

BRINGING SAFETY HOME

2025 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & DAILY AGENDA



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2025

ALL COURSES MO DNR HOURS APPROVED

7:00 AM - Doors Open @ the Wilson Logistics Arena for the Kickoff

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM - Summit Opening and Docudrama - Wilson Logistics Main Arena

The 2025 Summit kicks off in the Wilson Logistics Arena for our Summit Opener and Docudrama.

Be in your seat at **8:00 AM** for the start. This year, the exhibitor showcase opens **AFTER** the docudrama.

"Bringing Safety Home" Incidents can have major consequences far beyond your comprehension. The little things matter! See what happens when bending a safety rule becomes a huge mistake that affects not only the employees and jobsite, but everyone and everything around it. Learn that – in excavation - every safety rule matters!

This program is brought to you by experts from Springfield City Utilities, Evergy, Missouri 811, Springfield Fire Department and Cox Health Emergency Medical Services.

Break 1 Begins from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. See every exhibitor!

Concurrent Sessions Begin: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - 1 Hour Sessions

OSHA IN PERSON! TRENCHING & EXCAVATION SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Get updates, discuss the standards, and hear directly from OSHA as Karena and Elizabeth detail safety must-haves for trenching and utility excavation companies.

LONE WORKER & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Many in the utility, construction, and municipal world work alone, by themselves, in remote and urban areas. Learn strategies for monitoring and keeping your "lone workers" safe while they're out and about working.

2025 VAC EX RODEO MANDATORY COMPETITOR MEETING

This is a mandatory competition meeting for all competitors and volunteers. Center hall Classroom 3.

PLANET UNDERGROUND: MIKE & JEMMIE'S BARSTOOL SESSION

Mike Parilac, founder of Staking University and Planet Underground, is a retired long-time locator and trainer who has a lot to say about the state of the industry. Jemmie Wang, founder of Bizmetrix and consultant to many stakeholders, has more of a business analytics background and over 30 years of experience in the underground utility industry. Together they make for the perfect combination of knowledge and experience, and they both love to talk! Every "Mike and Jemmie Barstool" session is 100% unscripted and off-the-cuff, covering a range of topics on damage prevention, the 811 system, utility mapping, State laws, enforcement, etc. Mike & Jemmie encourage questions from the audience at any time, so join the conversation and watch these old timers speak the truth!

Popular Topics:

- Ticket Volume Problems and Unfair Expectations for Contract Locators
- Future of Utility Mapping Solutions
- State Laws and Enforcement
- Overall Better Alignment of Interests Between Contractors, Utilities, and Contract Locators

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Are you a utility locator? Compete in the 2025 International Locate Rodeo! www.locaterodeo.net.

OVERTIME IS BREAD AND BUTTER: FATIGUE MANAGEMENT

Fatigue is a top safety concern. Managing fatigue in driving and jobsite work is a safety challenge for all our organizations. Join Capital Electric to learn how you can highlight and manage fatigue in your organization.

THE TECH IS HERE, NOW, AND FREE! USING 811 NXT & ONLINE FUNCTIONS

Join Missouri 811 and One Call Concepts for a session dedicated to using the online technology and functions provided to all excavators at no charge. This session is also a review of "need to know" ticketing best practices.

VITALCOG SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING: 5 REPEAT SESSIONS OFFERED

Join the experts from Burrell Behavioral Health for this 60-minute training session! This unique opportunity includes videos and group discussions to create a better understanding of your role in suicide prevention. After the training, participants feel - Knowledgeable about suicide prevention - Confident talking about suicide and getting help - Likely to apply what they learned about suicide prevention in construction - Learn the importance of talking about suicide in the construction industry - Able to identify risk factors and warning signs and practice conversations around suicide prevention in construction. Limited to 30 participants per session. 5 sessions offered.

INVISIBLE AND DEADLY: ELECTRICAL SAFETY Session 1 of 2 @ The Wilson Logistics Arena

Learn from the best! Join Springfield City Utilities, Evergy, Midwest Utility Lineman Training, and IBEW Local 53 to learn how construction crews, linemen, and responders can stay safe around electric distribution utilities.

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION: ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION Begins

Thank you to the electricity experts at Capital Electric for providing this OSHA 10 Construction certification with an emphasis on Electrical Transmission & Distribution. Standard OSHA 10 cards will be issued after training.

OSHA 10 SPANISH LANGUAGE Begins

Thank you to Eduardo Madrid of the Crane Agency and Elizabeth Moralez of OSHA for leading the Summit's Spanish Language OSHA 10 Construction certification.

Obtén tu Certificación OSHA 10 en Construcción aquí. Impartida por instructores voluntarios, esta clase se enseña completamente en español centroamericano. ¡Gracias a nuestros instructores bilingües por ofrecer esta sesión!

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Make sure to drop by & see every exhibitor. Tell 'em thanks. They're why YOU can receive training at the Summit for NO COST.

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - After Lunch: Concurrent Sessions Begin Again

EXCAVATORS & UTILITIES: CRITICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCES THAT IMPROVE SAFETY & PRODUCTIVITY

Join Sam Hall of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) and Dustin Walderns of Summit Utilities to learn more about how utilities and excavators can partner to improve safety, reduce damages, and get work DONE. You'll also learn more about the importance of the "50-in-5 Challenge" and how the "DIRT Report" and other CGA resources and programs are essential tools for improving safety on excavation jobsites.

THE LAW IS THE LAW: MISSOURI 811 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The safety pros from Missouri 811 will explain changes to Missouri's Underground Facilities Law. Questions about these updates, and how you can stay damage-free during excavation? This is a perfect time to ask!

KEEP COOL: INCIDENT DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

Scott Honer of OneDigital Insurance will discuss the importance of cooling off and de-escalating incidents involving coworkers, customers, or the public. This session is a must-have for anyone working by themselves.

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PLANET UNDERGROUND ROUNDTABLE NO. 1 - CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING: 811 SYSTEMS & YOU

As technology improves and utility build out expands, the 811 system and how we dig safely will always require continuous improvement and adaptation. One Call centers have adapted over the years to do so much more than produce tickets - they create public awareness, provide training, and have become the outlet in which utility owners, contractors, and locators communicate through to get the job done. What do you think the next progression is for 811 centers? Can you picture any radical changes ever being made on a national level, or is working state by state good enough for you?

EXCAVATION COMPETENT PERSON TRAINING *First Half*

Join Brian Smith of The Builders Association in Kansas City to learn how to keep excavation and trenching jobsites compliant. Hear about OSHA requirements, best practices, duties & responsibilities for safety!

HIT KIT: PROPER BURIED UTILITY DAMAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Join the experts from Utilisource to discuss proper buried utility damage investigations and documentation. Damage prevention best practices for directional drillers and excavation crews will be discussed as well.

LINEMAN SAFETY REVIEW

This is a continuing education safety refresher for trained linemen. Provided by the experts at Midwest Utility Lineman Training and Evergy, this class is taught by the best - for the best. Linemen are encouraged to attend!

HOW BIG A BOY ARE YOU? REGISTER TO COMPETE IN MISSOURI LICA'S 2025 EXCAVATOR RODEO!

You think you're good? You've been doing this how many years? Get on the stick and walk the talk at the 2025 Excavator Rodeo competition hosted by volunteers from Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association.

SMELL THAT? NATURAL GAS SAFETY *Session 1 of 2 @ The Fulbright Natural Gas Training Center*

It'll get HOT! See the Fulbright Natural Gas Training Center and how damage to buried gas lines can be catastrophic. See and feel the power & heat that a natural gas fire causes. Be ready, this is going to be good!

BUSES BEGIN LOADING AT 12:30 PM. It's a 3-minute ride to the Fulbright Center.

2025 VAC-EX RODEO & VACUUM EXCAVATION CAPABILITIES & SAFETY *Class Begins*

We've combined the Vac Ex Rodeo and the Vac-Ex Capabilities & Safety class! See firsthand how vac-ex improves efficiency and enhances damage prevention. See up close what these powerful machines can do!

IT'S OFFICIAL: OSHA 10 ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION *continues*

EN ESPANOL: OSHA 10 SPANISH LANGUAGE *continues*

VITAL COG SESSIONS *continue*

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Wednesday December 10, 2025

FROM GUESSWORK TO MAP-WORK, GPS DOES THE LEGWORK

GPS Mapped Utilities: because buried shouldn't mean lost. Join Travis Beran and the experts at Subsurface Solutions to learn how GPS/GNSS mapping creates accurate, permanent records of underground utilities - boosting safety, cutting costs, and turning every locate into lasting asset intelligence.

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CONTROLLING WORKERS COMPENSATION COSTS

Join Flint Walton and the experts from MEM to discuss risk management and workers compensation practices that can keep claim frequency and severity low. Managing safety and claims well keeps your e-mod at its best!

TECH & SAFETY: TELEMATICS AND CONSTRUCTION FLEETS

Join the excavation construction experts from Emery Sapp & Sons and Sellenriek Construction to discuss how telematics and event recorder systems can help construction fleets dramatically improve fleet & safety results.

PLANET UNDERGROUND ROUNDTABLE - CAN TECHNOLOGY HELP WITH TICKET VOLUME PROBLEM, OR DO WE NEED MORE?

There is a big buzz about AI, robotics, and so much other new tech that is supposed to increase efficiency for everyone in the industry. Whether it's through 811 ticket management software, EM locators/GPR units, digital mapping solutions, or digging equipment, we have some new tools we've never had before. We know that there is a sizable amount of waste within the ticket volume that is simply refreshes for jobs that don't exist anymore, and other things of that nature, so can technology help address this waste? The ticket volume problem is arguably the single biggest crutch within the 811 system, so why hasn't anything been done to change this problem?

EXCAVATION COMPETENT PERSON 2nd Half

DEFENSIVE DIGGING

Join the safe digging experts from Spire and PCX Construction to discuss proper excavation techniques and how utilities and excavators can partner better and share information that prevents damage while digging.

THE BOOM IN THE ROOM: BUCKET TRUCK SAFETY

Do elevated work at heights safer with proper use of bucket truck equipment. The experts at IBEW Local 53, Black and McDonald and Missouri Valley JATC join the Summit to discuss how to prevent incidents and utilize bucket trucks to do your work better and faster.

Excavator Rodeo continues and wraps up at 4:30 PM. Winners announced at the closing ceremony.

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DELIVERY continues

OSHA 10 SPANISH LANGUAGE continues

VITAL COG SESSIONS continue

7:00 PM - Casino Night Opens at the Oasis Convention Center Grand Ballroom

How do you get a ticket? By having a good conversation with an exhibitor!

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, 2025**ALL COURSES MO DNR HOURS APPROVED****7:00 AM - Exhibitor Showcase Doors Open****8:00 AM - 9:30 AM AM Sessions Begin****OVER THE TARGET: UTILITY LOCATOR TRAINING**

Learn from the BEST! Utility locating experts Travis Beran and Jeff Trowbridge of Subsurface Solutions are on hand to share best practices and protocols for accurate locates every time! Bring your locator and questions!

BE READY, ACT NOW! STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Join the expert emergency medical professionals from Cox Health to discuss how YOU could save a life using modern bleeding control techniques taught in this class. We'll also discuss emergency supplies you'll need.

MAKE SOME NOISE! VACUUM EXCAVATION & SAFELY EXPOSING UTILITIES

Provided by Richard Brownsberger and his team at Dig Wise, this session is all about the capabilities and efficiency of vacuum excavation. Learn the best practices of damage-free utility potholing and daylighting!

PLANET UNDERGROUND ROUNDTABLE: CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES - EDUCATING & PREPARING FOR BIG PROJECTS

Utility companies, SUE, contract locators and excavators can have an organized game plan for a large project, but when construction starts, all of that can go out the window because locating resources are inadequate to accomplish the scope of the project. On another note, many of the major explosions over the past decade have ultimately resulted in cities that do not have an active right-of-way oversight program. What can the industry do to educate cities on contingencies that can occur on major projects so they are better prepared? What about a pilot program from cities that do understand and have excellent results?

DROPPIN' LANE DROPS: AUTHORIZED WORK ZONE FLAGGER

Join work zone safety experts from the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Associated General Contractors of Missouri to learn how to safely and correctly set up work zones on rural or major roads.

HOLE LOTTA TROUBLE! CONFINED SPACE COMPETENT PERSON TRAINING

Join Scott Honer of One Digital Agency for confined space competent person training. This is critical education for anyone working on utility jobsites. Know what it takes to enter confined spaces safely.

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INVISIBLE AND DEADLY: ELECTRICAL SAFETY SESSION 2 @ THE WILSON LOGISTICS ARENA - 2nd Session**VITAL COG SESSIONS** continue**OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DELIVERY** continues**OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION EN ESPANOL** continues

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BREAK from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - December 11, 2025 - Final Sessions Begin

OVER THE TARGET LOCATOR TRAINING continues

DIRECTIONAL DRILLING SAFETY & DAMAGE PREVENTION PRACTICES

Join the team from ADB to discuss damage prevention and safety best practices on directional drilling jobsites. This session is important for anyone performing directional drilling or hiring directional drilling subcontractors.

I FOUND ANOTHER TICK! ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Bug bites. Heat. Poison ivy. Ticks. The list goes on and on. Join Capital Electric as they discuss the environmental hazards your employees are exposed to, and how policy, training, and supplies can help.

PLANET UNDERGROUND'S ALL-STAR PANEL: PREVENTING THE UNTHINKABLE: TAKING ACTION TO PREVENT CATASTROPHE

Catastrophic incidents leave lasting impacts to communities, require months of tedious investigation, and are litigated for years. They remind everyone of why damage prevention must be taken very seriously, and it should be our duty to learn as much as we can when these things do occur. As cliché as it sounds, we know most accidents are ultimately caused by a lack of "communication" between various parties. This "All-Star" panel has some of the best and brightest veterans in the industry from all stakeholder groups, so how can we take this opportunity to come together, and have a healthy discussion about the importance of damage prevention and working together? Why is communication still a problem in 2025?

HOLE LOTTA TROUBLE - CONFINED SPACE COMPETENT PERSON continues

DROPPIN' LANE DROPS continues

VITAL COG final session

LOGBOOK PLEASE: DOT INSPECTIONS & FLEET SAFETY

Join the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Pete Lolley of Transportation Safety Consultants, Inc. to see an up-close and live roadside inspection. Learn the process of an inspection and how to keep your fleet compliant.

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DELIVERY continues

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION EN ESPANOL continues

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Closing Ceremony and Door Prizes @ The Wilson Logistics Arena

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12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION & DELIVERY continues (box lunches provided)

OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION EN ESPANOL continues (box lunches provided)