



# MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

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Minutes of the meeting for February 25, 2020  
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD  
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

## **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 28, 2020 were reviewed by the committee; Mark Hamrick (Verizon) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. David Wilkins (WSSC) 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**

Dora Parks invited attendees to watch an upcoming episode of ‘The Direction’ a reality fishing show, featuring Chase Savage of ‘No Person Left Behind’ (NPLB). NPLB, is a non-profit that seeks to connect with injured veterans through a variety of outdoor activities to promote positive relationships, lifelong successes, and hope. Most recently, One Call Concepts, a sponsor of ‘The Direction TV’ show brought together host, Mark Stowe and Chase Savage for a day of great fishing in Florida while learning Chase’s story. The Direction promotes 811 safety and airs on The Pursuit Channel. This particular episode will air March 31.

Anyone interested in sharing information on new projects, trade associations or new utility infrastructure projects and would like to educate attendees at a future DPC meeting, should contact Dora at [dparks@missutility.net](mailto:dparks@missutility.net) for more information.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Chuck Baker (Verizon) asked about members who do not appear on the processed ticket’s notified member list. Dora Parks explained that when this occurs, the excavator should contact the Miss Utility Help Desk (410-712-0056) so the affected district code can be added to the ticket. Miss Utility will transmit the ticket to the member’s ticket receiving station and notify their mapping department to review their district mapping. This process if followed for each district the call center manually adds to a valid ticket. If the ticket is updated and the member has not modified their notification area, the excavator must again, ask for the member to be added. The process repeats.

Mark Hamrick (Verizon) wanted contractors and excavators to be aware that new water/sewer lines, although buried, are not marked until product is flowing through them.

Bill Jackson (SHA) shared that permitting requirements open up the line of communication between developers and utility owner-members. He also offered SHA phone numbers for locate discrepancy resolution. He warned, however, that up to four offices are involved in this process and final resolution can take time. Numbers can be found on Miss Utility's Contact List. Please see Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) for a copy.

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape) shared that DDOT was not responding to many of her tickets. However; after contacting DDOT administration she was receiving better collaboration on their behalf.

The Attorney General provides enforcement of Damage Prevention law, Title 34 in the District of Columbia.

Scott Moore (Colonial Pipeline) voiced concern about non-working contact numbers or ones that go to a voicemail that is no longer taking messages. Jim Barron (MD Authority) stated that owner members, under Title 12 law, are to keep contact numbers up-to-date with the call center and thereby, on tickets.

Malik English (Pepco) shared that a high number of Pepco damages have been due to excavators digging before tickets are fully statused. Ticket positive response in DC is (48) hours after the ticket is processed on business days and MD is two full business days by 11:59pm, the day of the call does not count in MD.

Courtney Tolson (SAM) asked what to do when an unlocatable line is located through excavation. Dave Miller (BGE) and Dan Robinette (USIC) both offered their contact information for further discussion. Ticket Check provides a DISCREPANCY locate notice using Search and Status, this will be a permanent record in the call center for (7) years and requires a subsequent response to Ticket Check.

Steven Lopes (Anchor) shared a recent experience on the job site regarding a buried utility. In response, it was stated that locators have no authority to mark facilities that are outside of the tickets' extent of work area; a new ticket must be processed to cover the additional area. Regarding clear/no conflict Ticket Check status, where there is a presence of buried lines/pipes or the utility is marked incorrectly, a discrepancy locate notice must be filed using Search and Status. For more information on processing a discrepancy notice for these conditions, please visit <https://www.missutility.net/resources/> and click on Ticket & Ticket Check Enhancements.

## **SAFETY & EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

William (Bill) Jackson (MDOT/SHA)

Bill Jackson is Assistant Statewide Utility Engineer (Office of Construction, MDOT State Highway Administration) and is a direct support to District Utility staff, Utility Owner Representatives and upper management. Bill and his team facilitate most Information Technology Resource Sharing Agreements between the State and IT carriers and providers. Today's presentation was titled: I-495 & I-270 P3 Program (Public/Private Partnership). Information under the following headings was discussed and shared: Managed Lane Study, Traffic Congestion Relief, I-495 & I-270 Overview, and Traffic Relief Program. For more information please visit, <https://495-270-p3.com/>.

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

- Two Formal Hearings were scheduled but postponed to give the contractor a chance to review the two NPV's.
- The Authority reviewed and acted on four (4) NPV's. All recommendations included Damage Prevention Training.
- The Authority is (1) performing final edits before launching the new website, (2) has a part-time person performing data entry into the Case Management System and (3) securing quotes on video production for the proposed On-site Training Module.
- The February 5, 2020 Authority meeting was cancelled. The scheduled hearing was resolved and there were only two (2) NPV's for review.
- The next scheduled meeting is March 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM. There is currently one Formal Hearing scheduled and five (5) NPV's ready for review. The Authority will be seating the new MACo Representative, Paul Kwiatkowski of Howard County.
- Due to the low number of NPV submissions, the April 1, 2020 meeting may be cancelled. Jim will try to let everyone know for sure ahead of time since he will be out of town during the March DPC Meeting.

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

- Senate Bill SB0877 has a hearing today in front of the Senate Finance Committee at 1:00 PM. An Amendment will be added at a later date to offer changes agreed to under 12-121 Emergency Excavation.
- House Bill HB1330 has a hearing in front of the House Economic Matters Committee on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Again, the same amendment will be submitted.
- Both bills can be tracked by going to the Maryland Manual on the internet. Click on Legislation, SB0877 and HB1330.

*Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, <https://mddpa.org>.*

**2020 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Reported by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

- Conference dates: October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
- Conference will be held at the Clarion Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, MD.
- Save the Date cards are printed and available. Please distribute at your work place.
- The GCDPTC committee is once again offering a FREE 2-night conference experience for one lucky winner just by registering to receive conference email updates. Please register no later than May 15, 2020 for this opportunity by emailing - [2020gcdptc@gmail.com](mailto:2020gcdptc@gmail.com)

Next committee planning meeting is: March 17, 2020 at the Miss Utility.

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

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

**2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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

- The Locator Achievement Awards ceremony will take place in conjunction with Miss Utility's Touch a Truck event on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Winning locators and their families are invited to attend the TAT event followed by a banquet at the Bowie Baysox stadium recognizing the contributions of the locating industry towards safety, damage prevention participation and

excellence in job performance. Nominated locators will receive various gifts and awards in addition to a wonderful family meal, baseball game, kiddie park, cake and ice cream, a true day of celebration. **LAA nominations are due by February 28, 2020**

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## **DAMAGE PREVENTION and SAFETY TRAINING**

DPT Training Coordinator, Susan Sullivan [ssullivan@misstutility.net](mailto:ssullivan@misstutility.net)

### Upcoming On-Site Trainings

- Gray and Son: February 26
- Gray and Son: March 3
- EN Engineering: March 7
- MTA: Cecil County: March 14

### Upcoming Open Trainings (Registration required)

- Washington County Government: March 12 (2 trainings)

Spanish damage prevention training is available and supported by WGL. A full Spanish training is scheduled for July 2020.

Miss Utility is partnering with the MD Authority to create a new on-line training platform.

Dora Parks provided data on January 2020 reported damages in MD/DC;

- 66 utility damages (23 mains and 43 services)
  - 18.18% due to no call or valid ticket
  - 34.85% due to hitting a marked line
  - 37.88% due to incorrect locate marks
  - 9.09% due to other root causes

## **CONSTRUCTION ANGELS**

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Construction Angels (CA) is a 501-3C that 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. Miss Utility sponsors an annual golf tournament in order to raise funding. Earlier this month, Kevin attended a CA event in Florida where he received a plaque and was recognized for his dedication, contributions, and support of the Maryland/DC chapter of CA. For more information regarding CA, or to participate on the Annual CA Golf Tournament Committee please contact Kevin Woolbright ([bright.67@verizon.net](mailto:bright.67@verizon.net))

## **ADVERTISING/PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH**

MGH Kelly Cahill

- Miss Utility spring radio ads across MD and DC will begin in April and run through May. Listen for new, engaging messaging that educates beyond the “Call before you dig. It’s the law” branding that is so well known in this region.
- MASN Advertising campaigns are set to run this spring.
- ‘Who Dug Deep,’ sponsored by Miss Utility, is set to air during both Orioles’ and National’s games.

- A reminder that Miss Utility/District One Call has announced and is currently accepting applications for its sixth annual scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. All applications must be submitted no later than April 3, 2020. Winners will receive a \$1,008.11 single-year scholarship towards a college of their choosing. For more information, please visit <https://www.missutility.net/miss-utility-scholarship/>.
- Touch-A-Truck (TAT) is in its fifth year; an annual event held at the Bowie Baysox stadium in Prince George’s County. This will make for a family-friendly event where kids can experience construction vehicles first hand, education regarding construction work, buried utility placement and pipes, various learning stations, kiddie sandbox filled with construction toys, kid size excavation equipment, music, games, face painting, plenty of give-a-ways and family fun, all free and sponsored by Miss Utility’s damage prevention partners. In addition, advance game tickets priced at \$8.11 that includes a free gift to the first 500 attending kids and a finale of fireworks. Miss Utility will have a table full of fun free goodies for game attendees. The TAT event is free to the public and scheduled for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Dora Parks for more information (dparks@missutility.net)

*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](mailto:emeier@mghus.com).*

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 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

- March 24<sup>th</sup>
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - Presentation by, Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)
- May 26<sup>th</sup> - Presentation by, Dominic Pope (Gaines and Company)
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Presentation by, David Spangler (NPL)

## **NO MEETING IN OCTOBER OR DECEMBER**

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