



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 January 24, 2017
Meeting Hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
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. Seventy-seven stake holders were present, thirty-three were first time meeting attendees.

The minutes of November 22, 2016 were approved as written.

The meeting minutes will be posted at, <http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided an introduction to the new conference room space, future state of the art video and audio capabilities and offered a tour of the call center and new offices. Due to the number of new attendees, Dora provided an overview of the meeting and its purpose.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Burns (UtiliQuest) stated that since the last meeting, their 410-536-0070 contact number will announce, 'UtiliQuest' for any after hour call. This should eliminate any confusions when dialing this number.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Mary Hill (FTC) stated they are having a problem with getting marks on ticket type, Re-mark on a valid ticket. There was an issue with a contract locator regarding the remark request that was reported to BGE. Joe Feronti (USIC) responded that BGE and USIC was aware of the issue and would meet with FTC to discuss the issue. Mary stated that due to multiple work site issues, FTC is keeping a log of job problems.

Nan Mester (Maxaleu) reported that their excavation crews are continually hitting FIOS lines using a hand tool due to the lines being buried within inches of the grass, most are just under the sod. They are being billed for damages to these shallow lines; Nan will provide information to Dora Parks (DPC Secretary) so the issue can be reviewed by Verizon.

Pam March (SMECO) asked what is the standard for installing FIOS lines? Mark Hamrick (Verizon) stated that there is no law requirement for depth but that some counties have a requirement of 18 inches.

There was a group discussion regarding Verizon ticket clearing practices; Mark Hamrick stated tickets are verified by Verizon records before they are coded, Clear/No Conflict. Dora Parks provided detailed information on what excavators should do if they receive a Ticket Check code 1, Clear/No Conflict knowing by clear evidence there are Verizon lines or any other utility lines on the work site;

Using Search & Status from the home page at, www.missutility.net, select the ticket's service territory. Next, enter the ticket number, Search & Status will also allow the user to search for a ticket number. Next, scroll down to the Ticket Check codes and select DISCREPANCY, enter your email address & click 'OK'

Next, you will receive an email to finalize the processing displaying the ticket number and district code.

- Finalize The Reporting of a Ticket Discrepancy (Dispute.
- Next, click 'OK'
- Message #: Ticket Number XXXXXXXX Has Been Processed.

Two things will happen by filing a DISCREPANCY;

Miss Utility will transmit the DISCREPANCY notice to the affected district code/company

Ticket Check will be unlocked to accept a re-code of the ticket number

Excavators are encouraged to use the DISCREPANCY notice for any clear evidence work site condition.

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) reported that plumbers are hitting PEPCO lines causing outages because they are not looking for clear evidence on the work site. Mitzi urged excavators to walk their worksite, make sure all utilities have paint marks, if not to file a Discrepancy so the site can be located. Mitzi also asked that guard rail workers look for clear evidence, PEPCO manholes do get marked.

Mitzi further stated that for sign post installations, every company disturbing the ground by any tool must have a ticket – companies cannot work off of a prime's ticket according to the Miss Utility law.

Mark Hamrick reported that counties are provided a Ticket Check code of Clear/No Conflict on new communities as the water and sewer have not been turned over to the county. Builders are not members of Miss Utility yet own the underground water and sewer – it is not getting located. Glenn Goins (Anne Arundel County) stated that in new developments, the county does not have ownership until the project is fully completed, these are capital improvement projects. Glenn suggested securing the services of a private locator.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) stated that builders under a LLC should be a member and that the Authority was reviewing this state wide issue.

Al Maury (MDTA) thanked Dora Parks for her support and training while the Transit Authority worked to get a handle on Ticket Check No Response notices. Prior to new implementations, the No Response notices were in the thousands; with education and monitoring of the tickets this has been greatly reduced.

Dora Parks explained the new D.C. damage reporting notice as required by permit standards for DDOT and DCRA for those attendees who work in D.C. obtaining permits.

SMECO had reported to Dora Parks via a phone call that an excavator was using the emergency ticket directly following an expired standard ticket in December. Dora called the excavator to explain the conditions for processing an emergency ticket. The excavator explained that they felt their employees would be vulnerable to injury if they performed the work thinking the locators did not mark the site. The excavator did not verify the notified district Ticket Check statuses before going to the work site, the unmarked districts may have been clear/no conflict. Dora educated the contractor in order to avoid this behavior in the future, not to mention that fraudulent emergency tickets can have a consequence according to Title 12 law.

NEW BUSINESS

The locator and contractor Board of Director (BOD) seats will expire in April 2017. Based on the MD/DC Subscribers and BOD Committee By-laws, nominations for these seats will occur starting in January for BOD appointments during the 3rd Quarter committee meeting. Joe Shelton (BF Joy) and Juan Vogel (UtiliQuest) have held these non-voting stakeholder seats for one two year term starting in April 2015. Kevin Woolbright (WSSC) thanked Joe and Juan for their participation and commitment to the BOD, safety and damage prevention.

Dora Parks reiterated the responsibilities of these stakeholder BOD seats;

- Know the Title 12 (MD) and Title 34 (DC) laws, and
- Attend the committee meetings;
 - (11) monthly DPC meetings, and

- (4) Subscribers and BOD quarterly meetings
- Participate in damage prevention campaigns, trade shows and community outreach events
- Be the BOD voice for all locators and contractors/excavators

Kevin Woolbright opened the floor to accept committee or self-nominations;

Locator Seat;

Self-nominated; Juan Vogel (UtiliQuest)
 Self-nominated; Erik Phillips (UtiliQuest)

Contractor Seat:

Self-nominated; Joe Shelton (BF Joy)

Kevin Woolbright stated the nomination period would be open through the February 28th DPC meeting and that if anyone wanted to nominate or self-nominate, they would be accepted at that meeting.

SAFETY PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION

Damage Prevention & Avoidance via Non-Destructive Excavation
 Presenter; Frank Hammond (Badger Daylighting)

Frank provided information regarding the importance of safe excavation on the work site while abiding by Maryland and DC damage prevention laws. Vacuum excavation has proven to be a sheltered method of respecting the 18 inch no-mechanized equipment zone regarding the locate marks and underground lines as opposed to the good ole hand tool, the shovel. Vacuum excavation can be cost effective with respect to manual laborers time and energy exposing underground utilities and text pitting.

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

Dora Parks reported the MD/DC Subscribers and BOD Committee met on January 12th at the Miss Utility call center, Topics of discussion included;

2017 approved damage prevention campaigns;

- Spring online – homeowner targeted paid media campaign
- Spring radio broadcast recommendations
- Minor league baseball; Frederick Keys and Bowie Baysox
- International soccer match at RFK stadium
- Awards; Locator Achievement and Dig Smart
- School scholarship program
- 811 Day promotions
- Trade Shows
- Fall, Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Conference
- New for 2017, Major league baseball, MASN partnership (Orioles and Nationals)

Other Business;

- Continued discussions regarding a proposed new ticket type, Responsible Contractor/Operator and suggestion of a new Maryland Ticket Check code change regarding, critical facilities.
- Title 12, Maryland Authority creating a future stakeholder steering committee to review the law and make changes.

- Scott Brown and Kevin Woolbright will serve a second term as the representatives of gas and water/sewer on the Board of Directors.
- Various ticket volume and budget reports.

Scott Brown opened the January 12th meeting with a thought provoking poem called, 'I Chose to Look the Other Way' by Don Merrill.

This poem will be included in the DPC meeting minutes on the last page.

The 3rd quarterly meeting is planned for April 13th at the SMECO E&O Center in Hughesville, MD

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

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

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

Jim Barron reported;

The Authority held meetings, both open and Closed Executive Session on December 7, 2016 and January 4, 2017.

December 7, 2016

- Voted to resume Formal Hearings on February 1, 2017
- Reviewed and Acted on six (6) new NPV's
- Reviewed and approved a job description for an investigator
- Approved sending a letter to the Maryland Realtors Association about sign installations
- Approved a new accounting policy
- Approved 2017 Meeting Schedule – 1st Wednesday of each month – Posted on Website

January 4, 2017

- Elected 2017 Officers
 - Tom Hastings – Chair
 - Vince Healy – Vice-Chair
 - Matt Ruddo – Treasurer
 - Veronica Davila-Steele – Secretary

Approved check signatories

- Jim Barron – Executive Director
- Tom Hastings – Chair
- Vince Healy – Vice Chair
- Matt Ruddo – Treasurer

Reviewed and Acted on eight (8) new NPV's

Approved sending the Executive Director to the CGA Conference.

Reviewed the PHMSA Annual Evaluation Audit letter. The Authority received an Adequate Rating. The Sixth Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature is complete and will be hand carried to Annapolis today.

The 2017 PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant Application was submitted on Thursday, January 19, 2017; four days early.

Working with MACo and MML's Public Works Committees to start discussions regarding making a Miss Utility ticket mandatory on all Permit Applications.

Next Authority Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM. Three (3) Formal Hearings are scheduled for the morning session

The Authority has temporarily placed a hold in accepting Notices of Violation. We are currently backlogged with 50 NPV's now in line for investigation and review. We hope to lift the hold sometime in late February to March.

Notification of the 2017 Title 12 Re-Write should be announced at the next meeting.

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

Kevin Woolbright, WSSC-Chair, Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Vice Chair

Kevin stated the Awards committee will be meeting on January 24th to start planning the Locator Achievement Awards. Nominated locators who meet the nomination criteria will be recognized at a banquet held at the Bowie Baysox stadium in May.

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 Dora Parks,

The committee will start planning the 9th GCDPTC at their January 24th meeting. The conference will be held in Ocean City, MD during October 24- 28, 2017 at the Clarion Resort Hotel. Anyone interested in sponsorships or being an exhibitor should contact Dora Parks at dora@missutility.net

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

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

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

NUCA of DC Supplier's Showcase

Busboys and Poets Restaurant
5331 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20781
Jan. 25, 2017

LCA Pesticide & Fertilizer Recertification Conference

The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Building II, Room II1400
Rockville, MD 20850
Feb. 16, 2017

NPL Annual Kickoff

Michael's Eighth Avenue
7220 Grayburn Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
March 3, 2017

DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING

Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

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.

Completed Training Events:

MD National Capital Park & Planning Commission

Showplace Arena – Prince Georges County
14900 Pennsylvania Ave.
Upper Marlboro, MD. 20772
January 10th, 2017

AIME – Atlantic Industrial - Mechanical & Electrical

6003 Woodbine Rd. Woodbine, MD 21797

Carroll County

January 13th, 2017

Francis O Day Company

14900 Southlawn Ln

Rockville, MD 20850

Mont County

January 18th, 2017

Washington CO HWY

Richard A Henson Airfield - Fire Training Center

18434 Showalter RD

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Washington CO.

January 20th, 2017 (2 training tracks morning and afternoon)

Future Training Events:

WSSC

Gaithersburg Depot

111 West Diamond Ave.

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

January 25th, 2017 set up 6:30am

Montgomery Parks

16641 Crabbs Branch Way.

Rockville, MD 20855 Mont Co.

January 31st, 2017 set up 6:30am

PEPCO

Rockville Service Center

201 W. Gude Drive.

Rockville, MD 20850 Mont Co.

February 3rd, 2017 set up 7:00am

Fence & Deck Connection

Capital Railing

1954 Halethorpe

Halethorpe, MD 21227 Baltimore CO.

February 6th, 2017 set up 7:30am

Pre-scheduled Open Damage Prevention Training Opportunities

March 31st at the Miss Utility call center starting at 7:30am

May 12th at the SMECO E&O Center in Hughesville starting at 7:30am

July 28th at the Miss Utility call center starting at 7:30am

November 3rd at the Miss Utility call center starting at 7:30am

December 1st at the PEPCO office on Benning Road starting at 8:00am

Please see our website, http://www.missutility.net/training_safety for pre-scheduled FREE Damage Prevention Trainings; these trainings are open to everyone, contact dora@missutility.net to reserve your seat(s).

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting: February 28, 2017 commencing at 9:30 am with refreshments being served at 9:00 a.m. at the Miss Utility call center in Hanover, MD

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I CHOSE TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY

I could have saved a life that day but I chose to look the other way.
It wasn't that I didn't care, I had the time and I was there.

But I didn't want to seem a fool or argue over a safety rule.
I knew he'd done the job before, if I spoke up he might get sore.

The chances didn't seem that bad, I'd done the same- he knew I had.
So I shook my head and wailed on by, he knew the risks as well as I.

He took the chance, I closed an eye, and with that act, I let him die.
I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way.

Now every time I see his wife, I'll know I should have saved his life.
That guilt is something I must bear, but it isn't something you need share.

If you see a risk that others take, that puts their health or life at stake.
The question asked or thing you say could help them live another day.

If you see a risk and walk away, then hope you never have to say,
I could have saved a life that day but I CHOSE to look the other way.

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