



Thanks to all who braved the weather to attend MISS DIG 811/ MITA 2019 Annual Meetings in Mt Pleasant January 22nd - 24th.

Those who completed MISS DIG 811 Certification at the Annual Meeting or registered other participants who completed Certification were entered into the drawing to win one of four trips for four. The names were drawn Tuesday, January 29th.

And the winners are.....

	Pheasant Hunting	
Mike Babel T.R. Pieprzak Co. Inc.		

	Salmon & Trout Fishing in Frankfort	
Trevor Westbrook & Steve McCarthy Semco Energy		

	Golf	
Clark Peeples Elmers Crane & Dozer Inc.		

	Fly Fishing in Grayling	
Ed Behnke Roemer Utility Services		

## MISS DIG 811 Certification Workshops



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.

**What does the MISS DIG 811 Certification Safe Excavation Practices Course cover?**

**Topics**

- PUBLIC ACT 174
- TOOLS AND RESOURCES
- PIPELINE SAFETY
- OVERHEAD ELECTRIC SAFETY
- LOCATOR SERVICES
- NO MARKS TICKET
- DAMAGE REPORTING TOOL

**Need continuing education credits for your professional license?**

MISS DIG Certification qualifies for the following:

**Live Workshop**

- 0.3 credits Wastewater
- 0.3 credits Drinking Water
- 3 hrs credit Landscape Architect

- 3 hrs credit Professional Surveyor
- 3 hrs credit Professional Engineer
- 3 hrs credit Residential Builder
- 3 hrs credit Residential Maintenance & Alteration Contractor
- 3 hrs credit Pre-licensure – Residential Builder
- 3 hrs credit Pre-licensure – Residential Maintenance & Alteration Contractor

Our Education Department invites you to attend a certification workshop near you. Workshops are being held through April. For more information about the MISS DIG 811 Certification Program, [click here](#).

To register for Workshops [CLICK HERE](#)

February				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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4	5 <a href="#">Mackinaw City</a>	6 <a href="#">Farwell</a> <a href="#">Lexington</a> <a href="#">Traverse City</a>	7 <a href="#">Canton</a> <a href="#">Petoskey</a> <a href="#">Greenville</a>	8
11	12 <a href="#">Dafter</a> <a href="#">Dundee</a> <a href="#">Hastings</a>	13 <a href="#">Ishpeming</a>	14 <a href="#">Lawrence</a>	15
18	19 <a href="#">Watersmeet</a>	20 <a href="#">Baraga</a> <a href="#">Rochester Hills</a>	21 <b>NEW!</b> <a href="#">Grand Haven</a>	22
25	26 <a href="#">Roscommon</a>	27 <a href="#">West Branch</a> <a href="#">Ypsilanti</a>	28 <a href="#">Rogers City</a>	

# March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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18	19	20 <a href="#">Kalkaska</a>	21 <a href="#">Gaylord</a>	22
25	26	27	28	29

# April

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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8	9	10 <a href="#">Marquette</a>	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
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## February Teleconferences



How many addresses can be included on one locate request? Do I need a separate request for each cross street? Join in the conversation during February's teleconference discussion on **Scope Of Work Guidelines**.

Teleconference phone number : 248-724-5800 (ID 827817)  
JOIN.ME Screen Share link: <https://www.join.me/damageprevention>

Time: 9:30am

Click on a date below to RSVP.

February 5

February 12

February 19

For more information about topics discussed during monthly teleconferences or to view meeting notes, go to the Education Page on MISS DIG 811's website at [www.missdig811.org](http://www.missdig811.org) and click MISS DIG 811 LIVE! Teleconferences.

# All Day Workshops

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!

At each workshop, we'll provide the following:

- **Speakers from Local Utility Companies-** You'll have the opportunity to get safety info directly from the experts at your local Utility Company's Public Safety Team as they kick-off the event by sharing 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.*



- **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.



- **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.



- **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.

## All-Day Workshop Schedule

**March 19, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Niles- The Grand LV**

104 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Niles, MI 49120

**RSVP**

**March 20, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Holland- Holiday Inn Express**

12381 Felch St  
Holland, MI 49424

**RSVP**

**March 21, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Ionia- Armory Community Center**

439 W Main St  
Ionia, MI 48846

**RSVP**

**March 26, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Frankenmuth- Bavarian Inn Lodge**

One Covered Bridge Ln  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**RSVP**

**March 27, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Adrian- Carlton Lodge**

1629 W Maumee St  
Adrian, MI 49221

**RSVP**

**March 28, 2019**

9AM to 4PM

**Plymouth- Hilton Garden Inn**

14600 Plymouth Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170

**RSVP**

**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**



Play *"Make the Call"* as you watch the Big Game on Sunday!

#### ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS!

Think you know a lot about football? Put your football judgment to the test before the Big Game this Sunday by playing the [Make the Call](#) game!

National association Common Ground Alliance (CGA) has created this game, which gives users the chance to make predictions during football's biggest game in Atlanta this Sunday, all while educating them about 811 and damage prevention.

Those who play Make the Call on game day will be prompted to answer questions about the game such as, "Which team will score first?" and "How many yards will the first punt be returned?"

After responding to the questions, participants are presented with pipeline safety messages about calling 811 to ensure that buried utility lines are marked before any digging project. App users strive to make "good calls," competing for an awesome grand prize – \$5,000 cash! Each answer to a "bet," regardless of whether the user is correct or incorrect, results in an entry to win the grand prize.

Play the [Make the Call](#) game this Sunday, and make sure to let your friends, family, employees and coworkers know about the app, too.

## 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](#).**

## Northern MI DPA

Location: Traverse City

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 6, 2019

## Upper Peninsula DPA

Location: Ishpeming

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 13, 2019

## Tri-County DPA

Location: Saginaw

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2019

## Southwest MI DPA

Location: Kalamazoo

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

## West MI DPA

Location: Plainfield

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

