

# Underground Network

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### SASK 1<sup>st</sup> CALL INTRODUCES MOBILE PHONE APP

Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call users now have the ability to request locates using their Mobile Device. The Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call Mobile App is available on Apple and Android devices at no cost. Locate requests can be made on the App with either a civic address, a legal land description or latitude/longitude coordinates. Ticket history is available in the App which provides easy access to the ticket number and a list of the Subscriber companies who were notified on the ticket. A tutorial on how to use the App is available at <http://www.sask1stcall.com>.

**DOWNLOAD the Sask1stCall Mobile App for free!**



### SCGA HOSTS CONTRACTOR SAFETY BREAKFASTS

The SCGA and supporters are continuing to host the annual Contractor Safety Breakfasts in April of 2015. For more information on locations and dates, go to the SCGA website. [http://scga.ca/?page\\_id=108](http://scga.ca/?page_id=108)

The Public Awareness Committee is also working to develop a pilot forum for this spring to help communicate the recently developed CCGA Best Practices Manual.

If you would like to join the Committee please contact the Chair of the Committee, Karen Hammond ([KHammond@saskpower.com](mailto:KHammond@saskpower.com)) or Daryl Posehn ([dposehn@scga.ca](mailto:dposehn@scga.ca)).

### SCGA BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR COMMENTS ON NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES

As part of the process to ensure validity, the SCGA Best Practices Committee will work with the CCGA to update and refine Version 1.0 of the Best Practices Manual. Your feedback is valuable. Please provide it using the feedback form that can be found at [http://scga.ca/?page\\_id=201](http://scga.ca/?page_id=201).

A downloadable version of the Best Practices Manual is available at [http://scga.ca/?page\\_id=137](http://scga.ca/?page_id=137). Members have been provided hard copies and additional copies can be requested from [info@scga.ca](mailto:info@scga.ca).

**Government of Saskatchewan  
 Declares April 2015  
 Safe Digging Month**

### SCGA HAS REGISTERED TO GATHER INCIDENT DATA USING DIRT

The SCGA has registered with the CCGA to utilize its DIRT system to gather and analyse underground incident data for Saskatchewan. This involves the development of its own Virtual Private DIRT where members of the SCGA can enter their own incident data. It is expected that data entry will start shortly. If you are already gathering data and would like to participate please call Daryl Posehn. (306 536 2524)

### DAMAGE PREVENTION "DOWN UNDER"

Damage prevention is a world wide challenge and sometimes we feel that the methods we follow in Saskatchewan are the only way to do it. Although the Australian process is different, the results cannot be argued with as there has never been a single fatality associated with third party damage to a pipeline. The backbone of their damage prevention system is "Dial Before You Dig" (DBYD). There are two primary differences between this system and what we do here in the U.S. and in Canada:

- In Australia, the excavator, not the facility owner, is responsible for doing the locate or hiring a locator.
- DBYD is a national One Call system that covers the entire country.

To read the entire article go to:

[http://damagepreventionprofessional.com/PDFs\\_Articles/DPP\\_2015\\_Winter/DPP\\_2015\\_Winter\\_Page\\_5.pdf](http://damagepreventionprofessional.com/PDFs_Articles/DPP_2015_Winter/DPP_2015_Winter_Page_5.pdf)

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow. Welcome to the following new members:

- Dagg Construction;
- Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure;
- Cenovus Energy.

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2015, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. [http://scga.ca/?page\\_id=213](http://scga.ca/?page_id=213)

### CALENDAR REMINDERS FOR 2015

March	2014/15 Membership and Sponsorship Fees Due
April 6-16	Contractor Safety Breakfasts - see website for specific locations/dates <a href="http://scga.ca/?page_id=108">http://scga.ca/?page_id=108</a>
TBD	Best Practices Forum
June 4	SCGA Member Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina
October 6-8	CCGA Damage Prevention Symposium, Montreal
December 2	SCGA Annual General Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina