

DEEDS



Deeds is a new feature that keeps you abreast of what the publishers of *Underground Focus* are doing in an effort to improve damage prevention. As a magazine that is dishing out an increasing amount of commentary, it's

fairly easy to find things to talk about. But, we don't want to be viewed as an organization that is all talk and no action. Another danger is that we could portray ourselves as movers and shakers in the damage prevention industry, but in reality actually accomplish nothing. Hemmingway once warned, "Do not confuse movement with action." We hope that the sum of our work will produce action, indeed.

So, what are we doing? Well, we have invited the ground penetrating radar (GPR) manufacturing industry to our home in Manteno, IL, so that we and they can have an opportunity to learn from one another. You see, we are pretty familiar with electromagnetic locating (EM) instruments, the ones used to respond to virtually every single one-call ticket in the U.S. But we don't know GPR. Our GPR friends tell us they want to learn more about EM. In May, we will host a summit with one another in order to begin the process of producing a united voice for the use of underground utility locating instruments.

Why is this summit important? Because GPR is not used for one-call locating, but it should be. One-call practices, policies and procedures have effectively shut the door on GPR. It is not an intentional banishment, but banishment nevertheless. The simple facts are:

- 1) EM is used and GPR isn't.
- 2) EM and GPR are the only two commercially available technologies for the detection of buried utilities.
- 3) The one-call industry is comfortable with 70-year old EM technology. It is not comfortable with newer GPR technology.

If GPR is ever going to find a place in one-call locating, the one-call industry must become comfortable with what GPR has to offer while GPR must learn to speak in an EM language. This is why we are conducting the summit. In our June issue, the results of that summit will be right here, in *Deeds*. Indeed! **UF**

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