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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE SAFETY, TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

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FINAL PROGRESS REPORT
10/1/2017-9/30/2018**

The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

1. Goal: Project Planning

Target Period: Quarter 1 - 3

Project Status:

- A. Information and new resource links were updated. Planning will continue as opportunities for outreach are identified.
- B. Updated the PBRPC Pipeline Safety webpage to include additional relevant information.
- C. Collaboration with Texas 811 call centers, utility companies, business and local leaders continued through participation in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council meetings and regional activities.
- D. Provided project information to the PBRPC staff and the PBRPC Board of Directors. Pipeline industry representatives made presentation to PBRPC Board of Directors about pipeline safety initiatives. Reviewed the project objectives and discussed responsibilities of elected officials.
- E. Updated the Homeland Security program of the PBRPC to insure it receives on-going information targeted for the emergency coordinators throughout the region, and that it remains a member of the Damage Prevention Council.
- F. Collaborated with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Homeland Security Program to include pipeline hazards and safety issues in the Domestic Preparedness Advisory Committee information dissemination.
- G. Reviewed PHMSA and Texas Railroad Commission websites for new information and available links for resources.
- H. Scheduled events for National Safe Digging Month for April. Requested local municipalities and counties support in issuing public proclamations in support.

- I. Participated in planning meetings with the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council to coordinate outreach activities for local events and the Permian Basin International Oil Show scheduled for October 16th – 18th, 2018.
- J. Staff attended the Texas 811 Summit in February to gain best practices and for staff development opportunities. Staff participated in round table meetings with other Damage Prevention representatives and received damage prevention updates from across the state, which are shared with local partners when given an opportunity.

2. **Goal: Extend public awareness to environmental advocacy organizations, recycling agencies, landscape and construction companies, and environmental/code enforcement officials**

Target Period: Quarter 1 - 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Attended meetings and disseminated information and educational materials to Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates and other related clean-up programs in region.
- B. Contacted and provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local code enforcement offices, landscapers, and construction companies throughout the year.
- C. Disseminated decals and other educational materials to feed stores in agricultural communities and requested their participation in placing decals on equipment and educating farmers and agriculture workers.

3. **Goal: Engage local public community and economic development offices, as well as chambers of commerce**

Target Period: Quarter 2 – 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Renewed partnerships in communities and Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to local Chambers of Commerce, economic development corporations, and other local community events as they were identified.
- B. Renewed partnerships with community development offices throughout the region and requested cooperation in promoting 811 to employees and in their construction permitting activities.

4. **Goal: Increase local government officials' awareness**

Target Period: Quarter 2-4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Coordinated with the PBRPC's Homeland Security department to outreach first responders and sponsor Pipeline Security in Rural Communities class held on June 20th at the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy. The class provided attendees with information on how to respond to pipeline emergency situations.
- B. Participated in planning activities of the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council, to host Permian Basin Safety Day, which will include safety training and live mock line strike demonstrations on June 7th, 2018 in Fort Stockton and June 12th, 2018 in

- Midland. The goal of the events was to spread the 811 message and provide safe digging education to elected officials, emergency management coordinators, excavators/contractors, first responders, and the general public. PBRPC invited the Safety Day organizers to speak with and disseminate information to the PBRPC Board of Directors made up of the chief elected officials representing 17 counties. PBRPC also outreached Emergency Coordinators, City Managers and the Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates in the Permian Basin region. PBRPC staff operated a booth during the Safety Day to hand out education/outreach items to attendees which included pipeline operators, contractors, and local government/utilities staff.
- C. Coordinated with Damage Prevention Council to plan activities for the region for the following year, and to identify opportunities for public education. Represented the project in the DPC Christmas Angel program to outreach needy families.
 - D. The Pipeline Safety Public Education Meetings for local elected officials, municipal administrators, law enforcement agencies and emergency responders throughout the region were held in March 2018. PBRPC disseminated announcements and calendar to all elected and local officials, first responders and emergency coordinators in the region and encouraged their participation.
 - E. Provided educational materials and decals to seventeen counties and 28 cities and census places' Public Works and Utility departments and offered to be of service to help promote 811 first call requirements. Requested decals be placed on equipment and vehicles.

5. Goal: Address needs of special target groups

Target Period: Quarter 1-4

Project Status: Completed; Ongoing

- A. Provided 811 educational materials and training videos to vocational and trade schools in the region; Oil and gas industry programs such as the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center, Williams Regional Technical Training Center, and Odessa College' Continuing Education department were targeted.
- B. Held 811 awareness campaigns using local radio stations across PBRPC region for National Safe Digging Month. Public service announcements were conducted in English and Spanish, and at various dates and times from April 2nd – April 6th, 2018.
- C. PBRPC created agreements with public transit, both urban and rural, to promote the 811 message and pipeline safety awareness during National Safe Digging month in April. PSAs printed and “wrapped” on buses will insure promotion throughout the region. The routes in the urbanized areas will impact two general population markets with a total population of over 300,000. The other routes will target the harder to reach rural and agriculture population estimated over 150,000.
- D. PBRPC participated in the Permian Basin Safety Days on June 7th, 2018 in Fort Stockton and June 12th, 2018 in Midland. PBRPC promoted the 811 message and provide pipeline safety awareness education to elected officials, first responders, emergency responders, excavator, homeowners and the general public.

- E. Disseminated 811 information and education/outreach materials to the public through Texas Agrilife Extension offices, 4-H organizations, plant nurseries, plumbing companies, and regional gardening groups.