

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE SAFETY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT  
**MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT**  
**Award # DTPH5615GPPT22**  
**March 31, 2018**

The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the period September 29, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

**1. Regional Project Planning, Complete WCTCOG Agency Staff Education and Awareness**

**Training Target Period: End**

**Project Status: Ongoing**

- A. On October 24, 2017, participated in a meeting with Chris Reed with Choicemedia to discuss billboards for 811.
- B. On November 14, 2017, continued discussions with Choicemedia to provide billboards in Comanche and the Westbrook area for 811.
- C. Attended meeting for The Big Country Damage Prevention Council on Friday, November 17, 2017, in Abilene, Texas. Participated and planned upcoming public awareness events for 2018.
- D. Attended meeting for the Concho Valley Damage Prevention Council on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, in San Angelo, Texas. Discussed upcoming Safety Day event. Elected officers for upcoming year. Discussed proposed Chapter 13 changes.
- E. Attended meeting for the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in Midland, Texas. Discussed upcoming events for 2018. Elected officers for upcoming year. Discussed proposed Chapter 13 changes.
- F. Attended Coordinated Response Exercise (CoRE) Pipeline Safety training on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Approximately 200 people attended.
- G. Attended the Texas 811 Damage Prevention Summit, held on February 12<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Approximately 250 people attended the event. Attended sessions in Enhancing your Damage Prevention Outreach, School Pipeline Safety, Texas 811 Damage Prevention Initiatives for 2018, Damage Prevention Councils – panel discussion and Workplace Violence and Active Shooter Awareness.
- H. Attended meeting for the Big Country Damage Prevention Council on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Snyder, Texas. 8 people attended the meeting. Discussed how to improve attendance to meetings. Discussed upcoming events for 2018.

## **2. Goal: Damage Prevention partnership activities**

**Target Period: Quarter**

**Project Status: On-going**

- A. Participated in the Safety City Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Over 4,000 people attended. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to all participants.
- B. Attended meeting for The Big Country Damage Prevention Council on Friday, November 17, 2017, Abilene, Texas. Participated and planned upcoming public awareness events for 2018.
- C. Attended meeting for the Concho Valley Damage Prevention Council on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, in San Angelo, Texas. Discussed upcoming Safety Day event. Elected officers for upcoming year. Discussed proposed Chapter 13 changes.
- D. Attended meeting for the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in Midland, Texas. Discussed upcoming events for 2018. Elected officers for upcoming year. Discussed proposed Chapter 13 changes.
- E. On February 8, 2018, participated in a conference call with Denise Story with Enertech regarding upcoming Safety Day event to be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, The event will be held at the West Central Texas Council of Governments.
- F. Attended the Texas 811 Damage Prevention Summit, held on February 12<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Approximately 250 people attended the event. Attended sessions in Enhancing your Damage Prevention Outreach, School Pipeline Safety, Texas 811 Damage Prevention Initiatives for 2018, Damage Prevention Councils – panel discussion and Workplace Violence and Active Shooter Awareness.
- G. Attended meeting for the Big Country Damage Prevention Council on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in Snyder, Texas. 8 people attended the meeting. Discussed how to improve attendance to meetings. Discussed upcoming events for 2018.
- H. On March 28, 2018, participated in a conference call with Enertech in reference to Pipeline Safety Day scheduled for September 6, 2018, to be held at the West Central Texas Council of Governments offices. This program provides training in the area of pipeline safety and offers a mock scenario where a worker is overtaken by gasses from a gas line that has been hit by an excavator.

## **3. Goal: Public Events and public awareness**

**Target Period: End Quarter**

**Project Status: Complete and On-going**

- A. Participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual TX Midwest Conference on Thursday, October 25, 2017. There was a recorded attendance this year of approximately 360 attendees. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to the participants.
- B. Participated in the Safety City Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Over 4,000 people attended. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to all participants.
- C. Participated in the 2018 Texas Farm-Ranch Wildlife Expo on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The event showcases more than 80 businesses and 150 booths with an attendance of more than 3,500. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to all participants.
- D. On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, attended Abilene Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

**4. Goal: PHMSA Information dissemination and program marketing in local jurisdictions**

**Target Period: Quarter 2, Quarter 3, Quarter 4**

**Project Status: On-going**

- A. Participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual TX Midwest Conference on Thursday, October 25, 2017. There was a recorded attendance this year of approximately 360 attendees. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to the participants.
- B. Participated in the Safety City Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Over 4,000 people attended. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to all participants.
- C. On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, sent out a mailout to Elected officials, schools, chambers, and city managers. Introducing myself and offering pipeline outreach programs.
- D. On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, sent out a brochure on 811 to Elected officials, schools, chambers and city managers.
- E. On January 5, 2018, sent out brochure on 811 to all construction companies in the Big Country area
- F. Participated in the 2018 Texas Farm-Ranch Wildlife Expo on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The event showcases more than 80 businesses and 150 booths with an attendance of more than 3,500. Provided 811 and other damage prevention materials to all participants.
- G. On March 9, 2018, visited with Lauren Hogan in Winters, and provided 811 and other damage prevention material.
- H. On Thursday, March 15, 2018, went to the Coleman Police Department and introduced myself and dropped off 811 promotional items.
- I. On Friday, March 23, 2018, went to the following cities and counties and dropped off 811 and other damage prevention materials – City of Eastland – Terry Simmons, Stephens County Sheriff Office – Will Holt, City of Throckmorton – Mayor Will Carroll, City of Knox City – Sam Watson, City of Rule – Teresa Sorrells.
- J. On Monday, March 26, 2018, went to the following cities and counties and dropped off 811 and other damage prevention materials – Jones County Sheriff Office – Sheriff Greg Arnwine, Scurry County Sheriff Office – Trey Wilson, City of Colorado City – David Hoover, City of Hawley – Rexine Davis.
- K. On Thursday, March 29, 2018, went to the following city and dropped off 811 and other damage prevention materials – City of Bangs – Jorge Camarillo.