

Annual Awards

Description and Criteria

In 2001 the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety (“Division”) established an awards program to recognize individuals, companies or stakeholder groups who have demonstrated significant dedication to the damage prevention program in Virginia.

The Division presents 4 different awards annually during the Damage Prevention Conference held each year. These awards are as follows:

Commission’s Damage Prevention Leadership Award

This award is presented to an individual, company or stakeholder group that has made significant contributions to Virginia’s Damage Prevention Program. These contributions must be measurable to show how the nominee’s actions have helped enhance damage prevention in Virginia. The information provided for nominees for this award is presented to the Commission’s Damage Prevention Advisory Committee for a vote. The Committee’s recommendation is then presented to the Commission for approval.

Recipient must have demonstrated a significant impact on damage prevention in Virginia through:

- A personal leadership role in their organization’s damage prevention program;
- Being a champion for promoting damage prevention in Virginia;
- Playing a significant leadership role in program/policy/others that has made a positive impact on damage prevention in Virginia
- Dedication to specific goals of the program; and
- Assisting others to improve their damage prevention program.

David A. Ward Damage Prevention Partnership Award

This award is presented in honor of Mr. David A. Ward of Ward and Stancil Construction Company, Richmond, Virginia, who served with tireless dedication and commitment in all facets of his service to the citizens of Virginia. He led by example and showed fairness in support of the Damage Prevention Program for more than 10 years. He truly partnered with anyone to help enhance Virginia's program. The information provided for nominees for this award is presented to the Commission's Damage Prevention Advisory Committee for a vote.

Recipient must:

- Has been a true partner with other stakeholders to help improve the damage prevention program in Virginia.
- Has gone above and beyond the normal duties to enhance their company's damage prevention program;
- Has demonstrated tireless dedication and commitment to Virginia's damage prevention program;
- Has led by example and showed fairness in supporting the goals of the damage prevention program;

Damage Prevention Education Award

This award is presented to an organization that makes a significant contribution to the state's damage prevention Education and Outreach Program. The contribution may include a comprehensive marketing/advertising plan that enables the organization to continually remind the public and excavators to Dig with C.A.R.E. based on the approved educational materials.

CARE E. Cardinal School Education Award

In 2007, the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety began a K-3rd grade school education program to teach young Virginian's about Digging with C.A.R.E. and calling 811 before digging. This award is presented to an individual or school that has provided measurable assistance in helping spread the C.A.R.E. message to school children.