**Jaminet Engineering Smiles for OUPS Ribbon Cutting**

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On Thursday, April 12, 2018, [Jaminet Engineering](http://www.jaminetengineering.com/) joined the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new OUPS corporate headquarters. Established in 1972, OUPS has grown from a 6-person call center to an organization employing over 50 people who handle over 1.2 million digging notifications a year. The mission of the Ohio Utility Protection Service is to prevent damage to underground facilities and promote public safety by providing an efficient and effective communication and education process.

The facility, which covers a total of 18,034 square-feet, was designed by the late Raymond Jaminet, Sr. of Olsvasky Jaminet Architects, Inc. Raymond was honored and remembered during the ceremony.

“This project is very special to me,” says Phillip Jaminet, President of Jaminet Engineering, “as it is the last family collaboration project with my father and brother.”

Olsavsky Jaminet Architects and Jaminet Engineering teamed together to create a sleek new office, which includes a spacious conference room, an open data and call center, numerous offices, and a fully equipped fitness area.

“The OUPS office building and operations center is the central hub for all protection service calls in the state of Ohio and houses redundant equipment for neighboring states,” says Phillip Jaminet.  “We are very proud of the network infrastructure that we designed.”

In addition to constructing a new building for the agency, Ohio Utilities Protection Service also launched a marketing campaign to promote themselves doing business as Ohio 811. Roger Lipscomb, Executive Director of OUPS, discussed the importance of residents and contractors calling 811 before they start digging. This allows the agency to alert utility companies, who can then determine the location of underground gas, power or water lines that are buried at the site. “With all of the marketing strategies and advertising around that,” says Lipscomb, “it made sense to incorporate the 811 message into what we do.”

Those who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony were given the opportunity to tour the facility.

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