

# MAINTAIN THE MARKS

EDUCATING EXCAVATORS TO LOCATE  
ANNUAL MEETING 2022



# WHAT IS MAINTAIN THE MARKS (MTM)?

Maintain the Marks is a solution to a growing problem that exists in today's fast paced world of excavation and utility locating.



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- Mismarked or unmarked utilities
- No hand exposing
- Misuse of the MISS DIG 811 system
- Improper coding and documentation
- Claims Department ignoring the law

# HOW DOES THE MTM PROGRAM WORK?



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- MEA membership:
- OQ Certification:
- Gold Shovel membership:
- MISS DIG 811 membership:

# WHAT ARE THE HIDDEN COSTS?

- \*All membership renewals would come at a cost to the contractor (OQ, Gold Shovel and MISS DIG 811)

- \*Purchasing locate equipment for your employees



# WHAT DOES MTM TRAINING CONSIST OF?

## WEEK ONE: CLASSROOM TRAINING

- Theory of Locating
- Print Reading
- Documentation
- Equipment Use
- Overview of PA 174
- MISS DIG 811 certification
- Operator Qualification Certification

## WEEK TWO: FIELD TRAINING

- Proper Sweeps
- Target Line
- MDPB Markings
- Troubleshooting Locate

DOES THE MTM PROGRAM CHANGE  
LIABILITIES?

**ABSOLUTELY NOT!!**

# REMINDERS

PUBLIC ACT 174 460.725 SEC. 5.5: Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, before blasting or excavating in a caution zone, an excavator shall expose all marked facilities in the caution zone by soft excavation.



- SAFE ZONE
- CAUTION ZONE
- APPROXIMATE LOCATION





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- No more waiting for locates
- Damages are reduced if not eliminated
- No more down time claims
- Bonuses paid out
- Used when negotiating damage claims
- Increase in yearly revenue

# QUESTIONS?



LOOKING FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION?

