

Underground Network

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SCGA at Saskatchewan Safety Council Seminar

The SCGA was represented on February 4-6 at this year's Saskatchewan Safety Council Industrial Safety Seminar in Regina. Over 800 participants attended the seminar which featured professional development sessions on a variety of safety related topics. The Seminar provided a good opportunity for the SCGA to promote our organization and discuss damage prevention practices. The SCGA shared its display area with Sask1st Call.



Andrew and Bev representing Sask1st Call at the Saskatchewan Safety Council Seminar held in Regina on February 4-6, 2013

Upcoming Events

April is Safe Digging Month in Saskatchewan. This endorsement by the Government of Saskatchewan corresponds with the busiest, and risky, time of the year for construction around underground facilities. The Contractor Safety Awareness Association is planning Contractor breakfasts throughout Saskatchewan to elevate awareness of damage prevention. A full listing of breakfast locations and dates will be available on the SCGA website.

Best Practices on Damage Prevention

The Canadian Common Ground Alliance has established a Task Force which will work with all regional common ground alliances with the intent to establish a national standard for Best Practices. It is expected that this standard will form the basis of which the SCGA can update the current version. Work on this is expected to start this spring. If you, or a member of your organization, are interested in participating, please contact Daryl Posehn dposehn@scga.ca.

Line Locator and Excavator Communication

In today's busy world taking time to stop and talk about work plans will reap benefits for both the excavator and underground facility owners. An article in Excavation Safety online provides some interesting suggestions. http://www.dp-pro.com/PDFs_Articles/DPP_2012_Spring/DPP_2012_Spring_22.pdf#search=

Sask 1st Call Sets Record!

A busy and growing construction scene in Saskatchewan has impacted Sask1st Call. In 2012, it established a new record of 127,776 line locate tickets created for those who are planning to dig, excavate or otherwise disturbing the ground. This represents an increase of 10% over 2011 and demonstrates the increased activity level in Saskatchewan. Sask1st Call now represents over 40 Subscriber companies and is continuing to grow as a service provider.

2013 SCGA Memberships

Membership invoices will be sent out in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Welcome to our new members!