



OUCC President's News Letter January, 2015

The New Year is under way and the Oregon Utilities Coordinating Council is gearing up for the coming year. We have the same funding available this year as last. The dues letters were emailed January 13, 2015. To receive \$2,000 assistance money each council must pay dues to the state council and send an updated officer list to Tobin Werner (see Tobin's contact info below). You may notice a difference in your dues this year as they have been updated. The dues are calculated as follows: \$50 minimum, \$50 for web page expenses, and \$0.09 per 100 of area population. Some councils will notice an increase and some a decrease. The difference comes from the fluctuation of population. The dues have not been updated since the late 1990's and we felt it was time to become current.

Did you know that there are several qualified people to speak at your meetings and events at your disposal? If you would like a speaker let me know and I will help you contact a person who is qualified to speak on the subject you request.

Attached to the email is a letter written by Johanna M. Riemenschneider, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of Oregon to Kevin Hennessey, Chief, Pipeline Safety, PUC. The letter addresses the locating responsibility for sewer laterals. Several individuals have overcome problems by sharing this letter with facility owners who are reluctant to locate sewer laterals.

This year the OUNC is sponsoring the Willamette Country Music Festival and the Cape Blanco Country Music Festival. You will see our logo as a sponsor on the web, TV, and the large BiMart paper bags. We will need volunteers to man the booth. Volunteers will receive passes for the event(s). Please let me know if you are interested. It will be first come first served.

The 811 signs will be available at the March OUCC meeting in Forest Grove. You can pick them up at the meeting.

It is very important that all "Dig" training is reported to the Governor's office. I have attached a form for you to fill out when you do general training, enforcement training, give out information (meetings), or take part in special events (home shows, safety events, county fairs, etc.). The form is easy to use. Just place your cursor over an area and it will open a window that will tell you what to include.

Check out the OUCC calendar on our web page www.oucc.net when you have an opportunity. Ed Ortega ed-ortega@nwasco.com has added all of the OUNC meeting schedule and all of the OUCC quarterly meetings. He is also adding your council's meeting dates, places, and times. You can send information about your events to Ed and he will put them on the calendar. Pictures are always appreciated. If you have pictures of damages or events they can also be added to the web page.

Until Next time....."Dig Safely".

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Jarrold Morrison, Kevin Hennessey, Shannon Davis, Kenny Hamlin, and Flo Hoskinson at the OCC Tech Conference in Seattle, October 2015