



## 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 April 26, 2016  
Prepared by Dora Parks, Committee Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:31 am followed by the customary introductions. There were (36) committee members present.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Burns (UtiliQuest) reported that ticket concerns involving Howard County have been resolved. Dora Parks (Miss Utility) stated she had contacted Verizon to discuss the Scott A. Duncan concerns regarding statusing tickets as clear/no conflict and if they could flag new update tickets that were previously marked on the update of tickets due to a filed discrepancy notice. Verizon reported at this time they could not flag these types of tickets. Tim Kaptein (Comer Construction) reported he has taught locators how to access ticket attachments.

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

Lisa Hurley (SMECO) asked how committee members were dealing with flags left on work sites after the work had been completed and homeowners not wanting paint on their property as a result of the ticket being processed. The group agreed, that although not law, the excavator as a best practice should remove the flags when they are finished with their job. Joe Feronti (USIC) stated they talk to the homeowner to explain the reason for marking the ground. Jim Freeland (Baltimore County Utilities) has had to use the County Police to provide access when dealing with difficult homeowners and Deena Joyce (WSSC) stated they send out homeowner flyers when doing a full community job.

Deena Joyce (WSSC) stated she was disturbed by a recent email where the excavator included an ethnic remark in addition to an Authority Notice of Probable Violation (NPV) being filed against WSSC. It was suggested that Deena discuss the NPV with the company who processed it as this matter could not be resolve at the Damage Prevention Committee level.

Al Mawry (MDTA, contractor) inquired about why tickets need to be coded in Ticket Check as they are receiving a large amount of transmitted No Response tickets. Dora Parks explained that Ticket Check is part of Maryland Title 12 law, every ticket number transmitted must be coded using the Ticket Check system within two business days of the transmission to communicate the response of that particular member to the excavator.

Will Gooch (Decisive Communications) stated they are receiving many 24 and 48 delays which is having a negative impact on their ability to get their jobs completed. Jim Barron (MD Authority, Executive Director) read Title 12-126 (d) (1) (2) and (3), and informed Will if he feels there is a violation for the delays, he can file a NPV with the Maryland Authority. The Authority, as Administrative Judges provide law interpretation.

## **PRESENTATION, TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

Dora Parks presented a safety message regarding April, National Safe Digging Month, awareness.

- Governor Hogan issued a proclamation announcing April as Maryland Safe Digging Month
- BGE provided a news release regarding the importance of calling before any ground disturbance
- Marc Haines of BGE was on (2) TV programs reiterating public safety by calling before digging
- Miss Utility started its spring radio campaigns providing safety messages & homeowner internet campaigns
- Miss Utility is using April to petition scholarship entries
- Miss Utility has sponsored a children's reading campaign with the Frederick Keys

Statistics from the Maryland Authority were provided as an example that we need to continue our education and awareness initiatives regarding safe excavation practices in Maryland.

## **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

Reported by Dora Parks,

The committee held a meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the SMECO E&O Center in Hughesville, MD. Topics of discussion included;

- Creating a ticket type and process for a 'responsible contractor' that could be used by excavators bringing on subs, the prime's initial company ticket would serve as the link to the subs ticket(s). The committee will revisit this issue.
- Reviewed Miss Utility logo and tag lines
- National Safe Digging Month, local and national initiatives
- Committee Reporting
- Request for sponsorship to the fishing tournament, Paycheck Series
- County parcel data updates
- Digital maps, street names updates
  - AA County, 117 updates
  - Baltimore County, 70 updates
  - Montgomery County, 35 updates

Next committee meeting scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Miss Utility call center.

*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

Reported by Dora Parks

The committee has been meeting since 2014 to rewrite the Title 34 for compliance to the PHMSA Nine Pipes Act of 2006. At this point, most of the draft is complete, the committee continues to fine tune the draft in preparation of legal formatting. Much of 2016 has been spent on enforcement, as this is one of the requirements of the PIPES Act.

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 and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Mr. Barron reported on the following;

April 6, 2016 meeting;  
0 hearings  
10 NPV's reviewed - 2 sent back to complainant for review  
40 New NPV's currently under investigation  
The Authority approved \$25,000 to the 2016 811 Media Campaign

May 4, 2016 meeting;  
0 hearings scheduled  
10 NPV's ready for review

We do have three hearings scheduled for the June 1, 2016 Authority Meeting

Oral Arguments for NPV# 283 on the Constitutionality of the Authority were heard in front of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the highest court in Maryland on January 8, 2016. An opinion was rendered on March 28, 2016

Affirmed that the Authority is a quasi-governmental agency with quasi-judicial powers in the Executive Branch of Maryland Government.

NPV's 1216, 1834, 1841 and 1853 that were scheduled for Oral Arguments in front of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County but were on stay pending an opinion on the Court of Appeals Case, have now been set for August 1, 2016

The Authority sponsored legislation, SB 480 & HB 696, adding \$0.05 to all outgoing tickets (excluding MACo & MML) to fund the Authority, passed this legislative session, is awaiting the Governor's signature and will become law on June 1, 2016. The Authority will vote to enact that funding at their May 4, 2016 meeting.

The Authority just submitted its Mid-Term Report to PHMSA and will be billing for their 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50,000 from the 2015 SDP Grant

The Authority has scheduled a meeting for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, meetings and hearings are open to the public.

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

Mark Hamrick (Verizon) Chairman, Dora Parks (Miss Utility), Vice Chairman

Reported by Dora Parks;

Final preparations are being made for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual awards. The banquet will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bowie Baysox stadium in Prince Georges' county. Nominations were accepted from (16) utility and contract locating companies recognizing (67) area locators for their participation and support of public safety through accurate locating; no at fault utility damages and vehicle accidents in addition to effective communication skills. The locators and their families will be recognized and honored during an awards banquet. The committee congratulates these fine locators and their companies for continued support in public safety.

Please visit, [http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland\\_awards.asp](http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland_awards.asp) to learn more about the awards history, criteria, annual recipients and banquet pictures.

### **2015 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)**

Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

Reported by Matt Ruddo;

A phenomenal conference is being planned for 2016. The highlight will be the unveiling of another One Call Concepts 811 messenger, a race track ready car being designed by Paul Jr. Designs. The car will be delivered by

Paul Jr. directly after the conference Welcome Reception and will have a national presence. This is an excellent way to kick off the 8<sup>th</sup> damage prevention and safety regional conference.

The conference is being held during October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. The event will include (2) specific networking events; a fun cornhole tournament on Tuesday evening and a golf outing on Wednesday morning. Our keynote speaker is Pete Strickland, a high school and college basketball coach, radio personality, and sought after speaker talking about team building and leadership with a pinch of humor. Early Bird pricing will start in May and we have a post card promoting the conference with a chance to win a free 2-night conference registration. Updates to the conference are being made to, [www.missutilityconference.com](http://www.missutilityconference.com)

## **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING**

Chris McMurry, MGH

## **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

### **Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:**

#### **Maryland Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Trade Show**

M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, MD

March 31, 2016

#### **Frederick Keys, Keys for Reading Game Weekends-Trade Booth**

April 15, 16 and 17

#### **Chesapeake AIHA/ASSE Educational Seminar**

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Kosiakoff Center

Laurel, MD

April 21, 2016

### **Future Trade Shows and Presentations:**

#### **Frederick Keys, Keys for Reading Game Weekends-Trade Booth**

April 29, 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Archer Western Contractors Annual Safety Week**

Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant, Baltimore, MD

May 6, 2016

Anticipated attendees: 550

Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

#### **MD Washington Minority Companies Association Spring Meeting**

Martin's West, Baltimore, MD

May 13, 2016

Anticipated attendees: 1,000-1,200

Supported by: Jack Ellison

#### **Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Safety, Health and Wellness Day**

DIA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

May 18, 2016

Anticipated attendees: 1,000+

Supported by: Don Jones (Washington Gas)

#### **Maryland Pest Control Association Event, Booth and Presentation**

Crofton Country Club, Crofton, MD

May 26, 2016

Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

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). We welcome contract locating companies and contractor participation.

## **DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING**

Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

### **Completed Training Events:**

#### **Highway & Safety Services**

Garage Training Room, 18960 Woodfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
March 29<sup>th</sup>

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

ASSOC Meeting  
Quality Inn & Suite 1 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Laurel, MD 20733  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **NETCOM TECHNOLOGY**

7616 Standish Pl, Rockville, MD 20855  
April 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **PSC John Clementson**

Maritime Institute  
692 Maritime Blvd. Linthicum Heights, MD 21090  
April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **PSC John Clementson**

Maritime Institute  
692 Maritime Blvd. Linthicum Heights, MD 21090  
April 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Future Training Events**

#### **Capitol Paving of DC (Yard)**

1525 W Street NE, Washington DC 20018  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> set up 6:30am

#### **American Water Fort Meade**

3220 Laurel Ft Meade Rd RT#198, Laurel, MD 20724  
May 11<sup>th</sup> set up 7:30am

#### **Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling – Public Works Dept**

370 Brookley Ave., Washington, DC 20032  
May 11<sup>th</sup> set up 6:30am

#### **BCTY-DEPT REC & PARKS**

Clyburn Arboretum - Greenhouse Classroom  
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209  
May 17<sup>th</sup> set up 8:00am

#### **BCTY-DEPT REC & PARKS**

Carrie Murray Nature Center, 1901 Ridgetop Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
May 18<sup>th</sup> set up 8:00am

#### **LGIT/Prima Chapter**

Grasonville, MD  
Kent, MD  
May 20<sup>th</sup> set up 10:15am

Please see our [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 11:20am.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; May 24, 2016 starting at 9:30 am; refreshments are available at 9:00 am 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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