

# Sudbury Annual Contractors Meeting



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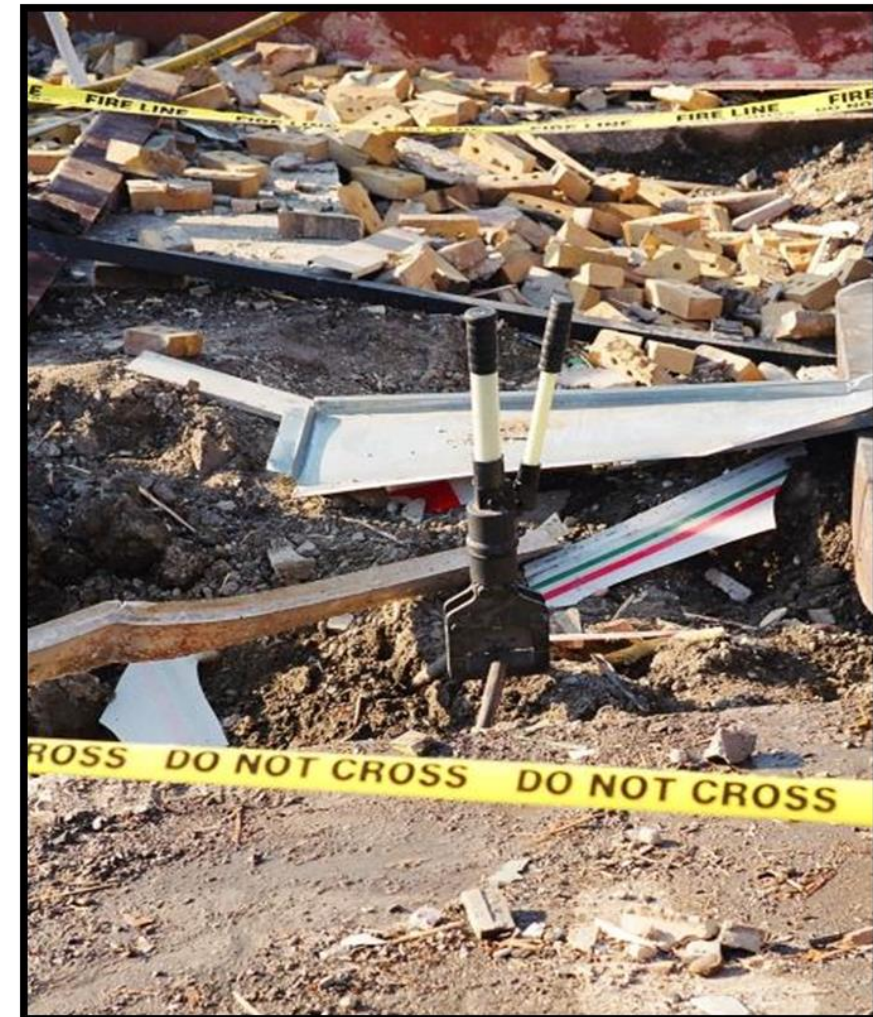
## ORCGA Damage Prevention

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# Damage Prevention

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## April 24, 2003 - Bloor Street W.









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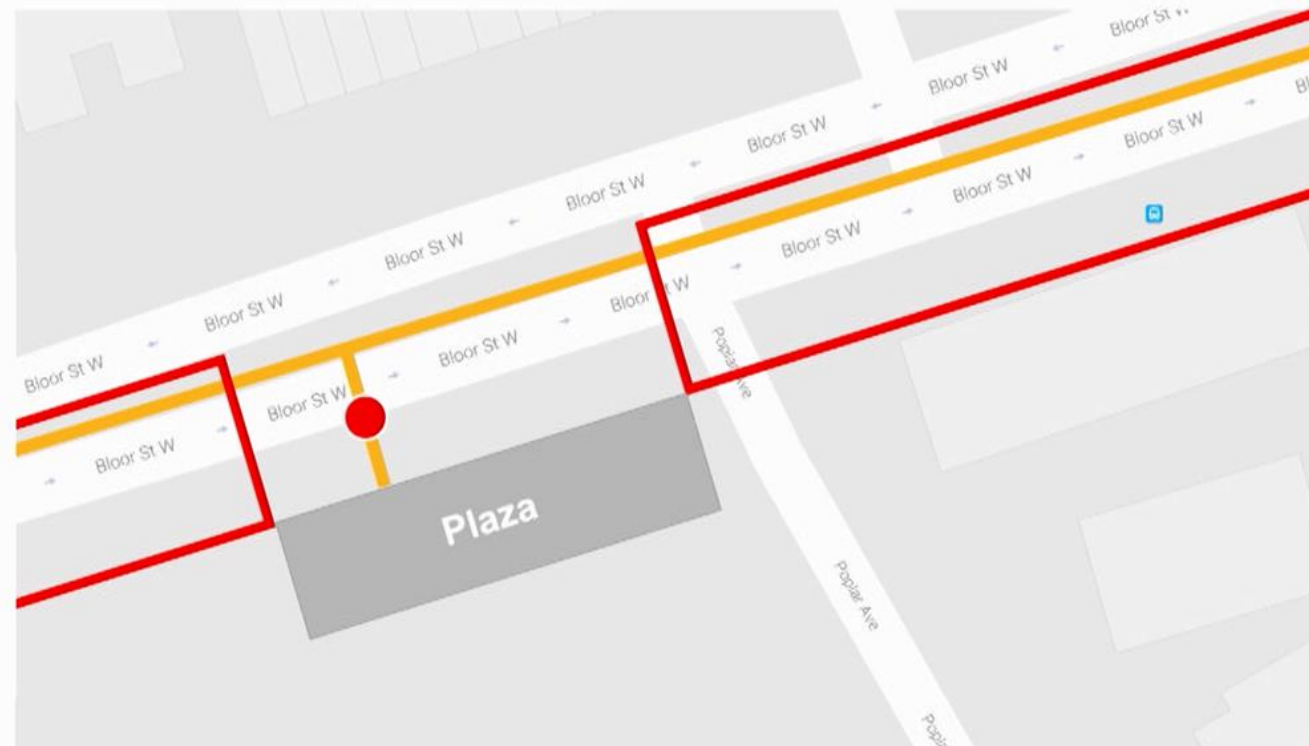
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## April 24, 2003 - Bloor Street W.

**Safety is our #1 Priority**  
**Locates Provided for Excavator**



-  Locates provided
-  Gas Line
-  Line Strike Location
-  Plaza



# ORCGA Overview

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The ORCGA is a non-profit association that began as a regional chapter of the Common Ground Alliance, based in Virginia, in 2003.



The ORCGA was incorporated in 2003.

We are now in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation.



# ORCGA Overview

## Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA)

**Member driven organization dedicated to ensuring public safety and the integrity of underground infrastructure through:**

- **Awareness**
- **Advocacy**
- **Education & Training**

**Promoting effective damage prevention and safe digging practices**



# DIRT Report

What is DIRT??



# DIRT

Damage Information  
Reporting Tool

# DIRT Report

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## 2019 Notifications

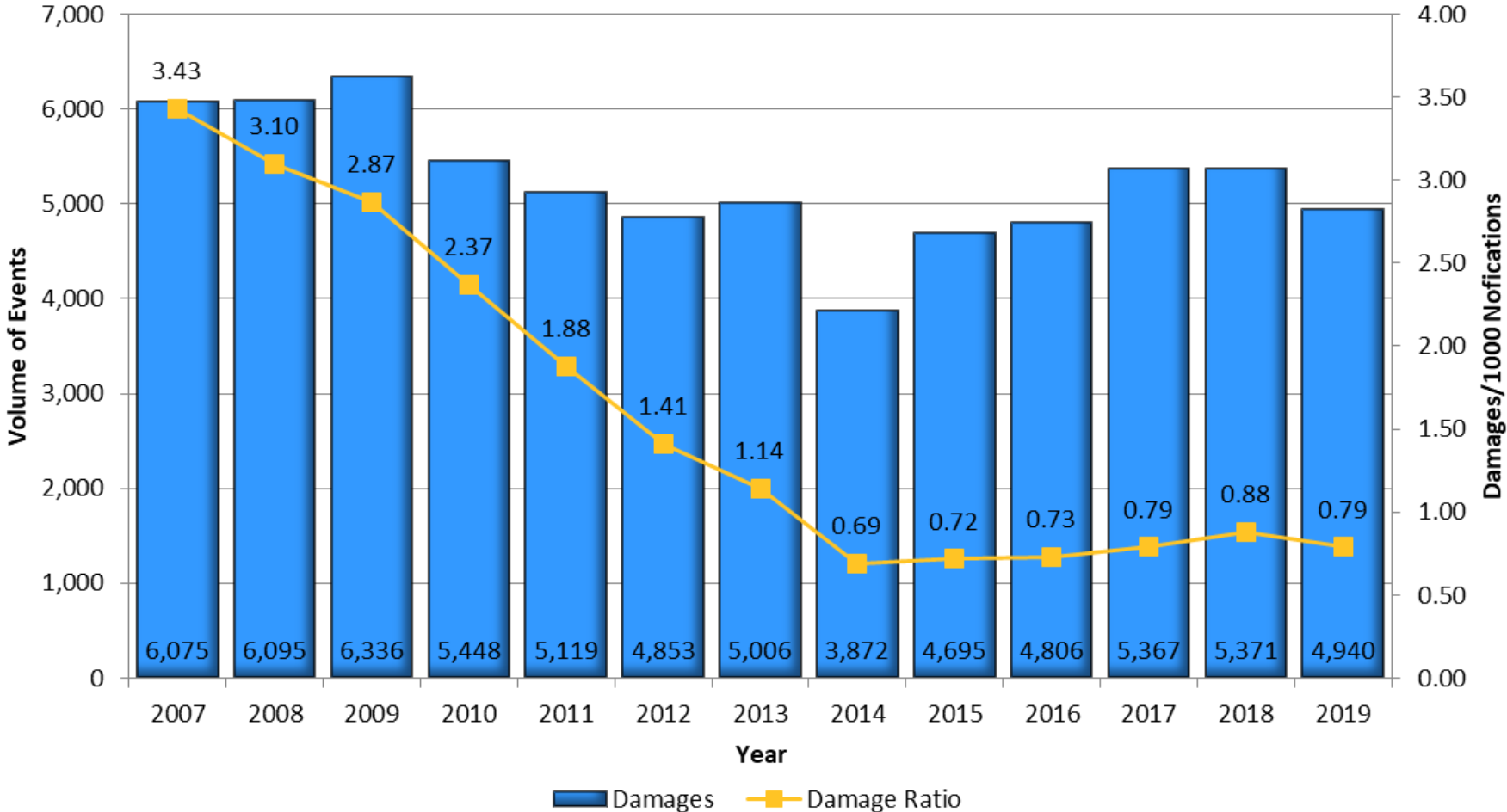
| Geographical Area | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Central           | 260,003   | 232,900   | 238,444   |
| Chatham-Essex     | 295,231   | 279,196   | 294,729   |
| East              | 620,086   | 628,130   | 655,543   |
| Grey-Bruce        | 73,940    | 64,692    | 68,326    |
| GTA-East          | 432,933   | 409,834   | 466,214   |
| Hamilton-Niagara  | 1,025,378 | 886,727   | 924,656   |
| London-St. Thomas | 260,871   | 236,992   | 255,974   |
| North             | 228,432   | 207,652   | 218,310   |
| Northwest         | 74,359    | 68,907    | 71,846    |
| Sarnia            | 98,112    | 83,041    | 84,192    |
| Southeast         | 129,913   | 130,370   | 135,031   |
| Toronto           | 2,705,414 | 2,356,341 | 2,266,423 |
| West              | 573,568   | 516,517   | 547,539   |
| Grand Total       | 6,778,240 | 6,101,299 | 6,227,227 |





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## 2019 Damages/1000 Notifications

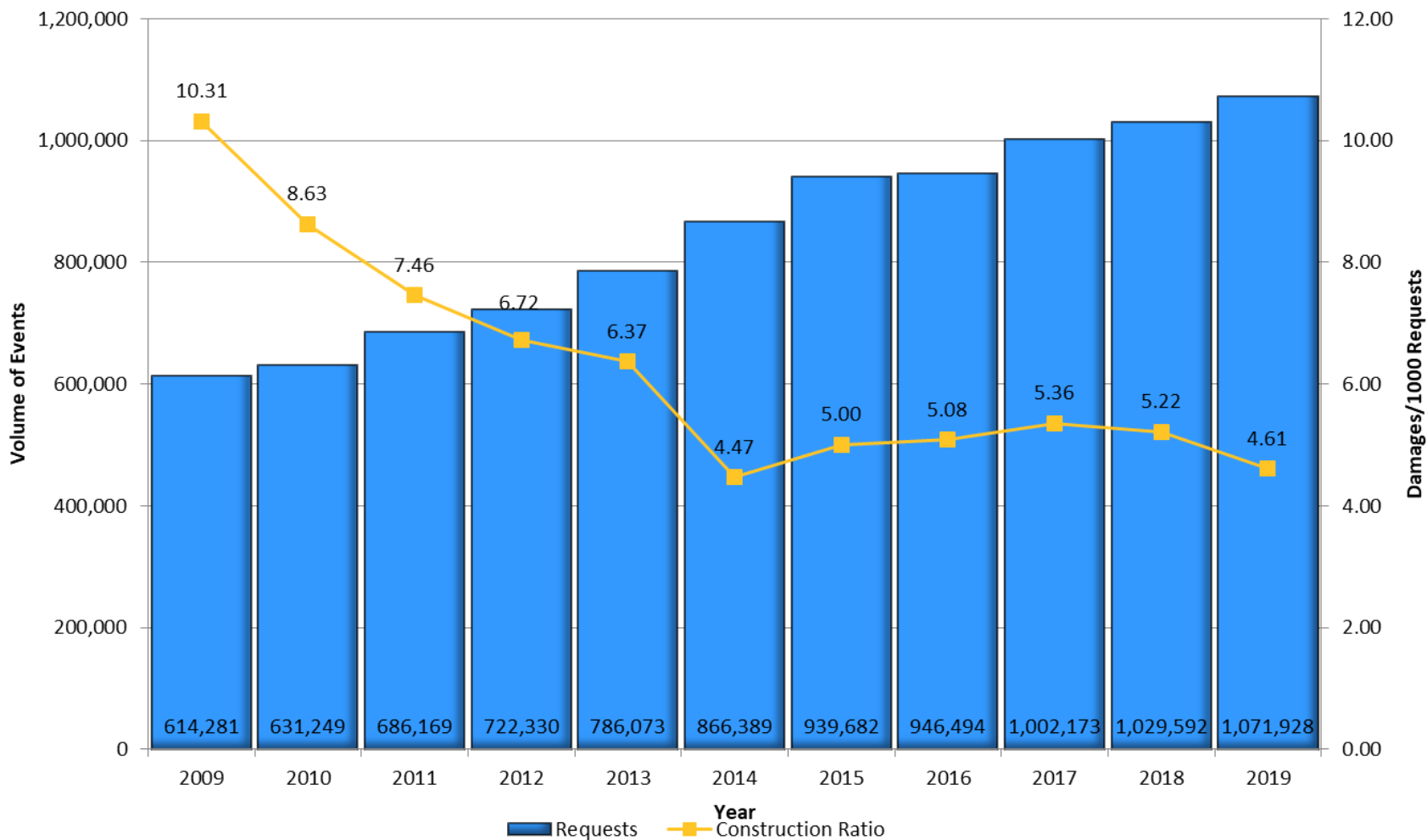






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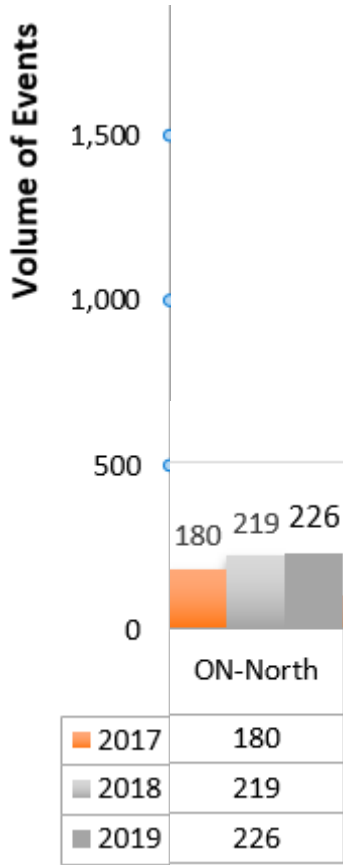
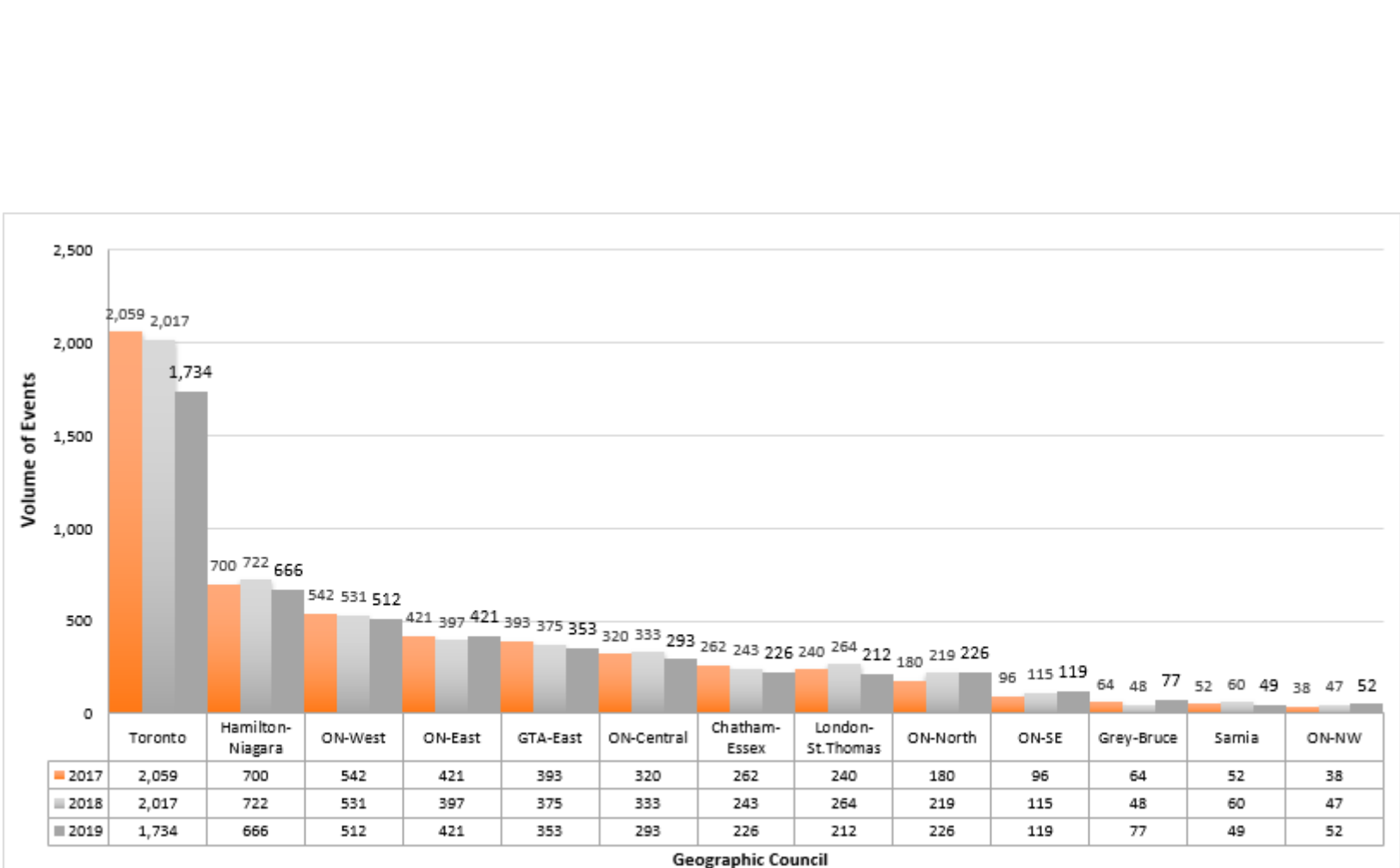
## 2019 Damages/1000 Requests





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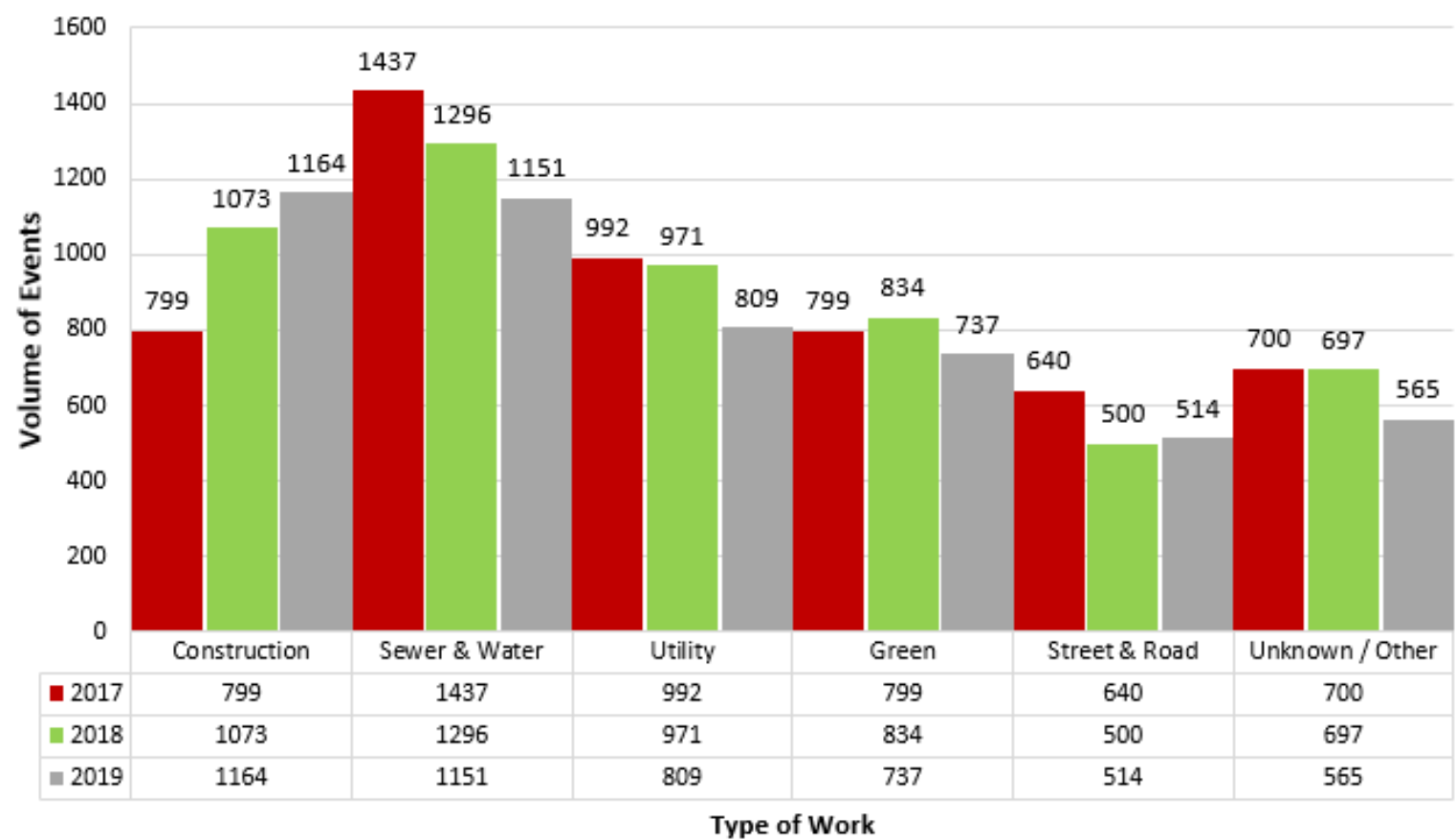
## Damages by Geographic Area





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## Damages by Type of Work Performed

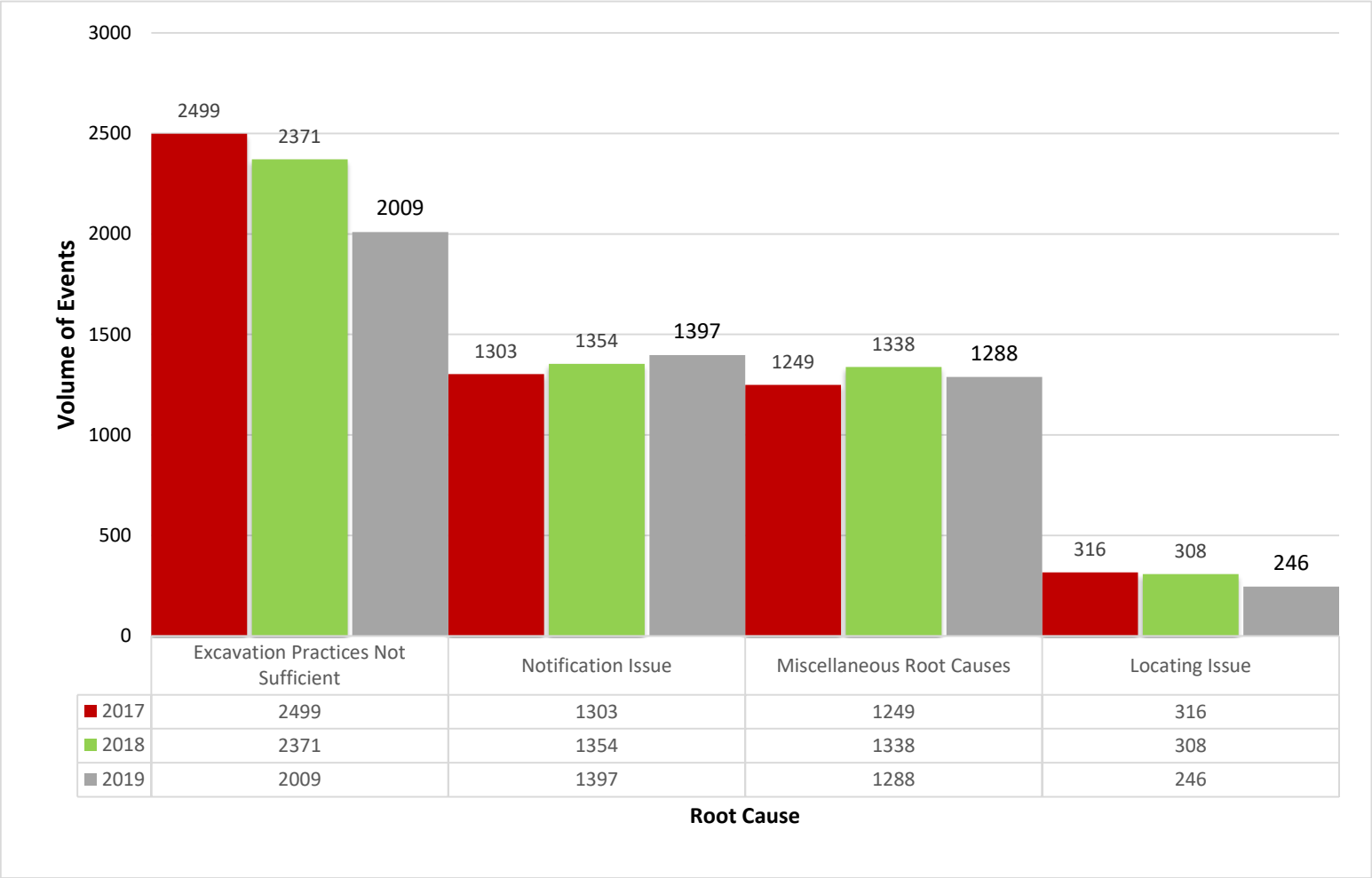






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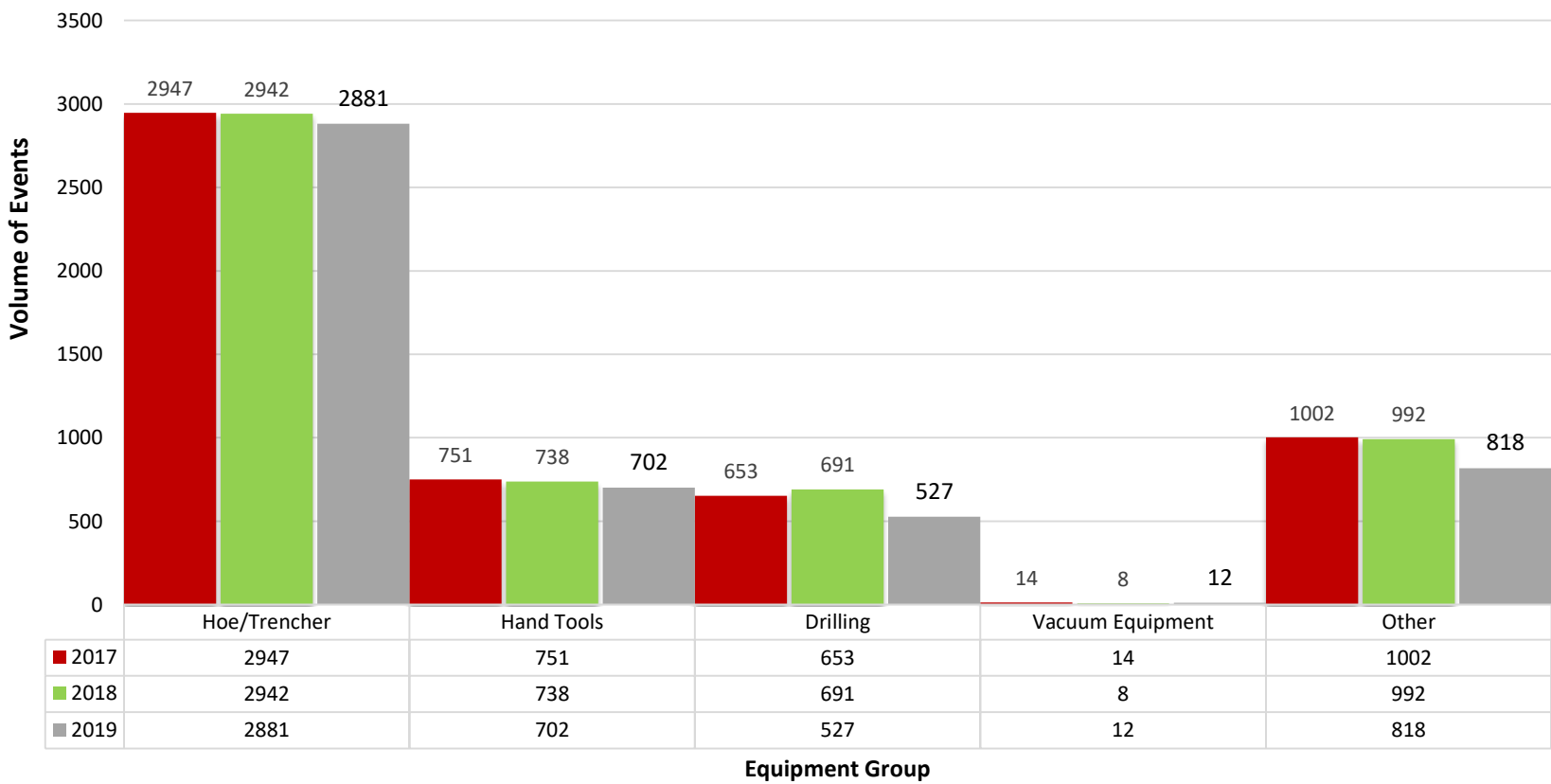
## Root Causes of Damages





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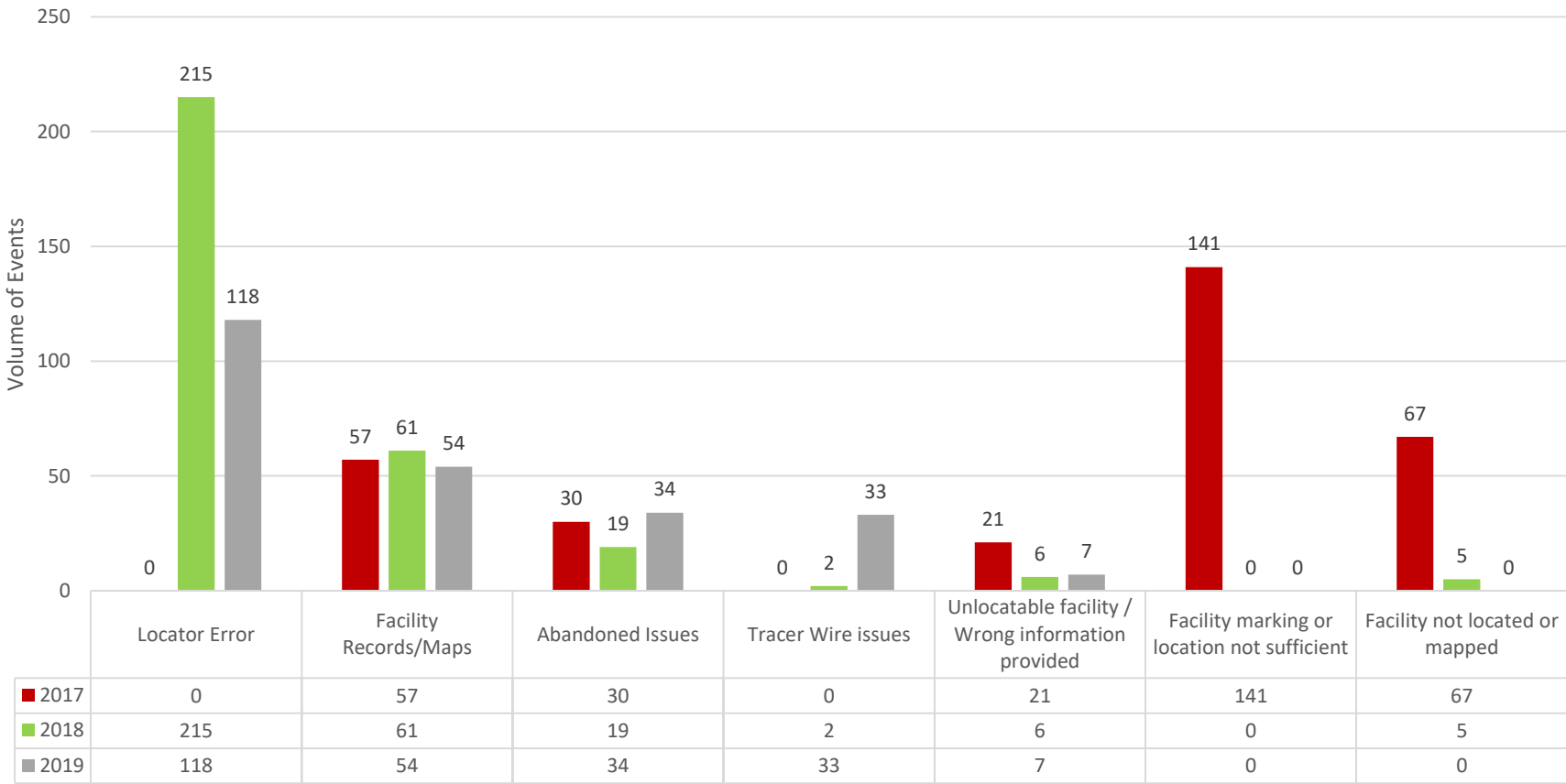
## Excavation Issue





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## Locating Issue



Locating Issue - Sub Catagories

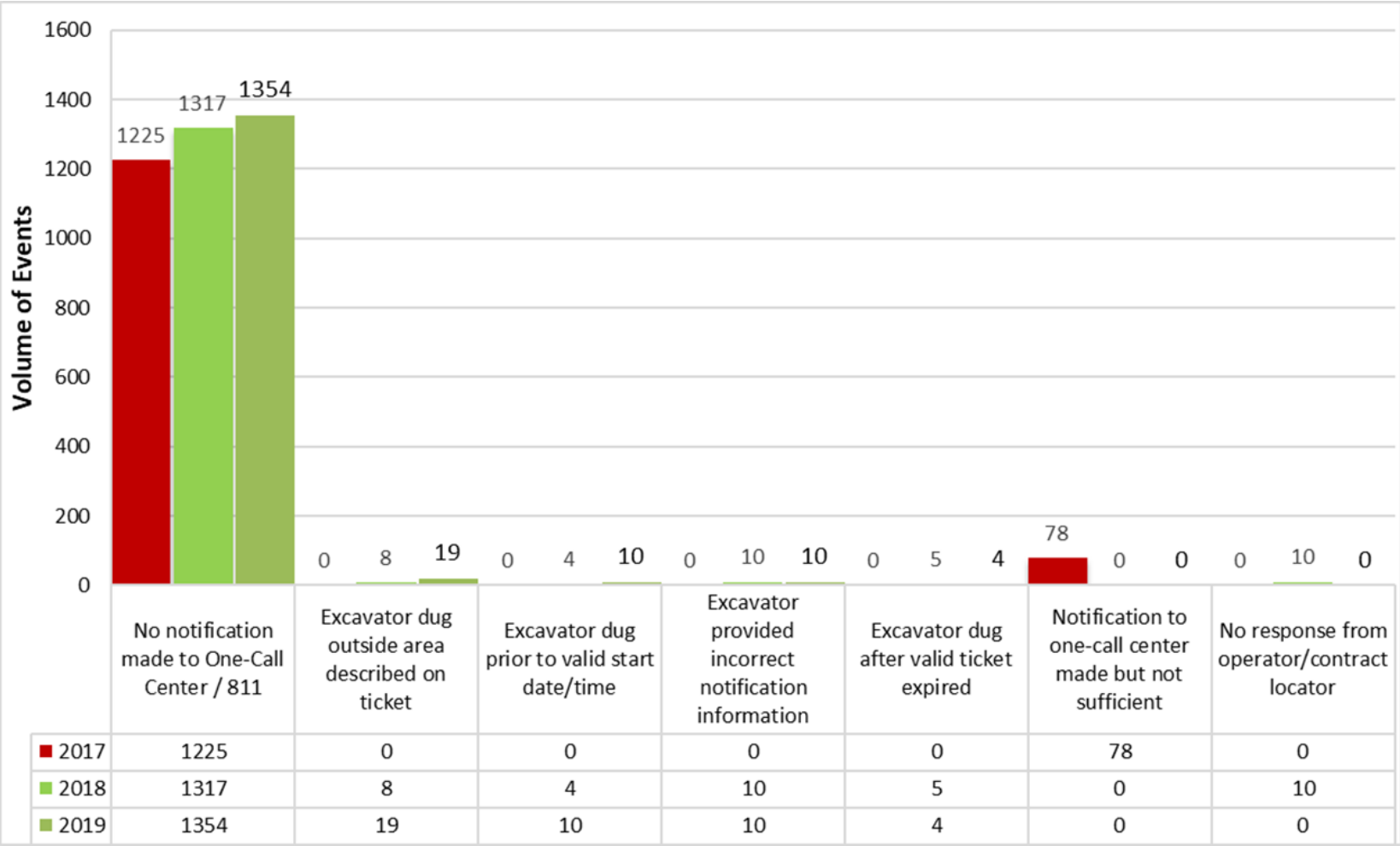
2017 2018 2019





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## Notification Issue

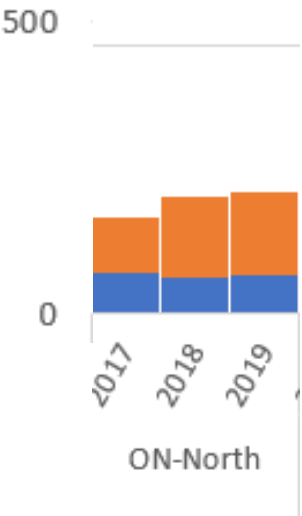
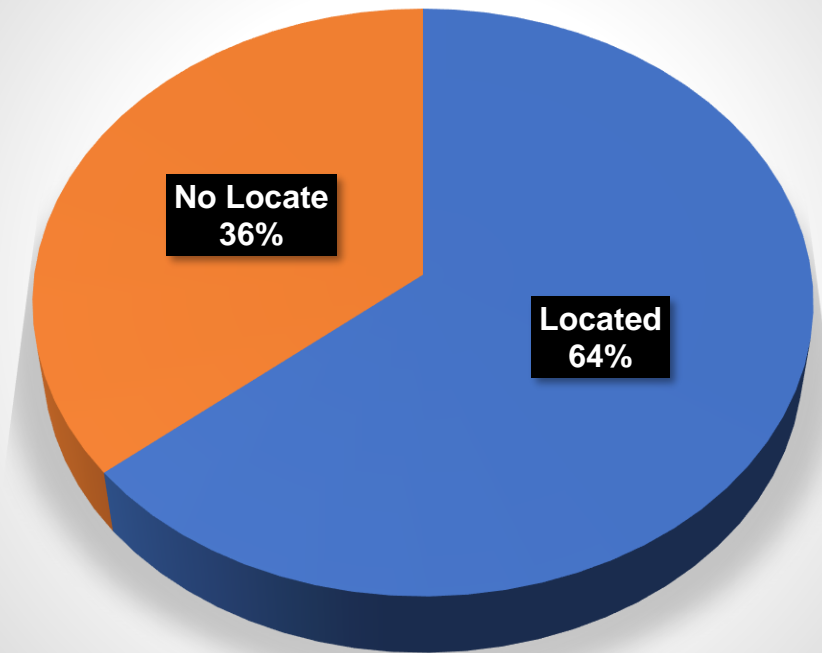




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## 2019 Located vs Not Located

Located vs Not Located Damages



|          |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|
| ON-North | 33% | 67% |
| 2017     | 42% | 58% |
| 2018     | 30% | 70% |
| 2019     | 31% | 69% |

# Late Locates



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## ORCGA Geographic Councils – Fall 2019

### Excavators

- Excavators are bearing the brunt of the Late Locate issue.
- Across the province, excavators stated multiple times that Late Locates have resulted in liquidated damages levied against them.
- Excavators who don't follow the law and dig without locates will get fined. But when locates are late, in contravention to OUNIS, no fine is ever levied.
- Excavators submit large areas to be marked in hopes of getting “some” locates done – a shotgun approach.



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### Utility Infrastructure Owners

- Excavators must juggle various utility expiry dates which drains resources and adds to confusion.
- Fibre to Home has severely impacted some cities across the province.
- Utilities need to tap into private locator pools in times of heavy work overflows.



# Late Locates

## ORCGA Geographic Councils – Fall 2019

### Locators

- There is a very limited pool of qualified and experienced locators in the province.
- The industry sees high turn-over rates due to stressful work conditions and low compensation rates (in comparison to other trades).





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## ORCGA Geographic Councils – Fall 2019

### Ontario One Call

- Entering locates into the OOC portal, as well as deciphering the onerous locate paperwork, is very complex for excavators.
- No fines have been levied - which is broadly perceived as a conflict of interest – that OOC members are not fining their own, or, OOC members are hiding behind the process.



# Late Locates

## 2020 ORCGA Symposium – Ottawa





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## Areas for Improvement

- **Dedicated Locator**
- **Forecasting**
- **Pressure Points**
- **Data In - Data Out**
- **Compliance / Enforcement**



# Sudbury Dig Safe



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## April 2, 2020

- **Sudbury Dig Safe Flag Raising and Proclamation Event**
- **April 2, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m.**
- **Tom Davies Square – in the Courtyard; 200 Brady Street, Sudbury**



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