

# Underground Network

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### SCGA 2015 DIRT Report

Participants in the SCGA incident reporting process, DIRT, have completed the compilation of incidents for 2015. The SCGA is joining forces with the ABCGA and BCGA and will analyse data for the three prairie provinces. A full report for Western Canada is expected to be completed late this summer.

There were 788 incidents reported by participating SCGA members in 2015. This is a slight increase from last year's 682 and root causes for most incidents continue to be related to not using Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call and poor excavation practices.

Thank you to those members that are now using this reporting tool. All other members are encouraged to participate to ensure that we can fully assess the incidents and what opportunities exist for us to improve our damage prevention practices.

### SCGA Activities during April Safe Digging Month

For the 27<sup>th</sup> year industry supporters and the SCGA hosted contractor breakfasts across the province. Over 4,100 attended this year's sessions in 28 cities and towns. The feature video highlighted tolerance zones and safe excavation practices around line locates. For those that missed it, it is available on the SCGA website.

[SCGA Safe Excavation Practices and Tolerance Zone.](#)



In addition, the SCGA worked with the national CCGA through a partnership with **Mark's** to promote April as Safe Digging Month. Events were held in Saskatoon and Regina on April 21/22 at local Mark's stores.

### SCGA Holds Spring General Meeting in Saskatoon

The SCGA held its Spring general meeting at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon on May 30. The meeting, with our largest attendance ever, including participation from 14 non-member organizations, provided an update on 2016 SCGA Business activities. Barb Tchozewski also provided a demonstration on use of the interactive Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call website.

### CCGA plans for Damage Prevention Symposium in Banff

The 4th Annual Damage Prevention Symposium has been set for October 18-20 at the Banff Springs Hotel.

This event will focus on critical issues specific to Canadian stakeholders. It is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers from across Canada and share knowledge & ideas.

Keynote speaker is Rex Murphy, a well known Broadcaster/Journalist and strong promoter of Canadian values.

Saskatchewan members are encouraged to participate in this excellent event. More details are provided at the [CCGA Website](#).



### Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow and is nearing 70.

Welcome to the following new members:

- Pro Line Locators LTD; and
- Mitch's Contracting Services Ltd.

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2016, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. [SCGA Membership](#)

### CALENDAR REMINDERS FOR 2016

June	<b>2015/16 Membership and Sponsorship Fees Due</b>
TBD	Best Practices Forum
October 18-20	CCGA Damage Prevention Symposium, Banff
December 6	SCGA Annual General Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina