



Kansas Pipeline Safety Seminar 2023



Kansas 811 (kansas811.com) is committed to serving its membership and providing excellent notification services for excavators, promoting damage prevention, and protecting the public welfare.

Kansas 811 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kansas One-Call System, Inc., an incorporated not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization, operates the statewide notification center for the State of Kansas.

The organization is owned by the member underground utilities and is managed by a Board of Directors of underground utility owners/operators elected from the membership.



The Utilities Division establishes and regulates rates for public utilities, including electricity, natural gas, liquid pipelines, and telecommunications.

The Division also houses the pipeline safety program and administers the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) through a third-party administrator pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008 to 66-2010.



Headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas Gas Service is the largest natural gas distribution utility in Kansas, providing clean, reliable natural gas to more than 648,000 customers in 360 communities.

Kansas Gas Service was formed in 1997 when ONEOK, Inc. purchased natural gas assets from Western Resources.



**Changes Effective
01/01/2024**



**Virtual whitelining option by
excavators**



**Excavation
ticket life from
15 days to 20
days**

**House Bill
2226**



**Damage reporting
into Kansas 811**



Probable Non-compliance, Results, and Lessons Learned

- Aunt Bee Underground failed to watch their drill head pass marked facilities safely by not spotting marked facilities in the street where crossing would occur resulting in a gas line damage. Excavator – “We searched for gas main on the side of the road and found it approximately 3 ft. deep. We thought it was going to keep the same depth all the way and decided to go 6 ft. deep.”
- Andy Griffith Services was excavating with a backhoe during a sanitary sewer service replacement and damaged a 1" PE gas service line. There was a valid One-Call ticket. Locate marks were present and within tolerance. Excavator – “The operator (being a nice guy) wanted to clear where they already hand dug and of course he snagged it just below as he should have stayed higher.”
- Lucy LLC damaged a 7/8" PE gas service line with a shovel while digging out an existing retaining wall to widen driveway. There was no One-Call ticket in the database for this excavator at this address prior to the damage. Excavator – “My company was unaware of the Kansas Law requiring the excavator to obtain our own locates for the job at the above address. It was my assumption that as long as the locates were called in prior to work commencing we were in compliance.”



Probable Non-compliance, Results, and Lessons Learned

- Mary Anne Excavating damaged a 2" PE gas main while installing a new water service. There was a valid One-Call ticket. The gas line was marked and located correctly. Mary Anne Excavating stated the city of Gilligan's Island dug the day prior and removed all marks that were there. Mary Anne Excavating stated they did not observe any paint markings prior to excavating. During the investigation KCC staff observed yellow paint marks approximately six feet from where the damage occurred. The paint marks were in line with the gas main damaged. There were no flags present with the paint marks, but the marks were clearly visible. Excavator – Mary Anne Excavating stated they have no excuse for the damage.
- Non-reachable telephone number on 811 request – possible invalid request.
- Excessive unnecessary updates for 811 requests – possible fines.
- Non-compliance 811 requests – possible fines.
- Failure respond/locate facilities in accordance with state statute – possible fines.



Be in the know, be prepared!

For the remainder of 2023, and all of 2024, Kansas will continue to see large fiber overbuild projects throughout the state. Being in the know and being prepared will be key for your companies to stay in compliance with the law, reduce damages, and keep everyone safe.



Be in the know, be prepared!

What to expect:

- Large increase in locate requests.
- Multiple crews and sub-contractors from out of town.
- Possible increase of damages.
- Upset/concerned customers (general public) not knowing what's taking place.



Be in the know, be prepared!

Take action:

- Be involved with city/town planning meetings.
- Reach out directly to fiber companies to establish a solid line of communication.
- Plan/budget accordingly to handle the increased locate requests.
- If you contract your locate service, ensure they are prepared for the increase of locates.



Working Together

- Utilities provide the 811 message and provide reliable/safe services to their customers by protecting their underground infrastructure.
- Ensure job site safety during operating hours and that after hour safety measures are in place.
- Have an emergency action/reaction plan in place; involve your employees.
- Utilize **Kansas 811** as a resource for your damage prevention needs:
 - Company meetings
 - Tailgate meetings
 - Informational training for all new and experienced crews



Kansas 811 Training

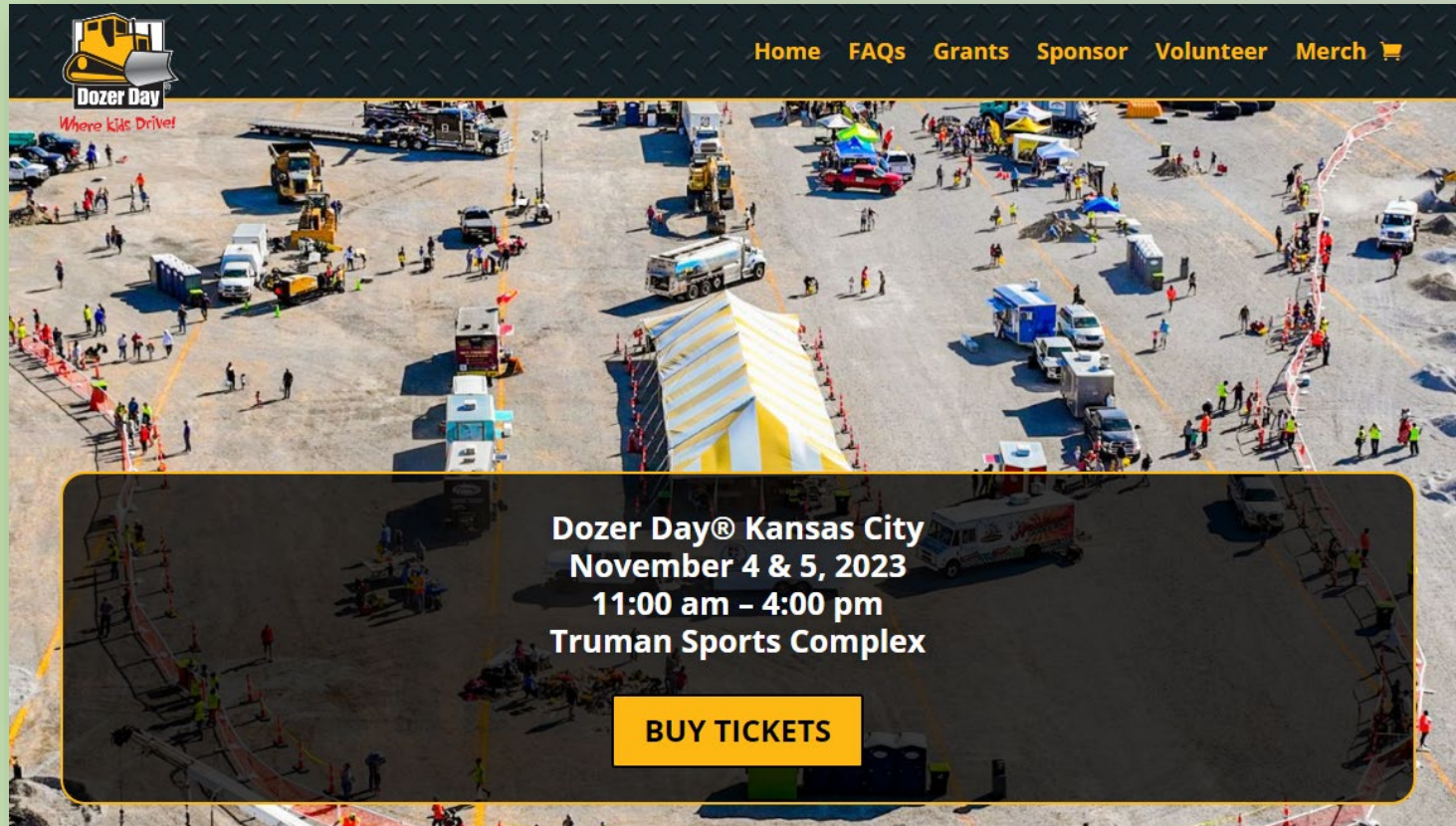
Please visit [Kansas811.com](https://www.kansas811.com)

- ⑩ Great information for both the experienced excavator and new members of the excavator/utility business.
- ⑩ “How To” information for better use of the Kansas 811 system and tools offered.
- ⑩ Learning Management System (LMS). Trackable training tool for you and your team.
- ⑩ Learning videos.
- ⑩ Interactive learning games.
- ⑩ Information free for you.





Upcoming Events



Dozer Day® Kansas City
November 4 & 5, 2023
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Truman Sports Complex

BUY TICKETS

Home FAQs Grants Sponsor Volunteer Merch



PANCAKE 5K presented by
KANSAS 811
Saturday, November 25, 2023
Sedgwick County Park
6501 W. 21st St. S.
Wichita, KS 67212

Wish List Items & New Toy Drive benefiting



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Wichita

- Tea Bags
- Ziploc Bags - Sandwich Size
- Disposable Gloves - Non-Latex
- Paper Towels
- Disposable Paper Plates and Bowls
- Disposable To Go Containers
- Napkins
- Hypoallergenic Laundry Detergent
- Clear Liquid Hand Soap Refill
- Tampons
- New, unused toys (they are NOT able to accept stuffed animals)



Scan to register or register at:
<https://victorysportsmgt.com/pancake5k/>

Thank you sponsors!





Upcoming Events



**April 10, 2024
at
Hartman Area
8151 N Hartman Arena Dr.
Park City, KS 67147**

**For more information go to
www.ksdpc.com.**



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