



## 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 28, 2016  
Prepared by Emily Meier

### **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.

The minutes of May 24, 2016 were approved with one correction from Scott Brown (WGL) to the update from the Steering Committee to rewrite the District of Columbia One-Call Law:

Under its new fine structure, PHMSA can issue fines from \$200,000 to 2 million (rather than \$20,000 to a million) for damages to underground gas distribution facilities.

**OLD BUSINESS** – no reports

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

Kevin Woolbright shared photos he took of a fallen tree that was laying on a power line and a utility box that was completely open with wires exposed and asked the committee to please take a photo and alert the utility owner if they ever notice something that could be harmful to the public. Ed DeNeale (R.B. Hinkle) shared that OSHA has a program in Philadelphia where people can text photos of safety issues.

Dennis Lescalleet (Pleasants Construction) asked the committee about Verizon's ticket process. It was discussed that tickets sent to Verizon first go to a clearing house where they are marked as clear/no conflict and then if an excavator notices Verizon facilities on their jobsite they need to call Verizon to arrange to have the lines marked. Dennis shared a situation in which he called a locator to a jobsite four times before the Verizon lines were finally marked. Scott Brown (WGL) explained that this is a national issue and that Verizon hasn't updated its database in approximately two years, so newer neighborhoods that have Verizon facilities don't show up in the system when a ticket is requested. If an excavator sees clear evidence of lines and continues to dig, they have violated the law. Filing an NPV with the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority about this issue is an option for excavators. Excavators should take photos and log their calls to keep a clear record of their actions.

Lenny Corbin (Gray & Son) asked the committee if locators have a preferred distance per ticket for long roads in rural areas. Mike Burns (UtiliQuest) said the preference is around 500 feet per ticket. Excavators should break up the ticket requests over a few days to make it more manageable for the locator, who may not be able to cover the entire area in just one day. It's also a good idea for excavators to contact the locating companies in advance of lengthy jobs to give them a heads up.

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) shared that some contractors working for a gas company have recently caused damages in Prince George's County. While locators have marked at least some lines on these jobsites, the tickets have not yet fully cleared before the contractor has started the work. Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts) explained that an excavator needs to wait until all utilities have marked their status on the ticket. Excavators should utilize Ticket Check to confirm if all utilities have been cleared.

Matt also explained the process for updating tickets: if an excavator is in the process of updating an existing ticket, they can continue to work as long as they remain in the original scope of the project, the marks on the ground are still visible, and the original ticket has not yet expired. Tickets are valid for 12 days. If a storm or other circumstance has washed away the marks, the excavator should not continue to work until the ticket has been called in again and there are new marks on the ground.

Tammy House (Comcast) brought up an issue with Pinpoint not responding to ticket requests. She has tried calling managers at the company but has not had any success getting in touch with them. Kevin Woolbright (WSSC) suggested reaching out to Deena Joyce, who manages WSSC's contract with Pinpoint, and provided her contact information. Other members of the committee agreed that they have had similar issues.

The committee also discussed if there is a deadline for responses to emergency tickets, and the utility owners in the room reached a consensus that there is an unwritten rule of approximately 2-3 hours for a response. In the case of emergencies, committee members are also encouraged to utilize the contact information provided in the meeting minutes.

Jim Carroll (Maryland Department of the Environment) shared with the group that his organization is looking into setting up a program similar to Delaware's Dig Clean service and would appreciate feedback from any committee members who have worked with Dig Clean. The program would tie into Miss Utility.

Scott Brown let the committee know about the "See Something, Say Something" mobile app where people can upload photos of suspicious activity and proposed that perhaps a similar app could be used to take photos of dangerous activities out in the field. It could be used to capture someone digging without marks, for example.

Kevin thanked Anchor Construction for working over the weekend to fix a water main break for WSSC. Kevin commended Anchor for a fantastic job.

## **PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION – no presentation**

### **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 is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Miss Utility Call Center, with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starting at 10 a.m.

*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

Scott Brown reported that the Steering Committee formed after PHMSA announced changes to its fine structure. The Steering Committee is rewriting the law to be compliant with PHMSA. The final draft has been completed and also includes technology updates.

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

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

Tom Hastings, OCC Locating Services-Chairman, Vince Healy, Verizon-Vice Chairman and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Reported by Tom Hastings

The Authority continues to review NPVs, although hearings are on hold until the Authority receives direction from the Maryland Attorney General's office on whether they will defend the Authority just on appeals or on all legal matters. The Authority is also determining if its program meets the nine requirements for an effective damage prevention program.

Matt Ruddo added that the Authority's fine money can only be used for education and outreach; the Authority is not self-funded.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Miss Utility Call Center. The meeting will be open to the public, and all stakeholders were encouraged to attend.

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

Mark Hamrick, Verizon-Chair, Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Vice Chair

Reported by Kevin Woolbright

The Awards Committee wrapped up the Locator Achievement Awards and is now working on the Dig Smart Awards. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Miss Utility Call Center.

Please visit, [http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland\\_awards.asp](http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland_awards.asp) to learn more about the awards.

### **2016 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)**

Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

Matt Ruddo reported that this year's conference will take place October 18-21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. At the conference, One Call Concepts will be unveiling an 811 car designed by Paul Jr. (One Call Concepts commissioned Paul Jr. to design the 811 Bike several years ago). The unveiling will be open to the public. The committee has several breakout sessions lined up. Early bird pricing is available until August 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional information can be found by visiting [missutility.net](http://missutility.net) and clicking the conference banner at the top of the page, or visiting the conference website at [missutilityconference.com](http://missutilityconference.com). Currently, the conference has 152 registered attendees, which is an increase of 23 percent over this time last year. Attendance is also expected to increase due to the 811 car unveiling.

### **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING**

Emily Meier (MGH)

The Miss Utility Scholarship Program provides scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in construction or another related industry that requires excavation. For the 2015-2016 program, the Scholarship Committee received 14 applications and selected 8 students from across the state of Maryland to each receive a \$1,008.11 scholarship. All recipients have also been invited to attend PHMSA's 811 Day celebration at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Washington Nationals baseball game. Special thanks to the Miss Utility Scholarship Committee for reviewing applications and selecting the recipients (Scott Brown, Cal Brooks, Kevin Woolbright, Dora Parks and Vince Healy).

For the second year in a row, Miss Utility is sponsoring a Touch-A-Truck event at Prince George's Stadium in Bowie, MD on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun, family event during which attendees can view construction and excavation vehicles up-close. There will be face painting and giveaways, and a Bowie Baysox game will follow. Additional information, as well as a registration form for companies that would like to participate, will be available in the coming weeks.

## **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

### Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

#### **Maryland Pest Control Association Event**

Crofton Country Club, Crofton, MD

May 26, 2016

Attendance: 50

Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

#### **Montgomery County Parks Event**

Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood, MD

May 26, 2016

Attendance: 325

Supported by: Jack Ellison (Washington Gas)

#### **Celebrate Fairfax**

Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax, VA

June 10-12, 2016

Attendance: 60,000

Supported by: Washington Gas

#### **NIH Safety, Health and Wellness Day**

NIH Main Campus, Bethesda, MD

June 22, 2016

Attendance: 700

Supported by: Don Jones (Washington Gas) & Erik Phillips (UtiliQuest)

### Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

#### **MML Annual Convention**

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, MD

June 26-29, 2016

Anticipated attendees: 1,200

Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) & Brad Ebaugh (Miss Utility of Delmarva)

#### **Barbara Fritchie Races**

Frederick Fair Grounds, Frederick, MD

July 4, 2016

Anticipated attendees: 1,000

Supported by: Scott Brown (Washington Gas)

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).

Kevin Woolbright also spoke about the annual Tawes Crab and Clam Bake, which will take place Wednesday, July 20 from 12-4 p.m. at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, MD. This is an event where attendees have the opportunity to meet elected officials while enjoying an all-you-can-eat menu. Miss Utility will also have a booth on-site. Committee members were encouraged to attend.

## **DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING**

Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

### Completed Training Events:

#### **MD Pest Control ASSOC**

Quality Inn & Suites, 1 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Laurel, MD 20733  
May 26<sup>th</sup> set up 8:15am

**Cecil CO School of TECH**  
912 Appleton Rd., Elkton, MD 21912  
May 26<sup>th</sup> set up 9:30am

**QUARTERLY DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING**  
Miss Utility Call Center, 7223 Parkway Dr., Hanover, MD 21076  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> set up 7am

**Western School of Technology- Plumbing Programs**  
100 Kenwood Ave., Catonsville, MD 21128  
June 7<sup>th</sup> set up 10:30am

**Bureau of Water/Wastewater Utility Maint. Division**  
Haven Street (Yard), 806 Haven St., Baltimore, MD 21205  
June 8<sup>th</sup> set up 8:30am

**B Frank Joy**  
5355 Kilmer Place (Training Shop), Hyattsville, MD 20781  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> set up 3:30pm

**American Water Ford Meade**  
3220 Laurel Ft Meade Rd. RT#198, Laurel, MD 20724  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> set up 7:30am

Future Training Events:

**Howard CO DPW**  
8270 Old Montgomery Rd., Columbia, MD 20145  
July 7<sup>th</sup> set up 6:30am

**Howard CO Highways**  
Dayton Maint Shop, 4301 State Rte. 32, Dayton, MD 21036  
July 12<sup>th</sup> set up 11:30am

**MDOT/Parking Management, Parking Maintenance Services**  
1109 Spring St., Silver Spring, MD 20910  
July 13<sup>th</sup> set up 8:30am

**Howard CO Highways**  
Cooksville Highway Shop, 14212 Frederick Rd., Cooksville, MD 21723  
July 19<sup>th</sup> set up 6:30am

**M-NCPPC, Prince George's Co. Parks & Rec, Maintenance & Development**  
M & D, Randall Farm, 4200 Ritchie-Marlboro Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
July 27<sup>th</sup> set up 6:30am

Please see our website, [www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net), for pre-scheduled FREE Quarterly Damage Prevention Trainings for 2016.

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 10:43 a.m.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starting at 9:30 a.m.; refreshments are available at 9:00 a.m. 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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