



## 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 February 23, 2016  
Prepared by Dora Parks, Committee Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:33 am followed by the customary introductions.

The minutes of November 24, 2015 were approved as written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None reported.

### **OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION**

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) brought (3) District of Columbia issues to the committee; Private locators working at the national parks are excavating without tickets. PEPCO is sustaining damages, one damage affected the power to the White House gate operations. Secondly, Contractors conducting demolition work without tickets. There were (3) incidents of this negligence. The contractors were found to be pulling underground energized power lines creating a dangerous work site and flung a gas meter over a fence. Thirdly, some excavators are not maintaining the marked work site and working without marks causing PEPCO hits. Mitzi stated the importance of contacting the utility owner/operator of a hit/damaged line and to stay on site until they arrive. It is vital to not cover the damage and leave the site. Mitzi thanked DC Water and WGL for their collaboration on damage alerts and unsafe excavation practices; Mitzi stated these utilities are working towards a beneficial relationship.

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided information on how to request a work site re-mark via Miss Utility. ITIC provides a menu function for re-mark notices using a valid ticket number or the excavator can process the re-mark ticket using a call center CSR. The notice carries a two-day response time; Dora suggested the excavator call the utility locator and work out a schedule for the site re-mark if needed in less than 2 business days.

There was a general discussion regarding re-marks during the recent snow events of January and February. The group agreed that communications is key when dealing with these issues.

Other group concerns and discussions included;

Out of state excavators working in Maryland and not knowing Maryland law, many are digging without tickets. Some utility locators not responding to re-mark tickets.

Excavators requesting flags in addition to paint marks and not getting them. (This may be due to frozen ground, community issues, children areas and weather conditions.)

Damages to privately owned lines.

Do quarry sites need a ticket? (Yes, if they disturb the earth Maryland Law requires a ticket.)

Can an excavator continue to work on an update ticket without waiting the 2 business days? (Not according to Maryland law.)

Can the Discrepancy and Dispute excavator Ticket Check codes allow comments? (Subscribers addressing this topic.)

Work site white lining responsibilities. (Extent of work text on the ticket trumps the site white lining.)

Chairman Kevin Woolbright suggested that the excavators meet with the utility locators after the meeting to resolve some of the locating and site requests issues.

## **PRESENTATION, TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

Dora Parks provided information on the hazards of driving in bad weather conditions in light of the recent weather Maryland experienced in January and February (snow, ice, frozen conditions and heavy rains). The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported for 2014, there were 89 fatalities per day across the nation due to poor driving conditions. The youtube video displayed many vehicle accidents and near hits due mostly to icy road conditions, driving too fast and the impact on other drivers when a vehicle loses control. The presentation was well received by the meeting attendees.

## **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

The next committee meeting will start at 10:00am and is scheduled for;

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Hosted by SMECO E&O Center

14950 Cooperative Place

Hughesville, MD 20637

*The Subscriber Committee and Board of Directors are active participants with the Maryland Authority regarding Title 12 Law modifications for a future rewrite.*

## **STEERING COMMITTEE TO REWRITE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ONE-CALL LAW**

Scott Brown, WGL- Committee Chairman, Meena Gowda, Esq., DC Water-Vice Chairman, Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts-Secretary

Dora Parks provided an overview and purpose of the Title 34 Steering Committee. The committee has completed the majority of the Title 34 rewrite. Currently, the committee is working on law enforcement to comply with the 2006, Nine PIPES Act in addition to reviewing the entire draft prior to the legislative format being started.

Meetings, minutes, attendance and draft working copies are available at; <http://www.missutility.net/SteeringCommitteeRewriteDcLaw/index.asp>.

The next meeting is planned for February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Miss Utility Call Center starting at 8:30am.

If you would like to receive committee meeting information, please contact Dora Parks at [dora@missutility.net](mailto:dora@missutility.net).

## **MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

Tom Hastings (OCC Locating Services)-Chairman and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Mr. Barron reported on the following;

During the January 6, 2016 Meeting, new officers were elected;

Tom Hastings – Chair; replacing Kevin Woolbright

Vince Healy – Vice Chair; replacing Marcia Collins

Matt Ruddo – Treasurer; replacing Tom Hastings

Veronica Davila Steele – Secretary; new position

February 3, 2016 Meeting –

5 hearings

4 new NPV's reviewed

2 Quasi Subcommittees Established; Fining Matrix Committee and the NPV Form Committee

March 2, 2016 meeting –

1 hearing scheduled  
36 New NPV's currently under investigation

Oral Arguments for NPV# 283 on the Constitutionality of the Authority were heard in front of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the highest court in Maryland on January 8, 2016. Waiting for an opinion

NPV's 316a, 316b, 408, 411a, & 411b. Oral Arguments were heard in front of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals on October 13, 2015. An unfavorable opinion was rendered on October 22, 2015. A brief was filed to take the opinion from unpublished to publish, request denied. The Authority voted to not appeal that opinion.

NPV's 1216, 1834, 1841 and 1853 were scheduled for Oral Arguments in front of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County on January 4, 2015; however, a stay has been requested with no date set.

The following Authority Members terms expired on September 30, 2015:

Marcia Collins, Vice Chair – Maryland Association of Counties – will not seek re-appointment. Jim DiPietro of Anne Arundel Co. DPW will be seated at the March 2, 2016 meeting  
Veronica Davila-Steele – General Public – Re-appointment  
Walter F. Gainer – Public Works Contractors Association – term limited. George “Bucky” Taylor was seated at the December 2, 2015 meeting to replace Walter.  
Thomas L. Hastings – MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Locating Contractor was re-appointed.  
Kevin Woolbright, Chair – MD/DC Subscribers – term limited. Charles McCadden of BGE will be seated at the March 2, 2016 meeting to replace Kevin.

Thank you Kevin Woolbright for 5 years of service on the Authority and as Chair the last two years

The Authority is sponsoring legislation in 2016 to add \$0.05 to all outgoing tickets (excluding MACo & MML) to fund the Authority.

SB 480 had hearings on 2/16/16 and passed unanimously in the Senate Finance Comm.  
HB 696 had hearings on 2/18/16 but no vote as of yet

The Authority received another \$100,000 State Damage Prevention Grant from PHMSA for the Grant Year September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

The Authority has scheduled a meeting for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am, meetings and hearings are open to the public.

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

Mark Hamrick (Verizon) Chairman, Dora Parks (Miss Utility), Vice Chairman

Dora Parks stated the purpose of the LAA is to recognize locators who are proactive in damage prevention and public safety by going one full year without any at fault utility damages or vehicle violations. The committee allows up to (3) locators per the (9) regions of Western Shore Maryland and the District of Columbia. 2015 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> annual awards; we have (66) eligible locators from 15 companies. The locators and their families will be recognized and honored at a banquet on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bowie Baysox stadium. The committee congratulates these fine locators and their companies for continued support in public safety. This next Awards period will be the 13<sup>th</sup> Awards Program.

Please visit, [http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland\\_awards.asp](http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland_awards.asp) to learn more about the awards history, criteria, annual recipients and banquet pictures.

### **2015 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)** Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

Dora Parks reported the GCDPTC is being held during October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Emily Meier's of MGH stated there was a 13% increase in attendance for

the 2015 conference and the attendee survey was favorable regarding venue/hotel, conference program guide, food and value. The survey also revealed that attendees found the conference ‘much more’ helpful in providing information regarding damage prevention than they expected.

The committee will start planning the 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference at their February meeting.

## **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING**

Chris McMurry, MGH

MGH hosted an Advertising Committee Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> at their Owings Mills office. A presentation of what was achieved in 2015, suggested damage prevention and outreach suggestions for 2016 and a proposed budget that was approved during the Subscriber’s Committee and BOD meeting in January 2016.

Emily Meier’s reported on the Miss Utility Scholarship Program;

- In the fall, we once again launched the Miss Utility scholarship program for graduating high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in construction or another related industry that requires excavation. Miss Utility will select one student from eight regions covering Maryland and Washington, D.C., to receive a **\$1,008.11** single year scholarship.
- To be eligible, applicants must be on track to graduate from a Maryland or Washington, D.C. high school in spring 2016, intend to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school beginning in fall 2016, and have participated in extracurricular activities.
- We’ve reached out to 71 contacts (guidance counselors, teachers, scholarship coordinators, etc.) at 31 different schools to promote the program.
- Interested students can visit [www.missutility.net/scholarship](http://www.missutility.net/scholarship) to learn more and apply. The application deadline is March 31.

## **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

### **Busboys and Poets**

Hyattsville, MD  
Jan. 27, 2016

### **LCA Pesticide and Fertilizer Applicator Recertification Conference**

The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center  
Rockville, MD  
Feb. 11, 2016

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

### **Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show**

Maryland State Fairgrounds  
Timonium, MD  
March 5-6 & 11-13, 2016

### **Division of Labor and Industries (DLI) Business Outreach Forum**

Towson University West Village Commons  
Towson, MD  
March 16, 2016

### **Allegany County All Things Home Expo**

Allegany County Fairgrounds  
Cumberland, MD  
March 18-20, 2016

### **Home Builders Association of Washington County Home Show**

Hagerstown Community College’s Athletic Recreational Community Center (ARCC)

Hagerstown, MD  
March 19-20, 2016

**Maryland Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Trade Show**  
M&T Bank Stadium  
Baltimore, MD  
March 31, 2016

If you are interested in volunteering for any Trade Shows or would like to receive the updated Trade Show emails, please email Emily Meier at [emeier@mghus.com](mailto:emeier@mghus.com). We welcome contract locating companies and contractor participation.

**DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING**  
Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Coordinator

Completed Training Events:

- Bartley Corporation; Jan 6<sup>th</sup>
- Prince George's County Dept. of Permitting; Jan 8<sup>th</sup>
- M-NCPPC; Jan 13<sup>th</sup>
- Atlantic Industrial; Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
- Concrete General; Jan 19<sup>th</sup>
- Anchor Construction; Jan 29<sup>th</sup>
- Concrete General; Feb 9<sup>th</sup>
- Wintergreen Landscaping Maint; Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
- CJ Miller; February 19<sup>th</sup>

Future Training Events

**Gray & Son**  
Hunt Valley Inn  
245 Shawan Road  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031  
February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Concrete General**  
8000 Beechcraft Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Gray & Son**  
Hunt Valley Inn  
245 Shawan Road  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031  
March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Concrete General**  
8000 Beechcraft Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, set up 6:30am

**QUARTERLY DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING**

**Miss Utility Call Center**  
7223 Parkway Dr.  
Hanover, MD 21076  
Conference/Training Room  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 7:00am

To schedule a **FREE** Damage Prevention & Safety Training, please contact Dora Parks, Manager of Client Relations at 410-782-2026 or [dora@missutility.net](mailto:dora@missutility.net).

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:22am.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; March 22, 2016 starting at 9:30 am; refreshments are available at 9:00 am at Miss Utility, 7223 Parkway Drive, Suite 100 Hanover, MD 21076.

Monthly meeting minutes and the attendee contact list is available at,  
<http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

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