



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

Minutes of the meeting for January 28, 2020
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Dora Parks

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 26, 2019 were reviewed by the committee; Jack Ellison (WGL) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pam March (SMECO) seconded the motion, the motion carried. *The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.*

OLD BUSINESS – No Reports

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Ruddo voiced a desire to have electronic damage prevention training implemented in the Miss Utility footprint in 2019. Other states (NY, VA, IN) have successfully executed an on-line training module. Matt reported that NY started in 2019 with 1,500 folks working through the training module receiving wallet size certificate cards. The Maryland Authority has received grant money to be used for this initiative; Matt suggested a collaboration between Miss Utility and the Authority for this purpose. Matt stated there is a surplus of money in the GCDPTC account and that perhaps some of this money could be used to create the new training module. The committee provided a favorable response to this information and proposal. Matt will share this collaborative proposal at the next GCDPTC committee meeting for their consideration of conference surplus money being used for this purpose. The DPC committee suggested a Spanish online training module be considered.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Per Mitzi Ambush, PEPCO is experiencing damages due to excavators not waiting for marks; in addition to foremen/supervisors not filtering ticket and Ticket Check information to working crews. A contractor used a hammer to determine if a utility duct bank was energized and/or pressurized. Other recent damages included vac excavation damages and the subs leaving the work site after the damage occurred.

There was a lengthy committee discussion regarding vac excavation as a safe method of working around the buried facilities/utilities with regards to an air knife and water pressure. The group agreed that all users should exercise due care and get training if they own the equipment or hire reputable vac companies.

Joe Shelton (BF Joy) stated that DDOT is not supporting safe excavation in the District as they have not been locating tickets for some time. Joe believes it is time to ensure the District politicians are aware of

this practice and suggested the contractors pull together and seek the support of the Mayor and City Council. Deborah Harvey (ED of NUCA, DC Chapter) asked excavators to share their DDOT damage data with NUCA; NUCA is working to bring awareness of this matter for a positive outcome in the near future.

SAFETY & EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Winter Driving Hazards, presented by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

Several videos were shown outlining the hazards of winter driving on black ice, snow and heavy rain storms. Information was provided on vehicle emergency supplies that included; water, food, blankets, flash lights, ice scraper, shovel, sand/kitty litter, hazard triangles, first aid kit, jumper cables and a charged cell phone. The video also explained proper vehicle maneuvering during ice conditions. Planning for the unexpected could mean the difference between a life-threatening situation and an inconvenient one. The committee elaborated on drivers who do not clear their windows or top of vehicle and driving too fast in storm conditions.

MARYLAND AUTHORITY – Reported by Jim Barron (ED, MD Authority)

- The Authority received 252 of a possible 258 points on their 2018 Evaluation
 - Deducted 6 points for the Homeowner Exemption
- The Authority received a \$97,000 for the PHMSA 2019 SDP Grant
- The Authority has begun sending warning letters
- Authority Seats
 - Amber Brengel is the new PWCA Representative replacing “Bucky” Taylor
 - Doug Levine resigned and MACo has recommended Paul Kwaitowski of Howard County
- The Authority participated in the following 2019 conferences: CGA, MML, MACo, MD Realtors and GCDPTC
- 61 Notices of Probable submitted in 2019 compared to 94 in 2018 (33 less than 2018)
 - 43 submitted by Facility Owners
 - 25 each; 12-124 – No Ticket
 - 18 each; 12-127 – Duties of Excavator
 - 18 submitted by Contractors
 - Marking Violations
- 11 Meetings were held
 - 9 Formal Hearings were held
 - 71 NPV’s were reviewed and adjudicated
 - 30 from 2018
 - 41 from 2019
- \$58,689 fines were collected in 2019
- Our February 5, 2020 Meeting has been cancelled.
 - No Formal Hearings scheduled
 - Only 2 NPV’s ready for review
- Next meeting will be March 4, 2020

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE – Reported by Jim Barron (ED, MD Authority)

- The Authority has received the draft bill (Title 12) from legislative services. Our sponsors are; Delegate Dereck Davis, Chairman of the House Economic Matters Committee and Senator Brian Feldman, Vice-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee.
- The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will be submitted to the Maryland Legislature during February 2020.

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

Reported by Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- This is our 12th year of the GCDPTC
- Conference dates: October 28th-30th
- Held at the Clarion Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, MD
- 2019 attendees included folks from NJ, NY, PA, VA, DE, DC and MD
- Website, www.missutilityconference.com (2019 conference pictures are posted)
- Life changing key note speakers (Gary Norland presented at the 2019 conference)
- Relevant damage prevention and safety sessions
- Busy exhibitor booths on two levels
- Great networking events, games, door prizes and fun

First 2020 planning meeting is: January 28, 2020 at the Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Dora Parks provided an overview of the committee meeting held on January 9, 2020.

- Proposal of 2020 campaigns, outreach & initiatives
- Budget review for approval
- 2019 campaign review (sports, radio, MASN, TAT, NSDM, 811 Day, Carvertise)
- Committee Reporting
- Announced David Wilkens as the new board member representing the water/sewer industry

The next meeting is April 9, 2020 hosted by Columbia Gas, Cumberland office.

2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Mark Hamrick (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair).

Reported by Dora Parks; the Locater Achievement Awards ceremony will take place at the Bowie Baysox stadium. In 2019, (65) locators from western shore Maryland and DC were recognized by their peers, family, friends and stadium attendees for their participation in underground utility protection and public safety. Planning for 2020 awards nominations and ceremony will begin at the January 28th meeting.

DAMAGE PREVENTION and SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Training Coordinator, Susan Sullivan ssullivan@misstutility.net

Reported by Dora Parks; in 2019 the DP training team completed over 52 onsite trainings to over 2,500 attendees with their first all-Spanish training in November. January starts off with five requested

trainings, February is fully booked, scheduled trainings are planned through June. There are (8) pre-scheduled open trainings for the Maryland and DC areas.

Thank you to all members and MOSH who participate on the training teams, the success of this program cannot be accomplished without the dedication and expertise these folks bring to each training.

Dora also provided data on 2019 reported damages in MD/DC;

- 1,123 utility damages
 - 23.51% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 31.08% due to hitting a marked line
 - 30.10% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 15.32% due to other root causes

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Kevin will attend the annual Construction Angel National Board meeting and gala in February.

Construction Angels (CA) solely serves the excavation industry; in the case of a working job site fatality, CA reaches out to the family offering support by means of financial assistance, friendship and counselling. Successful 2019 events which provided fundraising revenue for our MD/DC CA chapter included a September golf tournament and financial contributions from the GCDPTC conference's cornhole event, 50/50 and 811 Dig for Cash. A special thank you to BF Joy who matched the cornhole fundraising total. For more information regarding CA, please contact Kevin Woolbright.

ADVERTISING/PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH

MGH Kelly Cahill

First quarter outreach includes;

- NBC4 Health during January 18 & 19
- Suppliers Showcase held on January 23
- Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show February/March selected weekends
- Washington County Homebuilder's Home Show held March 7 & 8
- Allegany County – All Things Home Expo held March 20 – 22

Plans being made for April's NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH (NSDM) to include a proclamation from Governor Hogan.

Common Ground Alliance annual conference being held during March 24 – 26 and will be attended by WGL, PEPCO, WSSC, One Call Concepts, Chesapeake Utilities, Columbia Gas and MGH.

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

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

2020 MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD
Refreshments at 9:00am, meeting starts at 9:30am

- February 25th – Presentation by, Bill Jackson (MDOT/SHA)
- March 24th

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER OR DECEMBER

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