



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

Minutes of the meeting for February 26, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright (WSSC) called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 22, 2019 were approved as written. The meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>

OLD BUSINESS

Miss Utility Heros: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) explained the educational nature and intended use for the Miss Utility Color Code, Utility Heroes'. The attendees received a copy of the suggested character names and provided an opportunity to vote; the names will be shared at a future meeting.

New Website: Dora shared that due to user feedback, edits are being made to the new Miss Utility Website. In addition, attendees were encouraged to frequent the News and Calendar page which displays a variety of industry related events that include venue names, dates, times and locations. Dora encouraged continued user feedback as an on-going effort is taking place to enhance this page in order make it as user friendly as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Dora presented the GCDPTC event information cards for this year's conference and asked attendees to promote the conference by sharing and making the cards available to those who might benefit from attending the conference. The next GCDPTC is February 26th. Attendees were encouraged to offer event ideas and suggestions to any of the committee members.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Jack Ellison (WGL) stated he continues to hear the MASN Miss Utility 811 PSA's. He said it was great. Miss Utility partners with MASN (Oriole and National's) during the baseball season to promote 811/damage prevention awareness. Having MASN continue out of season to support our message is added value towards our annual campaigns.

Bob Harchick (DCI) reminded everyone of the importance of calling in for a "Remark" after a recent incident occurred: A front-end loader struck a line where marks had faded due to a recent snowstorm. "When in doubt, call for a remarks." Jim Barron (MD Authority) then added from MD Title 12 Law:

- §12-127.

(b) (1) After an owner-member has marked the location of an underground facility in accordance with § 12-126 of this subtitle, the person performing the excavation or demolition is responsible for the maintenance of the designated marker

John Rabino (Rabino Enterprises) piggybacking off of a previous shared concern, stated that he had recently received an invoice from Baltimore City that was from last September. He also shared that it took 5 weeks to locate a particular residence that had been put in as an “Emergency.” Dora shared that many contractors have reported delayed billings and errors in billing costs and provided MD Title 12 law;

- §12–128.

(a) A political subdivision, municipal corporation, the Department of Transportation, an administration of the Department of Transportation, or the Maryland Transportation Authority may charge, assess, or collect from a person a one-time initial marking fee not exceeding \$35 for reimbursement of expenses that the political subdivision, municipal corporation, the Department of Transportation, an administration of the Department of Transportation, or the Maryland Transportation Authority incurs to comply with this subtitle.

(b) If re-marking is requested, or is required after renotification under § 12–108(b) of this subtitle, a political subdivision, municipal corporation, or any of the transportation entities specified in subsection (a) of this section may charge, assess, or collect from a person a re-marking fee not exceeding \$15 for reimbursement of expenses that the political subdivision, municipal corporation, or any of the transportation entities specified in subsection (a) of this section incurs to comply with this subtitle.

Shelly Welling (Gray & Son) asked about a code 10 (Incorrect address/ mapping) she had received from one locator on a recently processed ticket. She stated that the address was correct and asked how to handle this issue. Dora advised processing both a “Discrepancy” and a “Remark” on a valid ticket. The “Discrepancy” will unlock Ticket Check so a subsequent status can be entered based on Ticket Check rules in addition to being transmitted to the affected member(s). Using the ‘Remark’ notice allows the contractor to provide additional information regarding the ticket. Dora noted that future enhancements to the “Discrepancy” notice will allow excavator comments and attachments to clarify worksite and ticket issues.

- *If **code 10** is selected, it will be locked out as the final selection unless the excavator successfully processes a DISCREPANCY notice. If the ticket is not expired/locked, the Discrepancy notice is allowed via the IVR or Search & Status. Once the Discrepancy is processed, the status can be updated to code 1, code 2 or code 9.*

Dominic Pope (Gaines and Company) shared a recent experience: A ticket was stasured “Clear/ No Conflict” due to the Extent of Work reading Sidewalk/ Curb Work. It was determined that utilities were located in the excavation area that, had they been disturbed or damaged unknowingly, could have resulted in catastrophic damage. Due to the care with which Dominic’s team excavates and with the help of Dora Parks, the issue was addressed appropriately. Dominic reiterated the need to excavate cautiously at all times independent of a ticket’s “Clear/No Conflict” status.

At this time, Kevin Woolbright introduced WSSC personnel who are currently points of contact in the field. Contact information can be found on today’s attendance sheet available at March’s DPC meeting.

- David Wilkins (WSSC) Customer Advocate
- Leba Brown (WSSC) Administrative Contract Manager

Dora stated the meeting attendee list is a useful resource for committee members when they need contact information regarding questions, issues, and concerns. The attendee list provides the company name, contact names, phone number and email. The Damage Prevention Training Team provides a full resource list for each training provided via the DPC.

Dora introduced Dave Miller (BGE) who recently joined the DPT Team and is another point of contact for concerns related to gas and electric in the BGE footprint.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape) who was a 2018 Dig Smart Award Winner and recognized at the 10th annual GCDPTC, provided a safety presentation. Her PowerPoint was titled "Miss Utility-Learning the Ropes." Becky highlighted her determination in learning the Miss Utility ticketing process with a mixture of both humor and seriousness. She spoke about the serious business of worksite safety and the awareness she has cultivated through years of trial and error. Along the way, she educated attendees on the nature of the landscaping business and the impact it has in the excavating industry. She stressed the value of communication between Miss Utility stakeholders and encouraged everyone to do their part.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

February 6, 2018 Meeting Highlights:

- Derek Shreves, DPW Director, Town of Sykesville was seated in the MML Seat previously held by Jeff Garner, DPW Director, City of LaPlata who served two full 2-year terms on the Authority.
- Two NPV's were scheduled for March 6, 2019
- Reviewed and Acted on ten (10) NPV's
- The Annual Report was submitted to the Governor and Legislature on February 8, 2019.
- The Authority Vice-Chair, Charlie McCadden of BGE is retiring effective April 1, 2019; that subscriber seat will need to be filled.
- The Authority will make a presentation to the Delmarva Safety Conference in Ocean City, Maryland on Monday, April 8, 2018.

The next Authority meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2018. One Formal Hearings is scheduled.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

Reported by Jim Barron

The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will not be submitted to the Maryland Legislature until the 2020 Legislative Session.

Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, www.mddpa.org.

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Committee Chair

Dora shared that the GCDPTC committee meeting will take place following the DPC meeting. The committee had their first meeting in January to start planning the 11th conference being held in Ocean City, MD during October 23-25, 2019. The committee will review the 2018 conference surveys, start work on break-out sessions and review possible keynote speakers. The networking events will remain the same; a golf tournament, a corn-hole competition and cooking class at Fausto's Ristorante Antipasti. She noted appreciated support from Miss Utility of Delmarva, Miss Utility MD/DC Subscribers, Board Members, Sponsors, Exhibitors, MGH, Committee Members and attendees.

Next meeting is: February 26 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, WGL-Committee Chairman; Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts-Secretary

Dora stated the Board would be meeting to discuss (2) vacated seats; the BOD – communications seat and the Maryland Authority Subscribers' seat.

1. Subscriber's BOD communication seat; replace retired Vince Healy (Verizon). Current nominations include Angela Johnson (AT&T) and Bruce Coyle (Verizon).
2. Maryland Authority (MD) subscriber seat; replace retired Charlie McCadden (BGE). Current nominations include Tamara Neal (WGL) and Dave Miller (BGE).

2019 LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

Kevin Woolbright (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair)

Dora reported on the following;

- The nomination process was completed, the committee received 80 locator nomination.
- The criteria for the award was presented.
- New this year, nominations were submitted via an electronic form and past DSA winners had an opportunity to review all nominations. Final vetting will be the LAA committee responsibility.
- The LAA Banquet is set for Saturday, May 18th at Bowie Baysox Stadium by invitation.

2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@missutility.net

Kevin thanked all involved in the Damage Prevention and Safety Training and shared the purpose of DPT. He included the following training updates:

- 21 private trainings have been scheduled so far.
- 6 open trainings are available at this time.
- WGL has bilingual trainers, requested training can be offered in Spanish.
- All training dates are posted on Miss Utility's website; missutility.net

- Upcoming Trainings
 - Gray & Son 2/28 and 3/1
 - Comer Construction 3/5 and 3/7
 - City of Laurel 3/6
 - Purple Line Construction 3/12
 - Civil Construction 3/14
 - Anchor Construction 3/22

2019 Open Damage Prevention Training (by advanced registration)

- April 4th at The Hagerstown Regional Airport
- April 12th in Prince George's County
- April 29th at the Garrett College Campus
- May 10TH in Harford County s
- June 7TH at the Miss Utility Call Center
- December 6th – Pepco, Forrest Hills Operations

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS (CA)

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Kevin explained his role as CA's representative and the mission in raising \$10,000 annually to support construction families facing a work site related fatality. Kevin asked the meeting attendees for their support on a newly formed

CA committee. Some of the committee tasks will be to discuss fund raising ideas, solicit campaign sponsorships and assist with planned activities. Kevin recognized Vince Healy as having established the MD/DC Chapter of CA.

Dora added the following;

- CA offers financial support, grief and financial counselling to families experiencing a fatality of their loved one while working for a contractor during a work event.
- All monies collected in support of the MD/DC chapter stays in our service area supporting our contractors.
- In 2018, MD suffered the loss of (4) construction workers over a 10-day period in June.

Dora asked attendees to spread the word about CA and challenged each represented contracting company to donate \$100.00 to the MD/DC chapter; contributions can be made directly to CA via a link on Miss Utility's website in addition to the non-profit Amazon, SMILE.

MISS UTILITY MARKETING & OUTREACH

Reported by Kelly Cahill

The Miss Utility spring radio ads across MD and DC will start in late March running through early June. MGH is working with Miss Utility on various campaigns related to. The MD/DC Subscriber's BOD approved a MASN, 'Who Dug Deeper' sponsorship campaign that will air for both the Orioles and Nationals.

Upcoming Outreach Events;

- March 2nd - 3rd, 8th - 10th Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show
- March 6th Hardscapes Vendor Showcase
- March 8 - 10 Washington County Homebuilders Home Show
- March 15-17 Allegany County All Things Home Expo

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.

MISS UTILITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scott Brown (Chair)

Program update reported by MGH.

- Program is now in its fifth year.
- There are 8 scholarship areas.
- It is open to graduating high school seniors who must submit by April 5th;
 - General contact information
 - List of extracurricular activities
 - Personal essay
 - High school transcript
 - One letter of recommendation, no more than two, dated within one year of the application
- New this year; an on-line application.
- The scholarship award is \$1,008.11

Dora wrapped up today's discussion with an announcement regarding April's, annual 'National Safe Digging Month'. Dora secured Governor Hogan's state proclamation for this worthy awareness cause. MGH is working with the MD/DC subscriber's on various media elements that will be disclosed at the March meeting. Dora asked that folks share what their companies are doing for this annual safety awareness and offered to promote the initiatives on Miss Utility's website.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

- March 26th – Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)
- April 23rd - Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching)
- May 28th – Pat Burke (Ferguson Waterworks)

Refreshments at 9 am, meeting starts at 9:30 am

MEETING ATTENDEES;

COMPANY	ATTENDEE NAME & TITLE	TELEPHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
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