

# South Dakota CGA



# Mission Statement

The Mission of the South Dakota  
Common Ground Alliance is to reduce  
damage to buried utilities and promote  
safety for all who live and work around  
infrastructure by the development and  
education of best practices.



# Members of SDCGA are committed to:

- Protecting workers in the underground industry.
- Protecting buried utilities.
- Promoting damage prevention Best Practices.
- Promoting public awareness and education programs.
- Encouraging participation by all stakeholders.
- Promoting cooperation among members and foster an environment to address and resolve common problems involving buried utilities.

# Membership

- There are **no dues** to be a member. Membership is open to any individual or organization that supports the stated mission statement.
- Include: One Call, Transmission Pipeline, Distribution Pipeline, Municipality, Public Works, Private Water, Locator, Insurance, SD DOT, Excavator, Engineering, Design, Surveyor, Architects, Electric, Agriculture/Farmer, Telecommunication, State Regulator, Federal Regulator, Railroad, College/ University, Road Builder, Public Officials, Emergency Services, Equipment Manufacturing

# SDCGA



- Damage Prevention, Excavation and Safety Summit: Held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Sioux Falls
  - Approx. 350 attendees.
  - Speakers – Mike Parilac from Planet Underground, OSHA, SD 811, Avera, Best Practices & Lessons Learned
  - Vendor exhibits
  - Excavator Rodeo









# CGA Update



# History of CGA

- 1998: Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century directed USDOT to conduct a nationwide study of best practices in place to enhance worker safety, protect vital underground infrastructure and ensure public safety during excavation activities.
- 1999: Completed study published with consensus support from all 160 stakeholders that participated in the study, and included 132 Best Practices.
- 2000: Common Ground Alliance established to support industry efforts to continue the implementation and development of the Damage Prevention Best Practices.

# Damage Prevention Stakeholders



**One Call**

**Gas Transmission  
Gas Distribution  
Oil**

**Telecommunications  
Electric  
Public Works**

**Locators**

**Excavators  
Road Builders**

**State Regulators**

**Engineering**

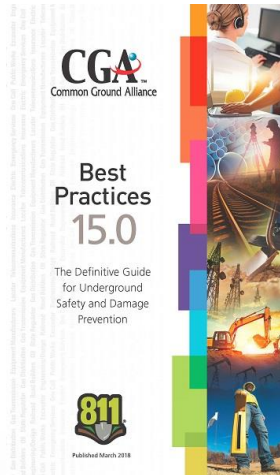
**Equipment**

**Insurance**

**Emergency Services**

**Railroad**

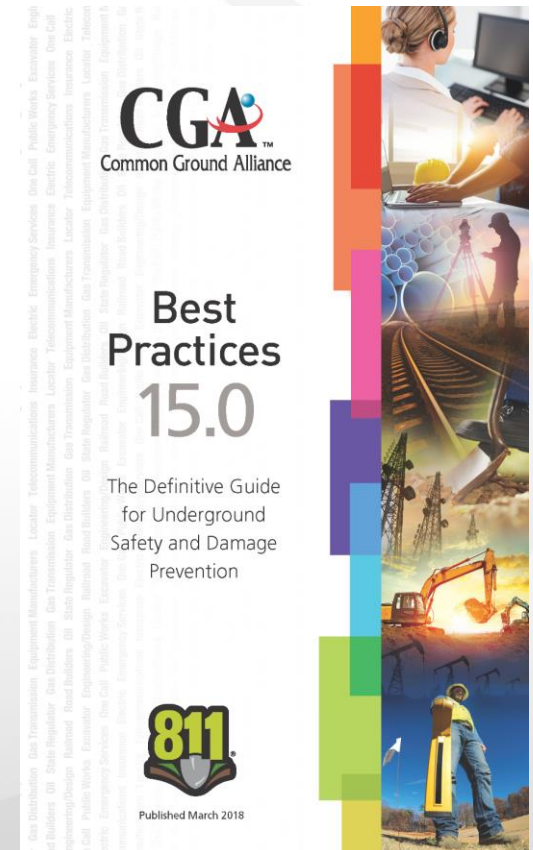
# CGA Core Programs



- Best Practices
- 811 / Damage Prevention Awareness
- Technology
- Data Reporting and Evaluation (DIRT)
- Stakeholder Outreach

# Best Practices

- Version 15.0 published March 2018
- Approximately 170 practices developed on consensus basis
- Many have become law
- Living document
- Currently 6 proposals under review by Best Practices Committee
- Distribution of 12,000 annually
- Available online with over



# 811 / Safe Digging Process

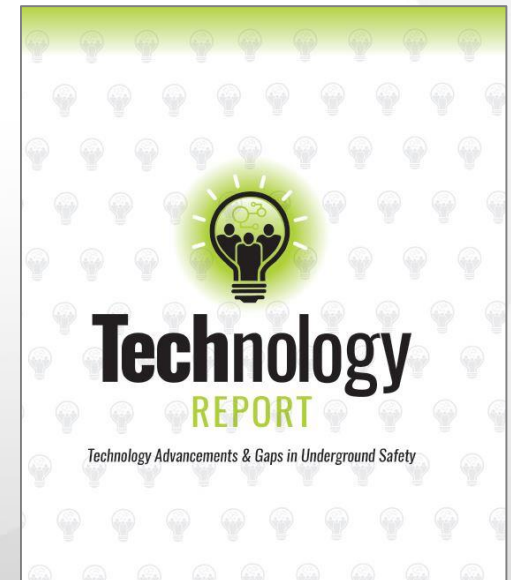
Reduce damages by

- Increasing awareness of 811
- Driving homeowners/ excavators to notify the one call center prior to digging



# Technology Committee

- Keeps a pulse on technology that will affect the damage prevention industry.
- Spearheaded effort to contribute to PHMSA's Report to Congress on Improving Damage Prevention Technology.
- Launched Technology Information Collection Survey.
- Published first Technology Report, *Technology Advancements and Gaps in Underground Safety*, on March 6.



# Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT)

- Collects damage and near miss data
- Voluntary
- Statistically valid
  - Professional Analysis
  - Report Writer
- Managed by a proven committee process





# CGA's Social Networks

- Call 811 on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/Call811](http://www.facebook.com/Call811)
- CGA Connect on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/CGAConnect](http://www.facebook.com/CGAConnect)
- CGA Connect on Twitter:  
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