



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman
Dora Parks, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for September 24, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Gabriella Tancona (MGH)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Mark Hamrick called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 27, 2019 were approved as written. The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No October meeting due to Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference in Ocean City, Oct. 22-25. If you're interested in attending or sponsoring the conference, please visit www.missutilityconference.com for additional information.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Mike Kacher (KCI) stated that Verizon is auto-clearing tickets despite clear evidence of their facilities on-site. KCI's crews are then showing up on job sites where nothing is marked, even though they believe utilities to be there. It was recommended that KCI place a discrepancy on the ticket (via Miss Utility) and also call the 800-number provided by Verizon on their ticket response. Additional comments on this issue were shared.

Lisa Hurley (SMECO) shared that similar to Verizon, Comcast is clearing tickets despite possible clear evidence, and that it seemed that Comcast's utility maps were out of date. Emily Lolli (Comcast) stated that she is in the process of resolving this issue via mapping updates.

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) shared that they recently received bills from UtiliQuest for damages that took place years ago and that they were not involved in. Dominic Pope (Gaines & Company) shared that he received similar bills and suggested Ferguson Trenching call the 800 number on the bill. It was determined that Verizon's billing processor was the originator of the charges. Erik Phillips (UtiliQuest)

offered his contact information to further discuss the issue. Mark Hamrick (Verizon) offered his assistance as well. Additional comments on this issue were shared.

Jim Barron (MUFDPA) shared a situation where a contractor wouldn't change the ticket from clear/no conflict to marked, despite Jim filing a discrepancy and the site being marked. Mark Hamrick (Verizon) advised that due to the clear evidence requirement of the law, the ticket should be reopened and changed to marked.

Lisa Hurley (SMECO) shared that she ran into an issue with a ticket only including, "locate to the property line." Due to not knowing the exact property line of every jobsite, she recommends that anyone putting in a ticket always include as much detail as possible.

David Ball (Howard Co DPW) asked about response time requirement for emergency tickets. Mark Hamrick (Verizon) responded that there is currently no time requirement for emergency tickets to be addressed. Jim Barron (MUFDPA) added on that they tried to get a law passed that would require 3-hour response time but were unsuccessful.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Vince Healy, of Construction Angels shared information about his position as National Development Director and background information about how the 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation provides immediate financial assistance and grief counseling to the children and spouse left behind when a construction worker has a fatality on the job site. After giving background information, Vince discussed how the organization is expanding their reach by providing scholarships to the children of the departed construction workers and their goal to be in all 50 states within the next 5 years. At the end of the presentation, he encouraged meeting attendees to help raise money for Construction Angels by hosting a fundraiser, including but not limited to 5Ks and golf tournaments. The Maryland chapter will be partnering with the Delaware chapter at the GCDPTC to raise funds during the conference's cornhole tournament and 50/50 raffle.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

- The Authority last met on September 4.
- The Authority partnered with Miss Utility to exhibit at the Maryland Realtors Annual Conference at National Harbor, September 11th & 12th. This was a great opportunity to talk to realtors, especially with how many utilities have been hit while realtors are putting their signs into the ground and the upcoming election year.
- The Authority is a Gold sponsor at the 2019 GCDPTC and is participating in a session that will allow attendees the opportunity to take part in a mock hearing to get a feel for how the Authority processes actual violations.
- Jim reiterated that upon a violation, the Authority will send three letters before taking a Notice of Probable Violation to a formal hearing and will proceed with the hearing whether the party involved attends or not.
- The Authority was recently awarded a \$97,000 grant from PHMSA, which will be used to create an online training module that will live on their website. The modules will cover applicable MD laws but will not take the place of in-person trainings.

- The Authority is creating new materials specifically for board of election offices that will be given to candidates to educate them on the importance of calling Miss Utility before putting their campaign signs in the ground.

The next Maryland Authority meeting will take place on October 2nd at 9:00am at the Miss Utility Call Center. These meetings are open to the public and very informative, please plan to attend.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

On September 9th, Jim Barron and Susan Stroud met with Bruce Bereano to start the process of getting the proposed law re-write into legislative format. The Authority is currently working on getting legislative sponsors and is expecting push back from owners of shopping centers and business parks who don't believe they should be members of Miss Utility.

The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will be submitted to the Maryland Legislature during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, <https://mddpa.org>.

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Kelly Cahill, GCDPTC Planning Committee (MGH)

- GCDPTC is being held October 22-25, 2019 in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Hotel.
- Notable new sessions at this year's conference include:
 - The all-conference session which will focus on ITICnxt, the next generation of ITIC
 - Interactive trainings in the Clarion parking lot on gas and electric safety, featuring Chesapeake Utilities and Delmarva Power & Light's demonstration trailers
 - This year's stakeholder project showcase, which will focus on The Purple Line project and how the multi-year project is being managed and safely completed in the suburbs of Washington D.C.
 - Keynote speaker Gary Norland, will share his person story about being electrocuted by a 12,500-volt 200-amp overhead power line.
- The conference will again offer golf, cornhole, and cooking networking opportunities. New this year is an 811 Dig for Cash opportunity Friday morning!
- The cornhole tournament and 50/50 raffle will support the Maryland/D.C. and Delaware Chapters of Construction Angels.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, Chairman (WGL) and Dora Parks, Secretary (Miss Utility)

The next meeting is October 10, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover MD.

2019 LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

Kevin Woolbright (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair).

Dig Smart Award winners will be recognized at the GCDPTC on Friday morning

2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION and SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@misstutility.net

Upcoming Site Trainings

- Paradigm – October 1st through October 10th
- PSC of MD: Engineering Division – October 17th

2019 Open Damage Prevention and Safety Training (by advanced registration)

- November 7th at the Miss Utility Call Center – Presented in Spanish
- December 6th at the PEPCO/PHI facility in Upper Marlboro

ADVERTISING/PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH

Reported by Kelly Cahill, MGH

- Miss Utility/District One Call and Virginia 811 joined together with Washington Gas to sponsor Noche Latina with MLS team DC United on Sept. 4. The match pitted DC's home soccer team against Club Puebla from Mexico, and the international friendly reached an estimated audience of more than 10,000, with 70% being Spanish-speaking people. In addition to marketing booths both in the tailgate area and in-stadium by the main gate entrance staffed with bilingual 811 volunteers, Miss Utility, Virginia 811 and Washington Gas provided 811-branded cooling towels with the Spanish tagline and filled the stadium with this unique themed giveaway item.
- The Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference is taking place at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Md., Oct. 22-25. Spots are filling up fast so visit www.MissUtilityConference.com to register today!

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

- November 26th – TBD

Refreshments at 9am, meeting starts at 9:30am

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