



## Education Events & Information April 2019

### ON THE AIR

Starting this weekend, MISS DIG 811 will be teaming with Adam Helfman and the *Hire It Done* show. MISS DIG CEO, Bruce Campbell and MISS DIG 811 Education Specialist, Linda Portelli will be featured guests in the studio and on Facebook Live. Subject Matter Experts will be available throughout the show on their Facebook blog to answer questions and provide information.



MISS DIG 811 will be interviewed for the next five Saturdays during the morning program on *Hire It Done*. On April 12, "Lunch with MISS DIG 811" will be on Facebook Live. We will also be featured guests on the weekends before Memorial Day and July 4th (May 18 & June 29) and on August 3rd & 10th.

The radio show airs from 7 am-10 am on **97.1 The Ticket** in Southeast Michigan. You can live stream the show through the website: <https://www.hireitdone.com/> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HireItDone/>.

*Hire It Done* will advertise our segments using [Mike Rowe's MISS DIG 811 radio promo](#).

Feel free to share with your company, family, and friends!



Join MISS DIG 811's Education team in kicking off the 2019 season!

MISS DIG 811 and your local utilities are working together to host 10 all-day workshops across the entire state of Michigan. Everyone is invited!



The first half of the workshop (9am to 2pm) will include:

- **Speakers from Local Utility Companies-** You'll have the opportunity to get safety info directly from the experts as they share their tips and experiences in the field! (may not be available at all locations)
- **MISS DIG 811 Certification-** Certification covers all things MISS DIG 811, including PA 174, overhead electric safety, pipeline safety, locator services, the various tools & resources we have available for excavators & facility owner/operators. *This meets the training portion of your SMS requirements for Gold Shovel Standard.*



**LUNCH**



The second half of the workshop (2pm to 4pm) will include:

- **Remote Ticket Entry Training-** Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) is a free, online program available to create and manage tickets. The training will cover ticket processing, attaching documents to tickets, and accessing previous tickets. Upon completion of training, you'll be ready to place tickets online.
- **Gold Shovel Standard-** Get more info on GSS - A nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to public and workforce safety at excavation sites by certifying safe work practices and providing metrics for damage prevention performance.
- **Programs & Tools For Members-** For MISS DIG 811 members, we'll provide an afternoon session that covers RMA Accounts that are included with MISS DIG 811 membership.



Our All-Day Workshops include continental breakfast and lunch provided by MISS DIG 811. Plus, MISS DIG 811 Certification meets requirements for Continuing Education Credits for some professions.

If you have questions, please contact Paul Harding at [pharding@missdig811.org](mailto:pharding@missdig811.org) or Linda Portelli at [lportelli@missdig811.org](mailto:lportelli@missdig811.org).

## All-Day Workshop Schedule

**April 1, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

L'Anse- M-Tec Ford Center

21235 Alberta Ave  
L'Anse, MI 49946

RSVP

**April 2, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

Sault Ste Marie- Kewadin Casino

2186 Shunk Rd  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

RSVP

**April 3, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

Manistee- Little River Casino & Resort

2700 Orchard Hwy  
Manistee, MI 49660

RSVP

**April 4, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

Alpena- Events Complex (APlex)

701 Woodward Ave  
Alpena, MI 49707

RSVP

## MISS DIG 811 Certification Workshops



Time is running out to attend a Certification Workshop before the digging season begins.

MISS DIG 811 Certification qualifies as the training portion of your company's safety management program, which is one of the requirements of becoming Gold Shovel Standard (GSS) Certified.

Remaining Workshop  
**April 10, 2019- Marquette**  
To register [CLICK HERE](#)

## Damage Prevention Associations



Damage Prevention Associations (DPA) are looking to municipalities, excavators, and facility owners in their regions to exchange information, discuss potential conflicts, best practices, rules & regulations surrounding excavation, and PA 174.

If you would like to attend a meeting but are unable to travel to a location below, you may access them remotely. *Participation is needed by the excavating community to keep DPA's viable.*

- To access remotely, call 248-724-5800 ID (827817)
- When available, visual aids may be viewed during the meeting with JOIN.ME at <https://www.join.me/damageprevention>

To view DPA contact information, location details and meeting minutes, go to the Education page on MISS DIG 811's website and click Damage Prevention Associations (DPA's) or [click here](#).

## April Teleconferences



### Abandoned Facilities

What steps do Members take to indicate an area may have abandoned facilities?

What should excavators know when working on a site with abandoned facilities?

Join us in April to get those questions answered and for information about the new Positive Response code to indicate possible abandoned facilities on site.

**Teleconference phone number : 248-724-5800 (ID 827817)**

**VIDEO NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS TELECONFERENCE**

**Time: 9:30am**

**Click on a date below to RSVP.**

**April 9**



## Save the Date: National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 8-12, 2019



Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety in work zones. There was an anomaly of construction worker fatalities and injuries on Michigan roads in 2018 and the motoring public needs to hear from us. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones, and “Drive Like You Work Here” is this year’s national theme. The message “Drive Like You Work Here” will hopefully relate the motoring public to the construction workers place of business. Aiding motorists with the awareness of everyone that works behind orange drums as they pass through work zones is key to work zone safety.

To kick off the 2019 construction season, MITA, along with partners from the Michigan State Police, MDOT, ATSSA, MIOSHA and Consumers Energy are hosting a National Work Zone Awareness Week press conference event. The event will take place **Monday, April 8, 2019, (11:00 a.m.) at Team Elmer’s - 3600 Rennie School Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685.**

Please join us as we kick-off this important week to promote overall safety in our work zones. Feel free to forward this appointment to others that would like to attend.

Also, **National Orange Day** will be held on Wednesday April 10th, 2019. Wear your **orange** to promote worker safety.

Please [click here](#) for a copy of the NWZAW poster.


If you have any questions or comments, please contact Glenn Bukoski or Rachelle VanDeventer at the MITA office at 517-347-8336, or by email at [glennbukoski@thinkmita.org](mailto:glennbukoski@thinkmita.org) or [rachellevandeventer@thinkmita.org](mailto:rachellevandeventer@thinkmita.org).



**National Excavator Initiative**

**Call 811 first so you don't have to call 911 later**  
Learn more at [safeexcavator.com](http://safeexcavator.com).

**DIG DEEPER!**  
**CLICK**

The banner features a blue background with a black and orange diagonal stripe on the left. On the right, there is a graphic of a shovel digging into the ground with the text 'DIG DEEPER!' and 'CLICK' above it. Below the main text, there are two circular social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.