

Protecting Facilities, Families and the Future



June 2020 Newsletter



Certification Training Offered via Webinar

In light of the Coronavirus outbreak and the need to keep social distances, MISS DIG 811 will begin offering its half-day 'Safe Excavation Practices' certification training via webinar in June. This 3-4 hour training will cover the same material that is currently offered through our video-based online training and in-person seminars. Upon completion, participants will be 'MISS

DIG 811 Certified' on subjects ranging from ticket creation, locating information, Public Act 174, and more! State licensure continuing education credits are also available for a variety of excavation and municipal disciplines.

Become a damage prevention expert from the comfort of your home or office! Sign up for an upcoming webinar today.



Our first Webinar will be on Wednesday, June 3rd at 9:00 AM

Sign up for a Webinar

The MISS DIG 811 Certification Change

Please be advised that MISS DIG 811 Safe Excavation Practices Certification is changing its expiration from three years to one year effective July 1, 2020. Information changes and updates are made yearly; we feel it is crucial



for you to stay informed on PA 174, Best Practices, and new procedures. Many of you already take the class on a yearly basis. Those of you whose certification was completed over a year ago, please login to your SkillBuilder account at missdig811.skillbuilder.co to take your certification online or attend a webinar, when available.

If you need assistance with login credentials, please contact lportelli@missdig811.org.

Thank you and have a safe digging season!



Spring 2020 Survey

In pursuit to save lives through education, our industry partner, dp-PRO, is once again collecting industry data through research surveys. Their goal is to provide valuable data that informs the entire industry regarding successes, challenges, and opportunities. Your input is important to developing inclusive results to help direct the overall focus of the research. We strongly encourage our members to participate. The online survey can be completed at: https://dp-pro.com/survey/spring-2020-survey/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=missdig

The last survey, conducted in January, focused on the One Call process. Survey results can be found at: <https://dp-pro.com/dp-pro-utility-industry-research/>



Fun Fact:

811 , the Derby and the Stakes

sponsored jockey, Victor Espinoza, increased 811 awareness by wearing “Call 811” on his pants, turtleneck and boots during the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes.



811 was once again part of the Kentucky Derby as 811-sponsored jockey, Victor Espinoza rode American Pharoah in the Run for the Roses virtual horserace May 2. This was the first time since World War II that the Kentucky Derby didn't run on the first Saturday in May, so NBC and Churchill Downs created a virtual race between all 13 Triple Crown winners, with fans donating to COVID-19 relief. Churchill Downs was hoping to raise \$2M and pledged a match of \$1 million to the donations. The race was simulated using past and present handicapping and statistics.

Much of the focus was on American Pharoah and the Derby-victory start to his Triple Crown run in 2015. American Pharaoh, ridden by 811-sponsored jockey Victor Espinoza, was a 6-1 morning pick who won the 141st Kentucky Derby with American Pharoah in Louisville, KY on May 2, 2015. That race was also rebroadcast as part of the Kentucky Derby special airing on May 2, 2020.

Although the derby was virtual, the excitement was real as Secretariat, who was the favorite pick at 7-2, crossed the finish line to win ahead of the other 12 Triple Crown winners. American Pharoah finished fifth.

It was a way to celebrate an annual tradition with fans and communities and join together for a great cause. 811 was proud to be a part of the fundraising event!



MISS DIG 811's TIP OF THE MONTH!



e-Locates



Homeowners



Request Service



Check Status



Request service **BEFORE** your home excavation project to avoid fines and protect your safety.



Excavators



e-Locate



Positive Response



DON'T PUT YOUR PROJECT ON HOLD!
Even the smallest job requires you to alert our members.

click on the windows above to visit the

MISS DIG 811 website to place an e-Locate

Just a few things to remember when placing an e-Locate :

- Must wait 3 business days for locating before beginning scheduled work
- One address per ticket
- Scope of work must stay within that address
- Must have one cross street that is different than street of address
- Use the proper abbreviation with location name, example: ST, RD, AVE, CT, LN, BLVD...
- Add location information for newer addresses in the additional comments

RTE Forums

- Refresh your skills
- Join an RTE Forum Webinar
- Two RTE Forums held each month
- June topic: *What happens after a ticket is placed? A guide to understanding the excavator's responsibilities.*
- RTE Forums- Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00 PM and Wednesday, June 24 at 9:00 AM



For more information or to register contact Sandy Gunville at sgunville@missdig811.org or Stephanie Boe at sboe@missdig811.org



Getting Back to Work !

"MISS DIG 811 remains open albeit virtually and meeting the increased locating demands." Bruce Campbell CEO

Dig Safe, Be Safe

For more information on Back To



RTE Contest!

MISS DIG 811 has a NEW CONTEST running through the months of May and June. Now's the time to take Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) training: No more waiting on hold to place a single request or only being able to place tickets for a single address. To qualify for the contest: Fill out an RTE application and complete the training in the same month (May or June). There will be 3 winners chosen by drawing each month to receive a MISS DIG 811 SWAG bag. Contest starts on Friday, May 1. Get started here: <https://www.missdig.org/programs/remote-ticket-entry.html>



There may be a slight delay in receiving your MISS DIG 811 SWAG bag. They will be sent out as soon as possible.

Thank you and good luck!

MISS DIG 811 on Hire It Done Radio Show

Eric Urbain's guest spots on Hire it Done is BACK on the air!
Tune into the The Ticket with Adam Helfman on 97.1 FM on Saturdays:
June 20, 27, July 18, 25, and August 8



Know what's below.
Call **MISSDIG** at
before you dig.

