



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

7223 Parkway Drive, Suite 100
Hanover, MD 21076

Minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2016
Prepared by Dora Parks, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the customary introductions.

The minutes of June 28, 2016 were approved as written. Dora Parks thanked Emily Meier of MGH for attending and providing the June meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS – no reports

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Ed Deneale (R.B. Hinkle) thanked Deena Joyce and Kevin Woolbright for assisting in getting a ticket marked for WSSC underground lines/pipes.

Al Mawry (MDTA) stated that with the assistance of Dora Parks, he was able to reduce Ticket Check No Responses by 85%. The committee congratulated Al on his achievement.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee recognized Gray & Son for their Platinum Construction Award issued by Chesapeake Safety Council. The award is given to companies who have achieved the highest level of safety performance through safety activities to prevent injury and death accidents.

Tim Kaptein (Comer Construction) provided information on a teen who was killed in Conowingo due to touching a live electric wire after a vehicle accident. This incident followed a Damage Prevention Committee presentation given by Marc Haines (BGE) during the May meeting on the dangers of falling live wires. Tim reminded everyone to be careful around electric wires.

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided a handout of a new design for a damage prevention mat to be used for trade show and presentations. The mat design is a white lined excavation area with utility location mark-outs and a display of an underground line. Tolerance zone measurements are included. The committee agreed this would be a benefit at trade shows to help folks better understand the damage prevention laws.

Dora Parks announced that the damage prevention banners are in and ready for pick up at the meeting.

PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION

By Shelly Welling

Shelly provided a Power Point presentation on Hearing Preservation

- Symptoms of hearing loss
- Hearing loss is less obvious than other injuries or illnesses
- Anatomy of the ear
- Ear damage due to noise
- OSHA standards regarding noise exposure and what employers must provide
- Audiometric testing
- Hazards of noise exposure
- Proper insertion of ear plugs

Shelly provided a set of ear plugs to all attendees. The committee thanked Shelly on her presentation.

BF Joy volunteered to provide the October presentation and Howard County will provide the November 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 October 6th at Columbia Gas of Maryland at their Cumberland office. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., the meeting will begin 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

Dora Parks provided information on why the Title 34 law is being rewritten that included compliance to the 2006 PIPES Act and technology updates. The draft has been completed and submitted for legislative formatting.

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 Jim Barron - Review of first 6 Months of 2016

41 new NPV's filed in 2016

59 NPV's were reviewed by the Authority in 2015

45 carried over from 2015 = \$43,000 in fines recommended

14 new in 2016 - \$16,500 in fines recommended

4 went to hearings

3 resulted in a \$1,000 fine levied per each – all paid

1 resulted in a \$2,000 fine levied, on a payment plan

5 have requested hearings – representing \$6,500 in fines recommended

No current hearings scheduled

All future hearings indefinitely postponed

July 13, 2016 Meeting

0 hearings scheduled
11 NPV's ready for review
29 additional NPV's received and in line for review

Oral Arguments in front of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County scheduled for August 1, 2016 on NPV's 1216, 1834, 1841 and 1853 have been remanded back to the Authority for review and action

The addition of \$0.05 to all outgoing tickets (excluding MACo & MML) to fund the Authority went into effect on June 1, 2016. Notices were sent to all Owner-Members with the June billings

The Authority received their 2nd \$50,000 from the 2015 SDP Grant

The US Department of Transportation has announced that the Authority has been awarded a \$97,000 SDP Grant for 2016

The Authority had its State Excavation Damage Prevention Law Enforcement Program Evaluation with PHMSA on June 29, 2016.

We received 206 points out of a possible 258 = 80%
We are scored adequate which means, no PHMSA Intervention

Areas of concern:

Exemptions

- Homeowners hand excavating on their own property
- Storm Drains
- Direct enforcement over contract locators

Areas that need improvement

Maryland is a Complaint Driving Damage Reporting System

- Move toward a voluntary damage reporting system
 - Virtual Private Dirt from the CGA
 - Collect damages reported to PSC
 - Collect damages reported to Call Center
- Consider a mandatory damage reporting system
- Need a baseline to measure effectiveness of the program

Evaluations will be conducted annually and growth will be expected and measured.

The next Maryland Authority meeting is scheduled for August 3rd 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 Dora Parks

Dora provided a history of the Dig Smart Awards with its inception in 1999. The awards acknowledge professional contractors in the DC and WSMD service territory. In addition to the Dig Smart Award for each territory, the committee recognizes a Dig Smart Excellence Winner and Honorable Mention for a company who has strived to improve their damage prevention performance. Winners are invited to the annual GCDPTC and awarded on the Friday of the conference in front of their peers and other stakeholders. Dig Smart entries were mailed on June 27, the entries are due on July 27th. Winners will be selected on August 23rd and announced shortly thereafter. Please visit, 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)

Reported by Emily Meier (MGH)

- Conference will take place October 18-21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD.
- Early Bird pricing through August 26th
- Registration at: www.missutilityconference.com
- 12 Breakout Sessions
- Keynote speaker, Pete Strickland will provide a message on leadership
- Registration is up in 2016. To date, 187 registered as compared to this time in 2015 with 146 registrants
- One Call Concepts will unveil a new 811 icon on Wednesday just after the Welcome Reception

Jimmy Jennings (The Bike Wrangler) provided information on the first 811 icon unveiled in 2009, the 811 chopper designed and built by Paul Jr. Designs. The bike remains in high demand and has crisscrossed the Nation several times since 2009. The unveil of the new 811 icon, designed by Paul Jr. Designs will be filmed at the Clarion and the public is invited to attend this spectacular show. CGA will be on site as well as elected officials of the county.

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 10th 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).

Miss Utility is sponsoring a Touch-A-Truck event at Prince George's Stadium in Bowie, MD on Saturday, August 27th. 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 are available, contact Dora Parks or MGH.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

MML Annual Convention

Roland E. Powell Convention Center

Ocean City, MD

June 26-29, 2016

Attendance: 1,200

Audience: Professionals

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

Show feedback: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) – "The booth was constantly busy with folks stopping by. When asked if they knew about Miss Utility, "Call before you dig" was the constant response. Beyond this, they knew nothing. Brad and I explained the need for a ticket, who should have a ticket and what happens prior to digging. We were thanked over and over again for the education. On Tuesday about 1pm, the children were allowed into the exhibit hall; lots of smiling faces as we handed them wooden airplane flyers, coloring books & crayons, book marks and a chance at the utility color coded wheel. Some of the kids asked about the duck callers we had a few years ago, they remembered, a great start to education."

Barbara Fritchie Races

Frederick Fair Grounds

Frederick, MD

July 4, 2016

Attendance: 1,500

Audience: Homeowners/kids and adults

Supported by: Scott Brown (Washington Gas)

Show feedback: Scott Brown (Washington Gas) – "That may have been the most worthwhile event ever. We had about 1,500 people, and I can guarantee that every single one heard the Miss Utility message. Most of them walked away with a Miss Utility memento of some sort. It was a fantastic event and targeted the people we really want to, from the motorcycle club to the mom pushing two kids in the stroller. If we could get the 811 Bike up there that would be over the

top. Mr. Riley, the announcer, gave us so much attention it's almost unreal. Everyone who was there has to know about Miss Utility now."

Tawes Crab and Clam Bake

Somers Cove Marina

7th Street, Crisfield, MD 21817

July 20, 2016

Attendance: 600

Audience: Homeowners/professionals

Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) and Kevin Woolbright (WSSC)

Show feedback: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) – "Attendees were interested in the information being provided concerning, call before you dig. Most of them know to call, but have little knowledge about what happens after the call. The wheel provided an opportunity to talk about the utility color codes and marking. Folks had the most fun folding the nylon flyers and the koozies were a big hit on a hot day."

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

Thingamajig Convention – Kids Event

Show Place Arena

Upper Marlboro, MD

July 28, 2016

National Night Out

Schrom Hills Park

6915 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

August 2, 2016

PHMSA's 8/11 Day at Nationals Park

Nationals Park

Washington, D.C.

August 10, 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.

DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING

Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

Completed Training Events:

Howard CO DPW

8270 Old Montgomery Rd., Columbia, MD 20145

July 7th set up 6:30am

Howard CO Highways

Dayton Maint Shop, 4301 State Rte. 32, Dayton, MD 21036

July 12th set up 11:30am

MDOT/Parking Management, Parking Maintenance Services

1109 Spring St., Silver Spring, MD 20910

July 13th set up 8:30am

Howard CO Highways

Cooksville Highway Shop, 14212 Frederick Rd., Cooksville, MD 21723

July 19th set up 6:30am

Future Training Events:

M-NCPPC, Prince George's Co. Parks & Rec, Maintenance & Development

M & D, Randall Farm
4200 Ritchie-Marlboro Rd
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Office Environment – Prince George’s CO
July 27th set up 6:30am

Davis Construction
12530 Parklawn Dr
Rockville, MD 20852
Mont Co. Office Environment
August 24th set up 10:30am

Manekin Construction
8601 Robert Fulton Dr Suite #100
Columbia, MD 21046
Howard Co. (Lunch provided)
August 25th set up 11:30am

QUARTERLY DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

Miss Utility Call Center
7223 Parkway Dr.
Hanover, MD 21076
Conference/Training Room
September 9th 2016 set up 7:00am

Please see our website, http://www.missutility.net/training_safety for 2016 pre-scheduled FREE Damage Prevention Trainings.

To schedule a **FREE** Damage Prevention & Safety Training at your office, please contact Dora Parks, Manager of Client Relations at 410-782-2026 or dora@missutility.net.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; August 23, 2016 starting at 9:30 am with refreshments being served 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/>

MEETING ATTENDEES

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