



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

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Minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2017
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Emily Meier, MGH

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. followed by the customary introductions. Meeting attendees are provided on the last page of these minutes.

The minutes of May 23, 2017 were approved as written. Kevin Woolbright stated he will get clarification regarding WSSC and re-mark ticket response as discussed during the May meeting.

The meeting minutes will be posted at, <http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Kevin Woolbright recognized Cal Brooks (Howard County) for his contributions to the industry and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Woolbright passed around the list of 2017 recipients of the Miss Utility Scholarship, who were selected by the Miss Utility of Maryland and D.C. Scholarship Awards Program Committee. A recognition luncheon took place at the Miss Utility call center on June 20. Four of the eight winners attended the event, where they took pictures with a large \$1,008.11 scholarship check, toured the call center and met members of the scholarship committee. This year, nearly 250 students applied for the scholarship.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Wes Warren (Howard County) thanked Tamara Neal (Washington Gas) for giving his organization a presentation on Enhanced Positive Response.

Walter Randolph (Rustler Construction) thanked Jack Ellison (Washington Gas) for inviting his company to the Pipetown training facility at Washington Gas's Operations Center in Springfield, Va., and for sharing training techniques. Kevin Woolbright encouraged meeting attendees to arrange a visit to Pipetown, which includes a free 45-minute presentation with an overview of the properties of natural gas, and what to do/ what not to do when working near gas facilities. Trainings are held at Pipetown the fourth Friday of the month, and the next one is scheduled for July 28th. Those interested in attending can contact Jack Ellison or Tamara Neal.

Al Mawry (Maryland Transportation Authority) voiced concerns regarding clear/no conflict tickets where there is evidence of utilities on a job site. In this situation, he contacted the locator, but the issue could not be resolved. The situation occurred during a stream relocation where Level 3 facilities are underneath. Kevin Woolbright encouraged Al to reach out to Dora Parks (Miss Utility).

There was a discussion regarding high priority line markings. Sean Parran (PEPCO) explained this occurs where there are transmission lines, and folks should contact PEPCO when they come across this. Washington Gas requires people to contact them when working within 10 feet of transmission lines, and they will send a

technician to the site. BGE requires people to contact them when working within 10 feet of transmission lines as well, and they will send an inspector. For emergencies, BGE will have a USIC locator on standby to respond. BGE and USIC inspectors are qualified and trained to handle these situations. WSSC has inspectors available to respond to questions regarding high priority lines. For Verizon's high priority fiber optic main lines, locators will mark the lines accordingly. These services are provided free of charge from the utility owners, as they do this to protect contractors and prevent damages to critical infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS

There is an upcoming vacancy for the DPC locator's seat on the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority (the Authority), as the current representative (Tom Hastings, OCC Locating Services) is reaching a term limit. The nominees will be reviewed by the Subscribers Committee and Board of Directors, who will present a candidate to the governor for approval. Kevin Woolbright had applications available and encouraged the committee to attend an Authority meeting before applying to become familiar with its processes.

SAFETY PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION

Dangers of Overhead Lines, presented by Marc Haines, BGE Damage Prevention

Marc provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining safety when working near overhead lines.

- All wires, no matter what they look like, could carry as many as 7,620 volts; all overhead lines must be presumed high voltage until the utility owner states otherwise
- The High Voltage Line Act is a Maryland law, and the Division of Labor and Industry enforces it
- If you will be working within 10 feet of an overhead line, you must contact the utility owner first
- If you see a barrier on an overhead line, that is a sign there is a danger
- A line is energized until the utility owner states that it's not
- MOSH provides warning signs and stickers for utility owners to mark high voltage lines
- All excavators should always contact the utility owner if overhead lines need to be supported; no facilities should be touched by anyone other than the utility owner
- There is no charge for the services BGE and other utility owners provide for those working near these lines as utility owners want everyone to stay safe

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, WGL-Committee Chairman Vince Healy, Verizon-Vice Chairman Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts- Secretary

Last meeting was June 20, 2017. Next meeting is Thursday, October 12 at Columbia Gas of Maryland in Hagerstown, MD. Because Cal Brooks (Howard County) is retiring, the county government seat on the board will need to be filled. A mass email with a call for nominations will be sent to all counties.

The Subscriber Committee and Board of Directors are active participants with the Authority regarding Title 12 Law modifications for a future re-write.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Tom Hastings, OCC Locating Services-Chairman, Vince Healy, Verizon-Vice Chairman

Next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Miss Utility call center.

Maryland Title 12 Re-Write

The next Title 12 re-write meetings will take place Thursday, July 13 and Thursday, July 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the Miss Utility call center and are open to anyone to attend.

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

Kevin Woolbright, WSSC-Chair, Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Vice Chair

The Awards Committee is kicking off the 2016-2017 Dig Smart Awards. Nomination forms will be emailed to excavators on June 29, and they will be due by Friday, July 28.

2017 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)

Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

The ninth-year conference is being held in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel during October 24th through the 27th. The GCDPTC attendees can expect new additions to the breakout training sessions as well as returning favorites. The fifth annual GCDPTC cornhole tournament will start the conference on Tuesday evening followed by a golf tournament on Wednesday morning and Welcome Reception in the late afternoon. Keynote speaker David Miguel will start the day of training sessions on Thursday morning directly after breakfast. Friday will include recognition of the excavator, Dig Smart Awardees. Early bird registration is available until August 25. Anyone interested in being a conference sponsor or exhibitor should contact Dora Parks, dora@missutility.net.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Reported by Emily Meier, MGH

Miss Utility is partnering with the Bowie Baysox to host Touch a Truck Day at Prince George's Stadium on Saturday, August 12. At this FREE event, families will have the opportunity to explore heavy machinery and vehicles in a safe environment. Miss Utility would like to invite committee members to be partners in this exciting event to support damage prevention awareness by bringing their organization's machinery or vehicle for attendees to observe and explore. Kids will enjoy music and free giveaways, and complimentary face painting will be available. The 811 Hot Air Balloon is scheduled to appear. Additionally, the first 500 kids ages 3-12 with a game ticket will receive a free Touch a Truck drawstring bag, and the event will be followed by the Bowie Baysox game against the Portland Sea Dogs. Plenty of parking space will be available, but in order to confirm your participation at Touch a Truck Day, please email missutilitytouchatruck@gmail.com by Tuesday, July 18 and reserve your organization's spot. Participating organizations will receive six complimentary game tickets per vehicle. Additional tickets can be purchased at a discounted price of \$8.11 per ticket by visiting www.missutilitytouchatruck.com and entering "811" in the special offer code box.

Trade Shows and Presentations:

If you are interested in volunteering for any trade shows or desire to be added to the show distribution email list, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com.

Current and future shows include:

- MML Annual Convention – June 25-28, 2017
- DC Water Safety Day – June 30, 2017
- Tawes Crab and Clam Bake – July 19, 2017

Damage Prevention Training:

To schedule a FREE Damage Prevention & Safety Training at your office or to reserve a seat at a future open damage prevention training class, please contact Dora Parks, Manager of Client Relations at 410-782-2026 or dora@missutility.net.

The committee presented the following training opportunities:

- **TOTAL CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**
- **CECIL CO SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**
- **ALLEGANY COLLEGE**
- **WSSC – ANACOSTIA MAINT STAFF**
- **MLUIS CONSTRUCTION**
- **WSSC – ANACOSTIA MAINT DEPO (SEU STAFF)**

Upcoming trainings:

- **OPEN DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING AT MISS UTILITY (JULY 28TH, SEAT RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**
- **CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, LLC**
- **COLONIAL ELECTRIC CO.**

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention Meetings;

July 25th

August 22nd

September 26th

October – NO MEETING

November 28th

December – NO MEETING

All meetings commence at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments being served at 9:00 a.m. at the Miss Utility call center in Hanover, MD

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