

# Pipeline

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## “One-Call” is all it takes

**P**WD recently joined the Pennsylvania One Call System (POCS) to protect City employees, the public, the environment, and critical utility services from underground construction accidents.

POCS is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation that serves as an information source for excavators, contractors, builders, designers, engineers and private citizens who intend to dig, drill, or blast at a specific site and need the location of underground utility lines and pipes. With just “one call” to POCS, underground utility lines can be marked or blue prints obtained before construction starts.

As a member of POCS, and in compliance with PA Law Act 38, the Water Department is required to respond to requests within three working days. Pasquale Morelli and Carole Papa, members of our One Call Unit, respond to an average of 120 requests a day.

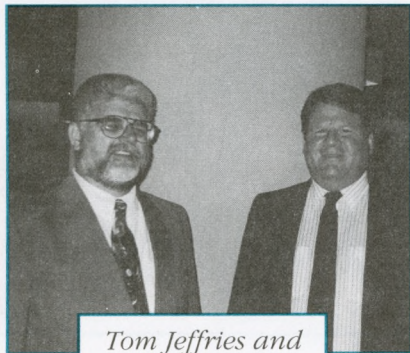
Water Department Survey crews, under the supervision of John Kline, locate and mark our underground pipelines at excavation sites.



Standing (from left to right): Carole Papa, Pat Morelli, Bob Bogan, Tom Jeffries. Seated (from left to right): John Kline, Len Azzacano, Rick Allen.

The Water Department’s membership in POCS produces a higher level of public safety, reduces underground utility damage and service interruption, and decreases the amount of construction site injuries in underground excavations.

## SAFETY FIRST



Tom Jeffries and Ben Aptaker

**I**n the 1990s, safety is the first priority for businesses and industries around the world. The American Red Cross honored the Water Department with the **Help Can’t Wait Award** for “exceeding the standards of safety excellence in the workplace.”

In the water and sewer utility industry, there is a great need for crew members to be instructed in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and general first aid, in case of an emergency. In recognition of this need, Water Department employees may receive CPR and First Aid training from the American Red Cross.

Last year, the Water Department exceeded the Red Cross attendance standard for employee training by almost 50 percent.

## Drinking Water Week: A Perfect Opportunity to Meet Our Customers Face to Face

**I**n keeping with its annual tradition, the Philadelphia Water Department celebrated Drinking Water Week in grand style with an Open House on Saturday, May 4. Water Commissioner Kumar Kishinchand welcomed more than 350 guests at the Department’s Bureau of Laboratory Services which was officially dedicated during the Open House. Deputy Managing Director Frances Egan presented the Commissioner and Geoffrey L. Brock, director of the laboratory, with a Proclamation announcing Drinking Water Week in the City of Philadelphia.

Lab resident Marsha Rosenstein exclaimed, “Fabulous. Extremely informative. Wonderful job,” about the tours the Laboratory employees conducted. Jean Knowski, Al Maslanka and Josephine Groch, guests at the event, were heard commenting, “Beautiful. We had fun. Atmosphere is great.” No doubt, they were talking about the Amazing Jameel and the bewitching Alexa, (a.k.a. Laboratory employees Jameel Rahman and Alexa Obolensky). The enchanting twosome conjured up a magic show using the chemical properties of water to show kids how much fun chemistry can be.

In addition to tours of the Lab, more than twenty other Water Department units set up their vehicles and demonstrated equipment for customers to see how the Department detects leaks, repairs fire hydrants, examines sewers with T.V. cameras, and monitors industrial wastes.

## A DECADE OF BETTER WATER SERVICE



Pictured are attendants at a recent meeting (standing, l to r): Joe Hinton, Emergency and Support Services; Mike Battle, Materials Management; Joe Farrell, Belmont Water Treatment Plant; (seated l to r) Andy Why, Design; George Kunkel, Load Control; Chris Toobey, Distribution; Bob Wellons, Materials Management.

**T**he Water Conveyance Transmission System Projects team recently celebrated its 10th year anniversary. The monthly meetings of the team started with the goal of coordinating the duties of the various units involved in maintenance and capital improvements of our water transmission system infrastructure.

The team’s first meeting ten years ago included representatives from Load Control, Emergency and Support Services, and Water Distribution. Over time, the meetings expanded to include representatives from our Design Branch and Materials Management, and other contributing units on a project basis.

# 1996 Open House



Very nice. More than I expected.  
*Jim McGee*



Really nice. The employees explained everything so well.  
*Mrs. Marinelli and Judy Baity*



Wonderful. Good Crowd.  
*Mary Wisoczanski*



This is my first time here. Interesting. Very informative.  
*Joan Browna*



Really nice. I didn't expect it to be this nice.  
*Lorraine Kurimchak*

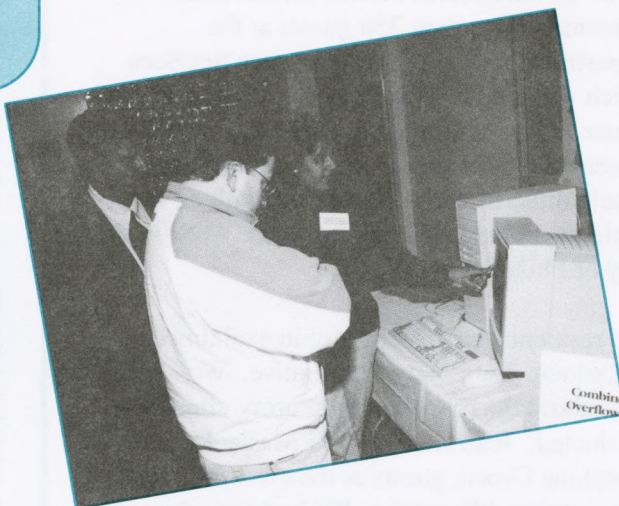


Beautiful. Very entertaining. Should offer more.  
*Mildred Robinson  
Willie Mae Slaughter*

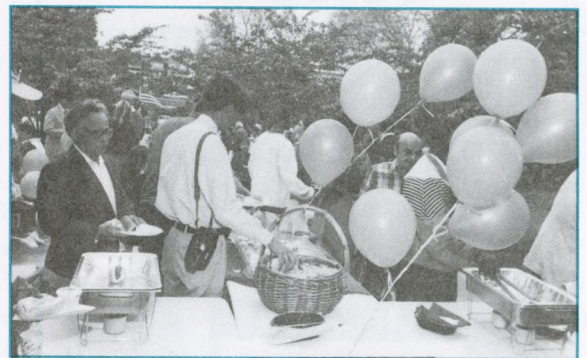


Very interesting. I learned a lot.  
*Jeanne Dingas*

Nice, very informative.  
*Barbara Patton.*



I've lived in this neighborhood for 40 years. A lot of changes. This is very nice.  
*Della Baker*



Captain Sewer is the best!  
*Barbara Patton's two sons, Cedrick and Terrance.*



Water is Life.  
*Captain Sewer*

