promoted based on being good at their trade and in many cases, they are not given the education and empowerment to lead people. Being good at a trade does not equal leadership skills. This session will discuss the 6 traits of a great leader and how these traits can influence the safety of a team. The old way of promoting trade leaders is outdated and unhealthy in an employee focused organization. Presented by: Matt Riehl – Proodos Consulting.

**Location: Session Area 2**

### □ 8:00–8:45am - Act 287 for All Stakeholders

PA Act 287, as amended, involves a multitude of stakeholders including project owners, designers, excavators, and underground facility owners and operators. Each has a shared responsibility to work safely around the infrastructure. To do so, stakeholders must be aware of their obligations under PA Act 287.

This session gives you a better understanding of how the “one call cycle” works, new updates to PA Act 287, and how all stakeholders have an obligation to work together to ensure the safety of the project, community and those involved. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811.

**Location: Session Area 3**

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## 8:10 – 8:20am Sessions

### ☐ 8:10–8:20am – Tolerance Zone/Documenting Work Site \*Session Repeats

Learn how to correctly document your work site.

Presented by: Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Lobby**

### ☐ 8:15–8:45am - Gas Safety/Emergency Response

This presentation covers basic gas safety practices, common hazards, and how to recognize potential gas leaks or dangerous conditions. It also reviews proper emergency response procedures to help protect workers and ensure a safe response to gas-related incidents. Presented by:

Jacob Specht & Scott Kerr – National Fuel Gas

**Location: Damage Prevention Theatre**

### ☐ 8:20–9:00am -Electric Safety Demo

\*Session Repeats

A safety demonstration showing potential hazards associated with high voltage electricity. Presented by:

First Energy Pennsylvania DBA Met-ED, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn Power. **Location: Outdoors**

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## 9:00am Sessions

### □ 9:00–9:45am - Asphalt Maintenance

This presentation will provide an overview of the basic operations involved in maintaining asphalt pavements and the importance of preventive maintenance techniques to extend pavement life. The latest techniques, materials, and equipment will be presented, with an emphasis on applying the right treatment to the pavement at the right time. Typical asphalt maintenance operations — such as pothole patching, crack sealing, and seal coating — will be discussed, along with structural repair methods such as hot and cold recycling. New techniques and the materials used in these operations will also be covered. In addition, safety considerations when performing asphalt pavement maintenance will be addressed. Presented by: Pennsylvania Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). **Location: Session Area 1**

### □ 9:00–9:45am - Speaking the Same Language: Multi-Generational Communication

Today's workforce spans five generations, each with distinct communication styles, workplace expectations, and values. In this insightful and engaging session, Kristy Shinn explores how generational influences shape our preferences — not just in how we work, but in how we connect. Presented by: Kristy Shinn – RETTEW.  
**Location: Session Area 2**

## □ 9:00–9:45am – Navigating Complex Projects

Setting up a complex project properly can establish good communication, lower facility damages, and create more efficient outcomes. However, there are critical milestones to plan for in order to achieve this success. This session will outline key elements of all complex projects and the timing and planning necessary at each step, as well as best practices for ensuring stakeholders have the proper education before the project begins. Presented by:

Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Session Area 3**

## □ 9:15–10:00am – Traffic/Roadway Safety

This course explores the hazards found in work zones along with the protective equipment and safety procedures that road workers can use to avoid them. This training is intended for any worker who operates in highway or road construction zones. Presented by:

OSHA. **Location: Damage Prevention Theatre**



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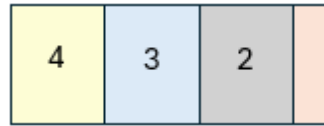
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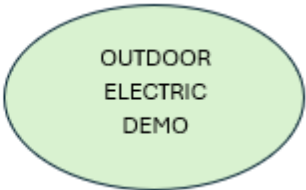


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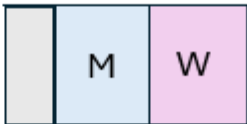
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## 10:00am Sessions

### □ 10:00–10:45am – Safety Starts with Trust: How Psychological Safety Transforms Physical Safety in Facilities & Operations

Facilities environments, of all shapes and sizes and industries, depend on more than procedures to stay safe. They depend on people. This session examines the critical connection between psychological safety and physical safety, offering a research-based framework for building safer, higher-performing teams. Drawing from real case studies in engineering, environmental compliance, and workforce development, participants will explore how trust, communication, and shared ownership reduce incidents, improve reporting, and strengthen operational resilience. Attendees will learn how micro-behaviors, leadership modeling, and cultural norms directly influence hazard awareness, near-miss reporting, and adherence to safety protocols - driving a culture of safety that benefits employees, employers, and communities alike. The session provides practical tools for developing a culture where employees feel safe speaking up, asking for help, and intervening before minor issues become critical events. Presented by: Jessica A. Warren, MBA, CHMM – Pennoni.

**Location: Session Area 1**

### □ 10:00–10:45am – Conception to Construction Workshop

Join the PA 811 liaisons for an interactive, hands-on experience walking you through the Complex Project Process. From planning and design all the way through to pulling the last machine off the job, you'll learn how a project is created in Coordinate PA, the benefits of consistent and clear communication, and the roles that each stakeholder has in making the project a success. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811 **Location: Session Area 3**

## □ 10:00–10:45am - Private Utilities / Public Utilities - Helping to Understand the Difference

Public and private utilities differ primarily by ownership, responsibility, and how they are identified prior to excavation. Public utilities—such as water, gas, electric, sewer, and telecommunications mains—are owned and maintained by municipalities or utility providers and are typically located in public rights-of-way. These utilities are marked through the 811 “Call Before You Dig” system. Private utilities, on the other hand, exist beyond the public demarcation point on private property and are owned and maintained by the property owner; these lines are not marked through 811 and require separate locating services. Understanding this distinction is critical because damage to either type of utility can result in serious safety hazards, service disruptions, costly repairs, project delays, and legal liability. Effective damage prevention requires a layered approach: contacting 811 to identify public utilities, evaluating the appropriate Quality Level of SUE in design, hiring qualified private utility locators to identify privately owned lines, maintaining accurate utility records and maps, and following established industry best practices. Together, these steps significantly reduce the risk of utility strikes and help ensure safer, more efficient excavation and construction activities. Presented by: Jordan Partlow, Joshua Bell, Eric Swartley – Blood Hound Underground Utility Locating/USIC. **Location: Session Area 2**

## □ 10:30–10:40am - Tolerance Zone/ Documenting the Work Site

Learn how to correctly document your work site. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Lobby**



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## 10:40-10:45am Sessions

### □ 10:40–11:20am - Electric Safety Demo

A safety demonstration showing potential hazards associated with high voltage electricity. Presented by: First Energy Pennsylvania DBA Met-ED, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn Power. **Location: Outdoors**

### □ 10:45–11:20am – Excavator Operator Situational Awareness

A presentation dealing with situational awareness as it pertains to the operator of a hydraulic excavator. Presented by: Tom Brady – Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company. **Location: Damage Prevention Theatre**

## 11:00am Sessions

### □ 11:00–11:20am - Web Ticket Entry

In this session, learn how to simplify the process of submitting a dig or emergency notification online. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Session Area 1**

### □ 11:00–11:20am - Online Ticket Management

Facility owners can easily provide their responses with Online Ticket Management (OTM). All stakeholders can manage their tickets submitted and received online through the OTM no-cost app. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Session Area 2**

### □ 11:00–11:20am – Liaison Live!

Do you have unanswered questions, concerns, or challenges you'd like to discuss? Bring them to this session, where a panel of 811 Liaisons will be available to provide guidance and assistance. Presented by: Pennsylvania 811. **Location: Session Area 3**

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# Dining Hall Activities

## □ 11:30am-12:30pm – **Keynote Speaker**

### **Power of Don't – John Brix**

John's career journey spans law enforcement, international project management, and global consulting. After training hundreds of recruits as a police officer and earning instructor credentials from the FBI, he went on to manage large-scale engineering projects across North and South America. John's presentation emphasizes how to increase your leadership and emotional intelligence by focusing on how the human mind is divided into two basic aspects: the conscious and subconscious mind. The "Power of Don't," will give the participants a new understanding on how these two aspects of the human psyche work with each other and how to ensure teaching, training and mentorship programs are structured in such a way as to facilitate long term memory recall. Presented by: John Brix

## □ 12:30-1:00pm – **Lunch**

We ask that you remain seated until your table has been called by a Pennsylvania 811 team member. Your name badge will be scanned before entering the lunch line.

## □ 1:00-1:30pm – **Closing Remarks, Competition Winners Announced and Door Prizes**

Door prize contributors: *Bobcat of Erie; Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company Inc.; EJ; FirstEnergy Pennsylvania dba Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power; Five Star Equipment and National Fuel.*

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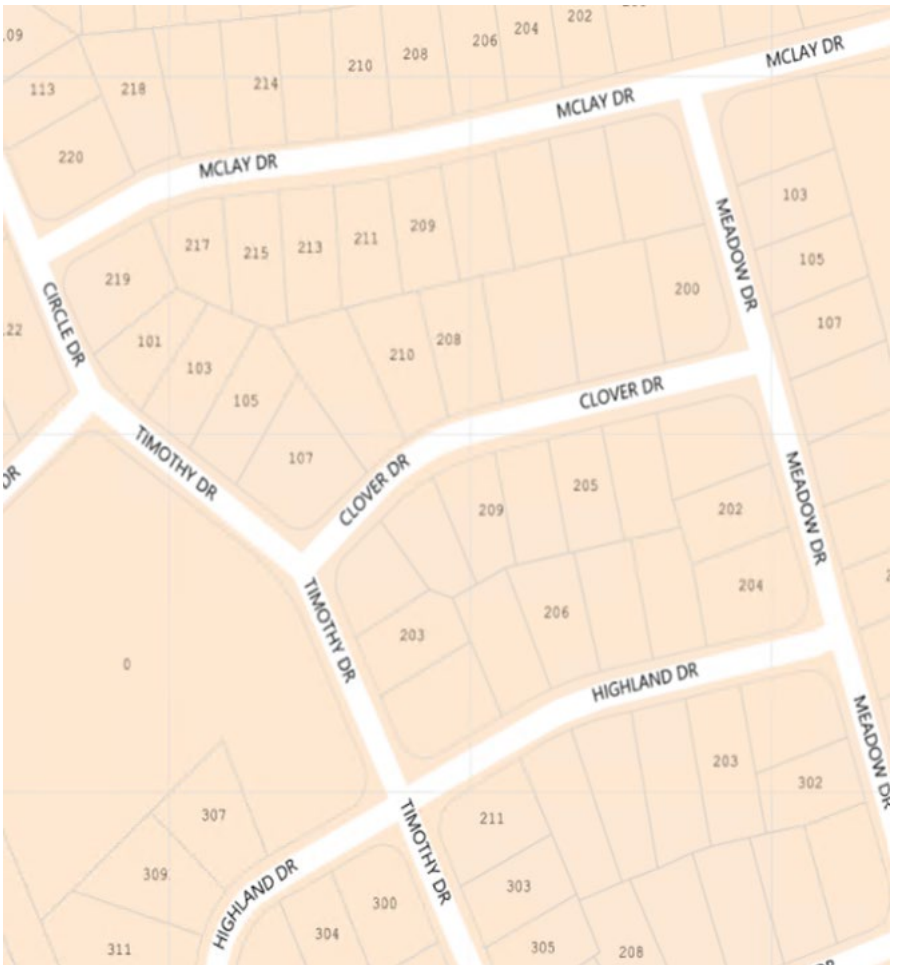
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WORKSHOP – 10:00 -10:45 Session Area 3



# 2026 PA SAFETY DAY CONFERENCE IN ERIE

Time	Session Area 1	Session Area 2	Session Area 3	Damage Prevention Theater - Session Area 4	Outdoor/Lobby Activities	Time
7:00 - 8:00	SESSIONS and EXHIBIT HALL			Digging Dangers		All Day
8:00 - 8:45	Excavation and Trenching	The Six Traits of a Great Safety Leader	Act 287 for All Stakeholders		Tolerance Zone & Documenting the Work Site	8:10 - 8:20
				Gas Safety and Emergency Response		8:15 - 8:45
				It's Electric Demo		8:20 - 9:00
BREAK						
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