October 5, 2017

MISS DIG 811 GSS Committee

Minutes

* In Attendance was Bruce Campbell, Lisa Douglas, Bill Fisher, Dave Mauerman, Catherine Stafford, Bob Madison, Rhonda Smith.
* Bruce talked with Tim Davidek from Gennessee GCDCWWS about trying to meet with Dave when he is in town. Dave and Bruce will meet with Jeff Dobies from Comcast. Comcast really wants to be part of GSS, so there will be a meeting in Lansing with their contractors on 10/18. If there is time Dave and Bruce may meet with Matt Belgowan from MDOT after the Comcast meeting. Bruce attended an NDP meeting last week and there appears to be more interest from one-call than in the past.
* Dave spoke more about there being more and more one-call interest in GSS.
* Confirmed that the next meeting will still be 10/17/17 from 1-3pm.
* Catherine will not be at 10/18 meeting in Lansing and Dave stated that it would ok since it should probably stay informal and does not need the entire committee to be present.
* The agenda for 10/17 meeting was discussed.
  + Rhonda will share her report on the GSS status of the committee members.
  + Road blocks that keep GSS from moving forward will be discussed.
  + There will be a discussion on whether to have open house and what it would entail. It was suggested that each committee member bring three people to the open house.
  + Update team on GSS metrics, and team’s 2020 goals and progress.
* Bruce stated that he is not getting emails about the GSS metrics, he would like that info. Dave and Bob will advise.
* It was asked if there were any cities or municipalities that should be adopted into GSS? Do we proceed to go after larger ones or go after the one’s who’ve expressed interest. Bruce mentioned Holland, Waterford, Gennessee county were previously likely. However, Holland had personnel changes and Waterford is unable to proceed.
* Lisa found out that contractors cannot be made to join GSS after contracts are already made. Once in place, the terms of the contracts may not be changed. Contractors can be encouraged to join stating that in the future all contracts will include GSS. Dave said organizations don’t need to be 100% compliant off the bat, there may be a few exceptions.
* Dave mentioned that Barton Malow got certified and they very are pleased that they did. Rhonda did a great job helping them along with the process.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2017 1:00PM – 3:00PM