



## Committees

### Regional Partner - Common Ground Alliance

The primary responsibility of the Regional Partners Committee is to promote damage prevention through strong support of the CGA and the use of the Best Practices, the DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) program, and 811 in the USA.

The Committee will provide feedback to the CGA on all initiatives, programs, findings, and data collection of non-proprietary information. The Committee shall provide integral support for the CGA to reduce damages and promote public safety. The Committee shall encourage and assist all stakeholder groups in the formation of additional Regional Partners.

There are now 49 in the USA (with 1 more pending) and 5 in Canada - Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec & Saskatchewan (with 1 more pending in Manitoba).

The web site for the Common Ground Alliance is:  
[www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com)

### Training Standards Committee (TSC)

The Training Standards Committee is an open membership committee founded in 1998 to develop a standard for ground disturbance training. The TSC is a committee of the Alberta Damage Prevention Council.

The mission of the TSC is to establish and maintain ground disturbance training standards and promote their use in the interest of enhancing worker and public safety, protection of the environment and preservation of the buried infrastructure that is essential to today's society.

The goals of the TSC are to:

- 1) Solicit and maintain an active and broadly based volunteer membership that represents the multiple sectors of the digging community, the various types of buried facility owners, regulatory agencies and training establishments.
- 2) Facilitate the development, approval and promotion of appropriate ground disturbance training standards that are recognized and accepted by all stakeholders.
- 3) Maintain the currency of ground disturbance training standards to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, compatibility with industry standards and accommodation of emerging technologies.
- 4) Maintain, promote and share the ground disturbance training program accreditation process.
- 5) Advocate the use of best practices for ground disturbance.

The TSC is responsible for the content of the Level 101 and Level 201 ground disturbance training programs and the granting of Level 101 and Level 201 equivalencies to applicants through a formal equivalency assessment process. The trade marks are held on behalf of the TSC.