

Winter 2005

## Alabama One Call Welcomes Our New Members:

### Fayetteville Water and Fire Protection Authority

Covering Water lines in Talladega County.

### Lamar County Water and Fire Protection Authority

Covering Water lines in Lamar County.

### Baldwin County Commission

Covering Voice and data lines in Baldwin County.

### Duke Energy Field Services

Covering Gas transmission lines in Mobile County.

Alabama One Call is a non-profit organization established to provide a centralized one call system as a means to safeguard against injury and loss of life, protect public services and to prevent damage to underground facilities by providing for prior notification of excavation and demolition activities.

The State of Alabama's damage prevention legislation requires anyone digging, excavating or moving the earth in any way to CALL BEFORE YOU DIG no less than 48 hours prior to digging. Alabama One Call immediately contacts our member companies with buried facilities in the area of the dig site. The next step is that the underground utility/facility owner will locate and mark their buried facilities with spray paint or flags according to specified APWA colors codes.

In 2005 our membership continued to grow and we currently represent 336 underground facility owners and help them protect their underground facilities. For information on becoming a member and to request a membership packet, contact Tina Creel at 205.414.1840 or tcreel@al1call.

## Alabama One Call experienced significant increases in Call Volume during 2005 compared to 2004. The following is a breakdown of our call volume by month

January	32,831	12%
February	30,128	8%
March	37,288	-2%
April	37,646	7%
May	39,250	15%
June	39,787	12%
July	34,119	-4%
August	40,473	8%
September	36,384	12%
October	37,704	12%
November	33,997	18%
December	30,660	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>430,267</b>	<b>9%</b>

We thank you for your support and your continued efforts to prevent damages to Alabama's underground utility infrastructure. As we look forward to an active and productive 2006 for the construction industry, please remember, **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! 800.292.8525 and 252.4444 in the Birmingham Area.**

## Rainy Day Safety Meeting Kit #1 Available Now!

**Dig Safely.**

Alabama One Call has developed the first in a series of Safety Meeting Kits. Contractors and utility companies will be able to use this kit to facilitate the training process for employees on damage prevention and safe digging practices. We hope that it will be another useful tool to provide general information on the key points of safe digging procedures that need to be followed.

This educational kit includes the following items:

- A script for the meeting leader or person conducting the meeting,
- Educational materials and handouts,
- Power Point presentation,
- Video
- Short quiz
- Attendance form for your documentation purposes.

The number of excavations manuals, brochures and color code cards sent to you will be based on the anticipated number of employees attending your meeting.

There will be additional rainy day safety kits developed which will focus on specific topics and each will be a complete package which will allow for your meeting to last between 25 to 30 minutes. If you are interested in checking Kit #1 out from our Library, please contact McKay Lyvers at 205-414-1840 or [mlyvers@al1call.com](mailto:mlyvers@al1call.com).



The **Common Ground Alliance (CGA)** is a member driven association dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services by promoting effective damage prevention practices. In recent years, the association has established itself as the leading organization in an effort to reduce damages to all underground facilities in North America through shared responsibility among all stakeholders.

Officially formed in 2000, the CGA represents a continuation of the damage prevention efforts embodied by the Common Ground Study. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and completed in 1999, this Study represents the collaborative work of 160 industry professionals who identified best practices relating to damage prevention.

### **CGA milestones:**

- Entered a cooperative agreement with the Research & Special Program Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety
- Initiated CGA Regional Partner Program which has since grown to over 20 Regional Partners
- Recognized in the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002
- Assisted the Office of Pipeline Safety with successfully responding to several National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations
- Developed the CGA Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) and collected initial data from CGA membership. (Access DIRT at [www.cga-dirt.com](http://www.cga-dirt.com))
- Published Best Practices Field Manual and CD-ROM.

In 2004, the CGA published **Best Practices Version 2.0**. This version of the practices contains the practices statements and supporting descriptions contained in the Study as well as any new practices passed by the Best Practices Committee since the completion of the Study in 1999.

For additional information on the Common Ground Alliance visit the CGA website at [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com).

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## ***Congratulations 2006 Build Alabama Award Winners***

### **Alabama Associated General Contractors**



NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

**Brice Building Company**, Southern Progress Corporation Building 3 & Parking Deck

NEW DESIGN-BUILD

**Caddell Construction Co., Inc.**, Combat Aviation Brigade Barracks & Operations Complex, Ft Bragg, N.C

NEW CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

**Doster Construction Co., Inc.**, Ross Bridge Renaissance Golf Resort and Spa

NEW HEAVY INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

**Caddell Construction Co., Inc.**, Target Building

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**B.L. Harbert International, LLC**, Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UNDER \$5 MILLION

**Rives Construction Co., LLC**, New Office Building for Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood

NEW DESIGN-BUILD UNDER \$5 MILLION

**Colyer-Lloyd General Contractors**, Shoal Creek Ranger Station

RENOVATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

**Ollinger/Mostellar & Assoc., Inc. General Contractors**, Seanger Theatre Phase One Renovations

RENOVATION DESIGN-BUILD

**Doster Construction Co., Inc.**, Pinnacle Foods Addition

### **2006 ALABAMA CONSTRUCTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

Houston A. Brice Sr., Founder of Brice Building Co.

R. Hugh Daniel, Co-Founder of Daniel Construction

John M. Harbert III

### **2006 EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY AWARD WINNERS**

B.H. Craig Construction

Chris Matthews Construction

John G. Walton Construction

### **2006 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**

Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood

Southern Earth Sciences

For more information on Alabama Associated General Contractors Association, visit their website at

**[www.alabamaagc.org](http://www.alabamaagc.org)**.

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## **How to Recognize and Respond to a Pipeline Emergency**

Pipelines safely transport many materials and products that we depend upon for our quality of life. When left alone, they are the safest method of transportation for these materials.

If during excavation activities, you cut, strike or otherwise cause damage to a pipeline, serious consequences can result, including a danger to public health, injury to people and property.

Knowing how to recognize a pipeline emergency can help you avoid such serious consequences.

### ***Watch for these signs of a pipeline emergency:***

- Hissing or blowing sound.
- Unusual blowing of dirt or dust from a hole in the ground.
- Persistent bubbles in water

## How to Recognize and Respond to a Pipeline Emergency (continued)

- Dying plants amid healthy ones.
  - Gaseous or unusual odor.
- Flames coming from the ground or burning above the ground.
  - Accumulation of a liquid on the ground.
  - A dense white cloud or fog over the pipeline.

### ***If you see any of the above signs, follow these steps:***

- Extinguish all open flames and eliminate other possible sources of ignition.
  - Evacuate the area immediately.
- Avoid potential ignition sources such as telephones, electric switches, and lighters.
  - Warn others to stay away.
- Notify the facility operator immediately. If the pipeline operator is unknown, call 911 or contact your local fire, police, or sheriff's department and advise them of the location and the nature of the situation. Get help from local law enforcement officials to isolate the area.

## Congratulations 2005 Excellence in Construction Awards Associated Builders and Contractors



### **Award of Excellence Winners**

<i>Allurium Stone</i>	<i>Gary C. Wyatt General Contractor, LLC</i>
<i>B.L. Harbert International</i>	<i>Golden &amp; Associates Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Bama Truss &amp; Components</i>	<i>Hardy Corporation</i>
<i>BE &amp; K Industrial Services</i>	<i>Herrington Architects, PC</i>
<i>Bhate Geosciences</i>	<i>Hoar Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Brasfield &amp; Gorrie LLC</i>	<i>NorthStar Communications Group, Inc.</i>
<i>Brice Building Company</i>	<i>Rust Constructors, Inc.</i>
<i>C.S Betty Construction</i>	<i>Saiia Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Caddell Construction Company, Inc.</i>	<i>Southern Carpet &amp; Hardwood, Inc.</i>
<i>Doster Construction Company, Inc.</i>	<i>The Robins &amp; Morton Group</i>
<i>Enterprise Fleet Services</i>	<i>Wayne Griffin Electric, Inc.</i>

### **Award of Merit Winners**

<i>Ard Contracting, Inc.</i>	<i>Golden &amp; Associates Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Block USA</i>	<i>Gonzalez-Strength &amp; Associates</i>
<i>Boatner Construction Company, Inc.</i>	<i>Hoar Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Brasfield &amp; Gorrie LLC</i>	<i>M.J. Harris, Inc.</i>
<i>C.S Betty Construction</i>	<i>McGraw-Hill Construction</i>
<i>Caddell Construction Company, Inc.</i>	<i>Ready Mix USA</i>
<i>CLP Resources</i>	<i>Saiia Construction, LLC</i>
<i>Doster Construction Company, Inc.</i>	<i>The Robins &amp; Morton Group</i>
<i>Dunn Building Company, LLC</i>	<i>Wayne Griffin Electric, Inc.</i>
<i>Gary C. Wyatt General Contractor, LLC</i>	

For more information about Associated Builders and Contractors visit their website at [www.abc-alabama.org](http://www.abc-alabama.org).

## Common Utility Marks at Excavations Sites

### Telecommunications (Orange Paint or Flags)



Direct Buried Cables  
Main Cables or Services



Conduit Runs



Fiber Optic Lines

- **Facility Offsets** are numbers in feet and inch format. Facility offsets are painted on the curb line to indicate the distance from that measurement to a buried facility in the right of way (example: 6'9" in orange on the curb indicates that a communication facility exists 6 feet 9 inches from the curb on the right of way).
- **F/O - abbreviation for Fiber Optic Facility**

### Water (Blue Paint or flags)



Main Lines and/or Service Lines



Lines that are 6 inches or larger  
are usually denoted

### APWA Uniform Color Codes

White . . . . .Proposed Excavation  
 Pink . . . . .Temporary Survey Markings  
 Red . . . . .Electric Power Lines  
 Yellow . . . . .Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, Gas Materials  
 Gas Materials

Blue . . . . .Potable Water  
 Purple . . . . .Reclaimed Water, Irrigation  
 Green . . . . .Sewer and Drain Lines, Slurry Lines  
 Orange . . . . .Telecommunications, CATV  
 Traffic Signal Lines, or Conduit



prevent damages to buried utilities

**Call before you dig**

Alabama  Call

**800.292.8525**

252.4444 Birmingham Area

cellular #DIG | [www.al1call.com](http://www.al1call.com)

## SAFE DIGGING PRACTICES

1. Call two working days prior to digging.
2. Wait 48 hours for lines to be marked.
3. Respect the color code marks.
4. Dig with care.

Information you will need when you call:


- Company Phone & Name
- Company Address
- Caller's Name
- Field Contact Name/Phone #
- County Of Work Area
- Place/City/Address of Work Area
- Type Of Work Being Done
- Location Directions For Work Area
- Nearest Intersecting Street or Road
- Who Is Work Being Done For?
- Is Work Area Outlined In White Paint?
- Will Explosives Be Used?
- Is Directional Boring Being Done?

**NOTE:** GPS COORDINATES are very helpful to pinpoint your excavation site location. We can accept that information in the following format:

Decimal Degrees or Degrees Minutes Second

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