



## 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 October 25, 2016  
Meeting Hosted by BGE in Lansdowne, MD  
Prepared by Dora Parks, Secretary

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

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. followed by the customary introductions. Fifty stake holders were present, fifteen were first time meeting attendees.

The minutes of September 27, 2016 were approved as written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) stated the ticket processing issue Deena Joyce (WSSC) brought before the committee at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was not outside of current call center processes. However; the contractor could have white lined the areas on the five mile work site to better assist the utility locators. Dora has contacted the contractor to suggest white lining on future tickets in addition to advising the ticket extent of work correspond to the individual ticket mapping for member notification.

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

Doug Deist (Signtraker) stated that sign companies are not calling in tickets due to the amount of paint on the site. The committee suggested not to call in, 'entire property' for a sign installation and to white line the area(s) where the sign will be installed (i.e., locate a 3 foot radius of white paint for sign installation). This will limit the amount of paint on the ground and save unnecessary locating time.

Steve Hull (BF Joy) stated educating homeowners on community excavation work was important as they are confused and concerned over the paint marks and what they relate to. Dora Parks suggested giving the homeowners the Miss Utility Homeowner guides in addition to providing door hangers informing the homeowners of the impending excavation in their community. Marc Haines (BGE) shared that BGE had a gas hit due to a sign installation.

Sean Cecil (PEPCO) stated locators are stusing tickets with a code 5 (In Progress) and not locating the work site or communicating with the excavator. Sean will work with the UtiliQuest representative on site to resolve this matter.

There was a lengthy stake holder discussion regarding Verizon coding ticket with a code 1 (Clear/No Conflict) when the work sites have buried Verizon utilities. Dora Parks provided information on using the Ticket Check excavator code, Discrepancy to get the work site located. Verizon will dispatch their contract locating company when they receive a Discrepancy notice.

Erik Woodworth (Decisive) asked how the call center deals with a utility locator staking a ticket with a code 4 (48 Hour Delay) and following up with a code 5 (In Progress), the work sites are not getting marked. Dora Parks suggested Decisive contact the contract locating company's manager to inform them of the situation. If no resolution, the second step is to contact the utility compliance manager. If the situation continues, bring the matter to the attention of the Damage Prevention Committee and lastly, a Notice of Probable Violation can be filed with the Title 12 Law enforcement, the Maryland Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS** – no reports

## **PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION**

**By Steven Hull of B.F. Joy**

Presentation, How to Avoid A Utility Damage

Train employees;

- Watch the Miss Utility Damage Prevention video
- Review the MD/DC Damage Prevention Guide and law
- Call before each excavation
- Ensure all notified utilities have provided a positive response to the Ticket Check System
- Know the utility color code system
- Look for any evidence of an unmarked utility on the work site, call Miss Utility if there is a locate discrepancy
- Respect the 18 inch tolerance zone for the marks and buried lines
- Understand the soil conditions
- Be aware of the proper PPE needed for the job
- Learn locating procedures
- Use proper test pitting techniques
- Understand the procedures for any utility hit line
- Provide employee continuing education and awareness

Dora Parks announced that B.F. Joy has been awarded the annual Dig Smart Award (3) times since 1999 and in 2012, B.F. Joy was entered into the elite category of the Dig Smart Excellence Awards and has been presented with this level of award (3) times; 2012, 2014 & 2015.

## **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 provided the following report;

- The MD/DC Subscribers and BOD Committee met on October 6, 2016 in Cumberland, MD. The meeting was hosted by Columbia Gas of Maryland. Topics of discussion included;
- New ticket type, Rented Equipment Operator (REO) – allowing excavators (considered a prime) to hire sub-contractors or equipment operators that would be allowed to use the prime's ticket number for their sub-contractor work. It was suggested that a pilot program be implemented. There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of this new ticket type and process. In the end, the members stated the current Title 12 law does not allow a person to excavate without their own ticket number.
- Dora Parks introduced a new method of visual training using a training mat. The committee recognized the many benefits of the new mat and encouraged its use at trade shows and training events.
- It was suggested that a new Ticket Check code be added to mirror the VA codes 70 and 71 for a pipeline operator. The code would state that the pipeline company must be on site when excavation occurs.

- Various committee reports were provided (Awards, Call Center Ticket Volume, Training, Trade Shows, Scholarships, etc.).
- Discussions regarding the new method of ticket mapping using a worksite polygon instead of the current grid click.

The next meeting is planned for January 12, 2017 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

No committee updates; 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

Jim Barron reported on the Authority October 5, 2016 Meeting;

- 0 hearings scheduled
- 10 NPV's were reviewed
- 21 additional NPV's are received and in line for review

The Authority has put all future hearings on hold pending final decision on how we will proceed as a result of the March 28, 2016 Decision from the Maryland Court of Appeals. Currently there are 7 requests for hearings on hold.

The Authority submitted its 2015 State Damage Prevention Grant Final Report on October 24, 2016.

Once that report is approved the Authority will invoice for its first 50% of the \$97,000 2016 State Damage Prevention Grant awarded to the Authority on September 1, 2016.

The following member terms expired on September 30, 2016:

- Arthur I. Bell – AUC of Maryland – Contractor Representative  
Replaced by Walter Gainer of W. F. Wilson & Son
- Jeffrey S. Garner – Town of La Plata DPW - MML Representation  
Reappointed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.
- Vincent C. Healy – Verizon - Subscriber Representative  
Reappointed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.
- Matthew C. Ruddo – OCC Inc. – One Call Representative  
Reappointed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.

The Authority attended the 2016 OCC, Inc. Tech Conference in Boston, October 11-13 and made a presentation on the PHMSA Evaluation/Audit conducted on June 29, 2016.

The Authority was a Gold Sponsor of the 2016 Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Conference and had a booth at the conference.

The next Authority Open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016 has been cancelled. The Authority will be meeting with their legal advisors and lobbyist to decide how to proceed in light of the March 28, 2016 Maryland Court of Appeals Decision. The December 7, 2016 meeting of the Authority is still scheduled.

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

Mark Hamrick, Verizon-Chair, Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Vice Chair

Dora Parks provided an overview of the Dig Smart Award process. The winners for the 2015-2016 season are;  
Gray and Son for the Maryland service area  
Anchor Construction for the DC service area  
B. Frank Joy is the Dig Smart Excellence Award winner  
Honorable Mention went to Rommel Engineering

Awardees were invited to the GCDPTC where each company was recognized by the conference attendees, peers and other stakeholders in addition to receiving the acrylic gold shovel award.

Please visit, [http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland\\_awards.asp](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)

Dora Parks provided the following report,

The 2016 GCDPTC was held on Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel. It was the most attended conference to date, over 400 folks showed up for the 811 Car unveiling on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Paul Jr. of Paul Jr. Designs drove the 811 Car into the tent following the 811 Bike driven by Jimmy Jennings. There were fireworks, smoke and a laser show to compliment the unveiling. The crowd welcomed the new 811 Damage Prevention icon with great excitement and cheering. Dora shared the unveil experience from the 811 Car youtube video. Jimmy Jennings provided vehicle stats to the committee and handed out pictures of both the 811 car and bike.

Committee members commented on various aspects of the conference; the engaging breakout sessions, exciting exhibitor hall with the added bonus of the NUCA DC simulator – many folks participated in the competition, the networking events (golf and cornhole), the keynote speaker (Pete Strickland) and the Friday, All Conference speaker, David Miguel (YTEFAS). Everyone agreed this year's 8<sup>th</sup> conference was a huge success. A mention of gratitude was given to all sponsors and exhibitors for their contributions to making this conference available to our region.

Conference pictures will be online shortly. The conference survey will be delivered to conference participants in November.

## **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

### Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

#### **Maryland Park Service Employee Field Day – \$0**

Fort Frederick State Park  
Big Pool, MD  
September 28, 2016

#### **Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference & Expo**

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory  
Laurel, MD  
October 5, 2016

#### **Maryland Fall Home & Garden Show**

Maryland State Fairgrounds  
Timonium, MD  
October 14-16, 2016

#### **MOSH Outreach Event**

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Wilde Lake Interfaith Center  
Columbia, MD  
October 15, 2016

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

**Parks & Planning Equipment Show & Training**  
Derwood, MD  
November 18, 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](mailto:emeier@mghus.com).

**DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING**  
Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

Completed Training Events:

**St. Mary's County  
Metro Commission (METCOM)**  
23121 Camden Way  
California, MD 20619  
St. Mary's County  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 7:30am

**Paradigm Pipeline Safety Training Sessions**  
Five training locations Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> thru October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Future Training Events:

**Howard Co PDW  
Bureau of Facilities**  
9250 Bendix Rd  
Columbia, MD 21045 Howard County  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 set up 7:15am

**Payne Landscaping Company**  
5418 Levering Ave.  
Elkridge, MD 21075 Howard CO  
November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 7:00am

**Purple Line Transit Authority**  
6801 Kenilworth Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 6:30am

**Pre-scheduled Damage Prevention Training**

- November 18, 2016 at 7:30am at the BGE, Pumphrey Training Center
- December 2, 2016 at 7:30am at the PEPSCO, Benning Road Office

Please see our website, [http://www.missutility.net/training\\_safety](http://www.missutility.net/training_safety) for 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](mailto:dora@missutility.net).

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; November 22, 2016 starting at 9:30 am with refreshments being served at 9:00 a.m. at the BGE training center at 4547 Annapolis Road, Lansdowne, MD 21227

Monthly meeting minutes and the attendee contact list are available at,  
<http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

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