

Data and Research Committee

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 2 p.m.

Chair: Lucas Schauffler

Voting Members: Melanie Lewis, Nate Rivera, KC Chumanchenko, Connor Toney Aaron Nakano, Andy Crocker

Non-voting Members: Josh Thomas

Guests: Scott Gallegos, Josh Planton, Bret Abernathy, Ryan Littlejohn, Christian Lopez, Justin Buchanan, Darrel Bobb, Bruce Crisman, Lyssa Patterson MUCC, Bruce Crisman

1. Announcements and Introductions

- a. Announcements and Guest sign-in
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024 by Andy and seconded by Nate. Josh P. to post the minutes to the website.
- c. Due to the time that had passed since the last committee meeting, Lucas recapped the committee's statement of purpose and primary objectives.

2. Old Business

- a. Josh T. reviewed why data is important to OUNC in its mission and summarized the sources of the data that OUNC uses. OCC, OPUC, OSHA, OUCC/UCC's, Common Ground Alliance, and Excavation Safety Alliance all provide data to OUNC.
- b. In 2024 OUNC worked with CGA on a fact-finding mission with several other state one call centers. A report on the takeaways on issues was shared with the group and Josh T. reviewed the key takeaways from the report for everyone on the call.
- c. Lucas stated that finding the gaps in data that OUNC utilizes when making decision could be very impactful to solving issues. He went on to note an example in Nevada where they used new data to combat issues at the source which were having impacts later in the process using complaint reporting data.

3. New Business

- a. The group discussed the role they saw for this committee going forward, and how open communication on sharing data can have significant impact to OUNC being able to fulfill its responsibilities.
- b. Andy summarized for the group the concept proposal for clarifying the definition of "Emergency Locates" and instituting some sort of accountability mechanism for individuals who abuse it.

- c. Scott reviewed the procedure that call center staff follow when an emergency request comes in. All emergency locates must be called in, and a script is followed asking them to confirm they meet the definition of an emergency ticket. Scott would later confirm that 4% of all tickets last year were emergency locates.
 - d. The group talked about creating a positive response code to identify tickets which are requested as emergency locates but turn out to not be. Scott suggested also changing the definition to state that a crew is onsite or in transit to the location. Josh T. commented that asking the caller which criteria under the definition their requests fall under could be helpful.
 - e. Nate asked Scott to provide a breakdown of contractors who have more than 20%, 40%, and 50% of their locates defined as emergency locates in 2024 and 2025.
 - f. KC asked for a comparison of Washington figures in the same timeframe to see if their recent rule changes made any impact on the issue.
 - g. Josh T. Summarized the ITIC “type of work” filed and alignment with DIRT report terminology/categories concept proposal.
 - h. The group discussed the proposal, identifying issues with not providing more flexibility for excavators when selecting the type of work. Josh will work offline with Amber, Kevin, and KC on a final list for the group to review.
4. For the Good of the Order
 - a. Aaron asked Josh to investigate any cost barrier for submitting information for the DIRT reports. Josh did not think there was but will double check.
 5. Next Meeting – sometime after the March 19th OUNC Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Andy and seconded by Aaron at 3:23 p.m.

Action Items:

- Scott to pull breakdown of contractors who have 20-40-50% of their tickets under Emergency Contacts.
- Scott to pull comparison report of Washington State’s Emergency Locates pre- and post – their rule changes.
- Josh T. to work with Kevin, Amber, and KC on a final list of “Types of Work” for the committee’s review.
- Josh T. to investigate costs of DIRT report submissions for members.