

# JULIE DIGEST

Contractor Newsletter

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## Reaching A New Frontier

The JULIE, Inc. call process is about to get faster and easier for excavators that can provide latitude and longitude coordinates for their job sites.

Since 2002, excavators requesting a dig number have been required to provide tier, range, section and quarter-section of the job site along with the county, city or township and job-site address. This quarter-section information typically would come from one of two sources, either the caller or the JULIE database, which calculates the section grid information using the address and cross-street information. Unfortunately, finding maps containing this specific data throughout the state has occasionally been a challenge for excavators.

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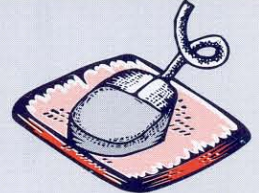
offer an excellent alternative," said **Mark A. Frost**, executive director of JULIE, Inc. "Within a few weeks, excavators will be able to provide the GPS coordinates of their jobsite in lieu of section grid information. The JULIE computer will convert a valid GPS coordinate into the appropriate grid."

Global Positioning System (GPS) units are affordable and capable of simple functions. All basic units, typically priced in the \$100-\$200 range, are able to report standardized coordinates in NAD83 datum and in degrees, minutes and seconds.

"Many excavators will find that taking a GPS reading at their jobsite and supplying this specific information when calling in a locate request will be much easier, take less time, and be more affordable than trying to find and purchase multiple maps throughout the state," said **Greg Fisch**, director of computer operations at JULIE, Inc.

GPS devices are available at most computer, appliance and sporting good stores. If you have any questions, contact the Data Department at 815-741-5011.

## Join the "WRTE" Crowd

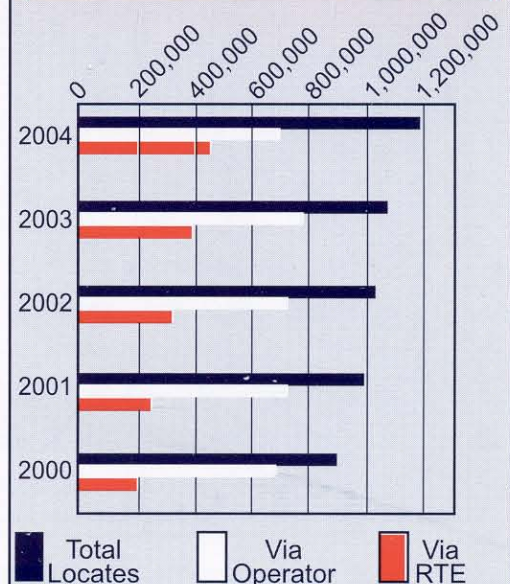


One of the keys to any successful project is planning ahead. With this in mind, now is the time to learn more about the benefits of Web Remote Ticket Entry (WRTE).

So far this year, a record 37 percent of the locate request tickets have been entered directly by excavators. WRTE is a free of charge, unique and convenient feature that provides excavators with a method of entering locate requests directly into the JULIE system via an Internet Web site.

**Why wait?** We offer over-the-phone training so you do not have to even leave your office. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com) or contact the JULIE Data Department.

## Remote Ticket Entry Growth



## 2005 Excavator Meeting Dates/Locations

### JANUARY

12	Mundelein
13	Olney
14	Quincy
19	Elmhurst
20	Mt. Vernon
21	East Peoria
25	Bradley
27	Urbana-Champaign
28	Decatur

### FEBRUARY

2	Effingham
3	Joliet
4	Rock Falls
9	Willowbrook
10	Marion
11	Moline
15	LaSalle
16	Alton
17	Collinsville
18	Rockford
22	Matteson
23	Streamwood
25	Springfield

## New Handbook

*Coming soon*

One of our most popular educational items has been updated and will be distributed at the safety meetings. A new and improved edition of the Excavator Handbook is expected to be printed by the end of the year and available for the first meeting in January.

To check on the status of this item, please visit [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com) (under Free Materials). At the site, you can either 1) order directly online or 2) print out an order form that you can complete and fax back to JULIE, Inc. If you do not have access to JULIE's Web site, please call the Public Relations Department at 815-741-5000.

# Excavator Safety Meetings Are A Hot Ticket



Each year, many people anxiously wait for popular games and events--Cubs, Cardinals, White Sox (at least when they are playing the Cubs) and, of course, JULIE's Excavator Safety Meetings.

The baseball season is a few months away, but representatives of JULIE, Inc. and its 1,765 member utilities are ready to open the season and host 22 major excavator safety meetings across the state this winter. There is no charge to attend the meetings--preregistration is required and seating is limited at all locations--no walk-in attendees are accepted. As always, breakfast is served prior to the main presentation.

"This is an excellent opportunity for anyone committed to damage prevention to learn more about the state law, upcoming events and the JULIE system; talk directly with representatives from member utility companies about any issues or concerns; and share success stories or

ideas with their peers," said **Kevin Chmura**, director of public relations at JULIE, Inc.

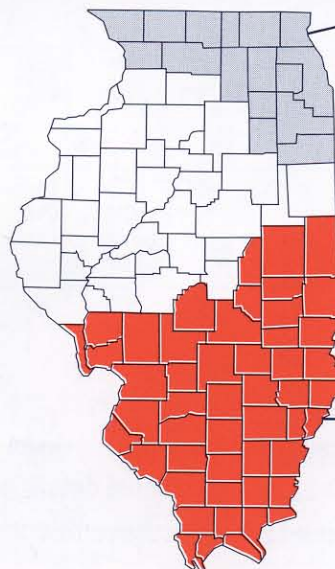
Registration is limited to four people per company and there have been location changes in a few areas. Guidelines and location information are available at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com)

### *We can come directly to you . . .*

Do you have more than four employees or a conflict in your schedule? Don't worry, we are here to help.

JULIE's Damage Prevention Managers are available to bring this same excavator safety presentation directly to employees at your company at no cost (well, maybe a hot cup of coffee and sorry, they can not cook breakfast for everyone). The managers are also available to assist with safety trainings and to answer questions about the state law and new policies throughout the year.

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# Underground Scoop

## Report Damages to Underground Facilities

According to state law, in the event of any damage to or dislocation of any underground utility facilities or community antenna television system (CATS) facilities in connection with any excavation or demolition, emergency or nonemergency, the person responsible for the excavation or demolition operations should immediately notify the affected utility and the Illinois One-Call System. Our members also remind you not to attempt to fix the damaged facility.



Dale Kuhn (JULIE, Inc.) and Art Kraus (Kraus Cable TV) inspect a damaged communications line that was not reported.

## JULIE Staff Reviews Design Process

In May 2000, JULIE, Inc. created the Design Stage/Planning Information Request to provide architects, engineers and other customers who are in the planning stage of a construction project with information necessary for proper design. Now, this successful program is under review.

"This project will involve benchmarking and input from all stakeholder groups," said Dale Kuhn, JULIE Damage Prevention Manager and Project Coordinator. "We have developed a survey instrument and

our first step will be to collect data from one call centers from around the country regarding how they handle the design stage request process. Then we will use this information along with input from our stakeholder representatives in order to streamline the process, address efficiency issues and implement recommended changes."

A task force will be created to review and analyze the process. For an update on this project, please contact Dale at 217-698-0813.

## Major Events Coming In 2005

The Planet Underground recently announced the launch of the Dig BIG Series--unique training and trade show events in Manteno, Illinois. Emerging Technologies Seminars (May 26-27), Dig BIG Hands-on Tradeshow (June 14-15) and a Right of Way Issues Seminar (October 12-13) will be held at the site.

In addition, the Planet Underground's staff can host meetings or interactive training programs to fit any company's

needs. For more information and to subscribe to the new on-line newsletter, visit [www.theplanetunderground.com/newsletter\\_november\\_2004.htm](http://www.theplanetunderground.com/newsletter_november_2004.htm) or call 866-752-8800.

### SAVE THE DATE

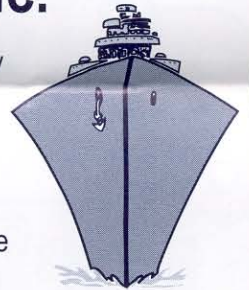
Underground Focus Live! is racing over to Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet on July 20-21. For additional details, visit [www.undergroundfocusevents.com](http://www.undergroundfocusevents.com).

## CGA Designates Regional Council

Bob Kipp, executive director of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), recently announced that the Northeast Illinois Damage Prevention Council (IDOT District I) was designated as a Regional Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Damage Prevention Council member. Meetings are held on a regular basis. For more information, please call Dave Van Wy of JULIE, Inc. at 847-963-0387.

## U. S. Navy Joins JULIE, Inc.

The Navy is now a member of JULIE, Inc. The Naval Facilities--Midwest, has made it much easier for contractors working on any facility the Navy controls to work within the state's one-call law and to make their own requests for locates.



The Naval Facilities-Midwest (Illinois) has facilities at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near North Chicago in Lake County as well as portions of the area formally known as Glenview Naval Air Station, now referred to as The Glenn in Cook County as well as the south half of what was formerly known as Old Fort Sheridan in Lake County. This adds the new place name of "Great Lakes" to our database in Lake County for the Zip Code 60088.

# Call Before You Dig

## *Why would anyone dig without a valid locate request?*

According to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), over 40 percent of the total incident reports submitted were for no valid JULIE ticket. The total penalties assessed by the ICC this year alone are over \$45,000.

Illinois law requires anyone digging, regardless of depth, to call JULIE, Inc. at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. Call center operators are available to receive



and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With over 15 million calls received and processed since its inception and an annual call volume over 1.1 million, JULIE, Inc. is one of the largest industry one-call systems in the United States. For the latest enforcement program information and safety recommendations provided by the ICC, visit [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com)

and click on the link to the ICC's Web site. Questions about the enforcement process should be directed to the ICC at 217-558-4010.

## **JULIE On-Line**

Do you have a question about the state law? Not sure about a member code on a locate request ticket? The answers are just a few clicks away. The Web site address is [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).

### ***Benefits include:***

- ▶ **State Law and JULIE Policies**
- ▶ **ICC Enforcement Process Link**
- ▶ **Utility Company Contacts**
- ▶ **Free Safety Materials**
- ▶ **Member List**
- ▶ **Upcoming Meetings and Events**
- ▶ **JULIE Board & Staff Directory**
- ▶ **Frequently Asked Questions**

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