



JANUARY 2022

A RECORD YEAR FOR REQUESTS

We are pleased to announce that our not-for-profit organization received and processed a record 1.67 million underground utility locate requests from professional excavators and homeowners in 2021. Our Joliet-based, notification system distributed more than 9.7 million requests. Compared to the previous year, these totals represent increases of 2.48% and 2.68%, respectively.

Membership grew to 1,978. JULIE personnel do not perform locating or marking services. It is the responsibility of our members. For a list of our 2022 Holidays, [click here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) Webinars

♦January 19 - 1:30P

♦February 2 - 9A

[Register and learn more.](#)

Contractor Safety Meetings - No Cost

January 10 through March 3

[Click here to register.](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SAFETY MEETINGS

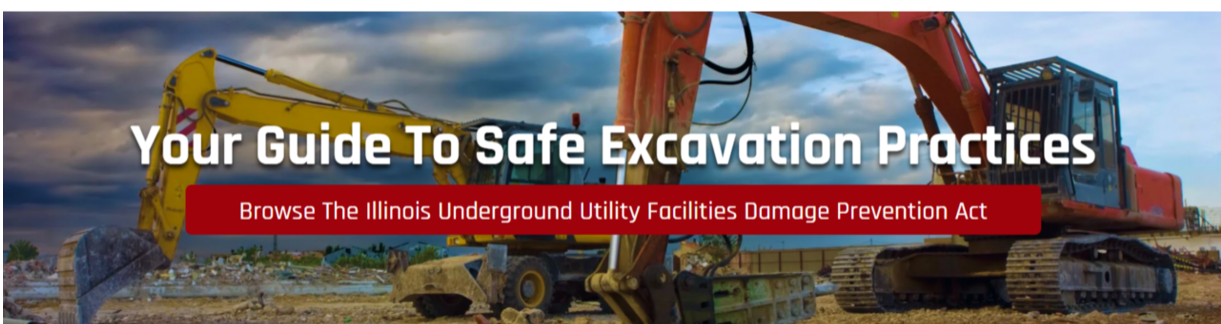
We are working with Illinois pipeline and local distribution operators and Paradigm to host 29 excavator damage prevention meetings in January, February and March. Our [Damage Prevention Managers](#) will cover several topics including the one-call process, best practices and the latest news from the [Illinois Commerce Commission's enforcement program](#). Attendance may be limited at some venues. At this time, Paradigm plans to proceed with in-person meetings. They will continue to monitor the COVID situation and will be prepared to transition to a completely virtual platform if needed. [Registration is required](#).

"These trainings focus on the importance of damage prevention efforts and offer recommendations for safe digging practices," said Kevin Chmura, JULIE Director of Public Relations.

[Click here to register and learn more about these meetings](#). Our Damage Prevention Managers are available for safety presentations and to mediate discussions to help you avoid potential injuries and costly delays. [Learn more about our Damage Prevention Managers](#).

NEW MOBILE RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE

One of our marketing initiatives for the Public Relations Department was to update the Excavator Handbook, often referred to as the "JULIE Bible" for those out in the field. We recently unveiled a web-based and mobile [Excavation Safety Resource](#). This resource has many benefits including updates can be made at any time, no costs for printing, storage or distribution, a Spanish language version, 24/7 availability, searchable content and environmentally friendly. The resource will include a downloadable format in the upcoming weeks.



We encourage you to review and bookmark the new resource on our redesigned website, www.JULIEbeforeyoudig.com. For the latest news, follow us on social media @JULIE1call.

ENTER YOUR ONLINE REQUEST ANYTIME

More than 67% of locate requests were entered directly into our system by excavators last year. With another busy dig season around the corner, we encourage contractors to explore our self-service, online programs, including [Remote Ticket Entry \(RTE\)](#), [Remark-Extend-View \(REV\)](#) and [E-Request](#).

The winter months are an excellent time to learn about these 24/7 options which allow you to enter your requests when it is convenient for you with no wait times during peak months. We encourage you to [register for an upcoming, no-cost RTE webinar](#) or to contact our [RTE Support Team](#) at 815-741-5011.



JULIE ANNOUNCES ADVOCACY AWARD

In recognition of Gina Meehan-Taylor's tireless and passionate work as a damage prevention advocate in Illinois, the JULIE Board of Directors has established a damage prevention advocacy award in her honor. This award was created to recognize Gina's efforts to protect underground utilities, the people who work around them and the entire state of Illinois. The award will be presented at the JULIE Annual Meeting in July. [Read more on award criteria and the nomination process](#).



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