



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

Minutes of the meeting for July 23, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Dora Parks and Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:31a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 25, 2019 were approved as written. The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Maryland Authority Locator representative, Eric Phillips (UtiliQuest) completed his first term and accepted a second term to begin September 2019. No one responded to a call for nominations or self-nominations. The committee thanked Eric for his service to the Authority.

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) reported that the call center has been inundated with calls regarding late locates and that many excavators are flooding the system with updates due to this issue, worsening the locate backlog. Dora emphasized the need for all stakeholders to work together and communicate well;

Contractors processing accurate tickets and white lining when ever possible. When white lining, make this the first statement in the ticket's EXTENT OF WORK, to capture the attention of the locator.

Locators to better communicate with the contractor when they will locate the ticket's work site and not use a code 5 when preceded by a 48-hour delay code unless they have spoken to the contractor based on Ticket Check rules.

Utility members to ensure their underground infrastructure is included in their ticket notification mapping.

For all stakeholders to attend the DPC meetings where contractors, locators and utility members meet to discuss work site and ticket matters and in many cases, get resolved.

To use the DPC meeting attendee list as a contact ressource to assist in getting to the right people.

If conditions continue to progress, file a notice of probable violation with the Maryland Authority being careful to clarify which part of the Title 12 law was violated.

The meeting attendees agreed the process works well when all stakeholders work together.

Construction Angels, Kevin Woolbright reported that Miss Utility will sponsor a charity golf tournament at Waverly Woods Golf Club in Marriottsville, MD on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 7:15 am to 3:00 pm. Proceeds

will support Construction Angels, a non-profit that aids families in need of financial assistance when a construction employee has lost his/her life in an on-the-job accident; providing financial aid, grief and financial counselling.

Sponsorships and registrations are available at www.constructionangels.us

The Miss Utility of Delmarva **811 5K Walk/Run** is taking place Sunday, August 11, 2019 in Milford, DE. Proceeds will go to Construction Angels. Everyone is welcome.

For more information go to: <http://www.missutilitydelmarva.com/811-5k/>

Miss Utility Scholarship Awards
Scott Brown (Chair)

On July 11th, Miss Utility/District One Call hosted a celebratory luncheon to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the Maryland and Washington D.C. area through the fifth annual Miss Utility/District One Call Scholarship Program. The program considered nearly 200 applications and selected eight recipients to receive a \$1,008.11 single-year scholarship. This year's scholarship recipients include:

- Zone 1 Claire M.
- Zone 2 Courtney S.
- Zone 3 Leanne S.
- Zone 4 Alexis G.
- Zone 5 Carolyn K.
- Zone 6 Tyler U.
- Zone 7 Kamerin H.
- Zone 8 P. Fisher

Congratulations to this year's winners.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Debora Harvey (NUCA of DC, Executive Director) stated that they are working with DDOT regarding new District Title 34 enforcement. NUCA has been meeting with DDOT on behalf of their associate members regarding non-locating of tickets. The meeting agenda has changed to include enforcement talks; DDOT will regulate public space and DCRA will regulate private property. At this time, Debora reported there is no oversight or enforcement processes in place. NUCA has suggested a single portal for processing claims. Debora will keep the DPC up to date with future changes and updates.

Dora Parks shared that Delaware has a new enforcement effective August 2018 that calls for mandatory damage reporting; all gas and pipeline damages must be reported immediately to the DE PSC. Additionally, damages to electric, communications, water and sewer exceeding \$3,000 in repairs must also be reported to the DE PSC. The commission also accepts notices of any Title 26 violation.

Paul Kwiatkowski (Howard County) inquired about the ticket length. Dora Parks offered that currently Title 12 does not include a ticket length. However; the utility members implemented business rules regarding ticket length. During grid mapping, it was limited to three grids, using the polygon mapping method, the limit is suggested at a quarter mile, 1,320 feet. The Title 12 law draft, if passed in 2020 will include a ticket length of a quarter mile. Additionally, NextGen will have the ticket length rules and law written in the background of ticket processing.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Miss Utility Dig Smart Winner; Northern Pipeline (NPL), David Spangler-Senior Safety Manager

David has over (30) years' experience in the safety arena and presented on NPL's company core values, the importance of damage prevention, NPL's internal Safety Management System that included system elements in addition to their safety culture; Plan Do, Check & Act.

NPL started in 1967 and has 8,000 employees in (46) locations across the US and Canada.

The presentation was informative and impressive to learn what excavation contractors face. NPL has multiple contracts with MD/DC utility members; in 2018 they processed 39,004 tickets in the MD/VA territory with an excellent record of (3) at fault damages, which goes to show, they practice what they preach.

David provided an excellent presentation that attendees can learn and build on their internal safety enforcement.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

Erik Phillips (Authority Chairman) reported the meeting on July 10th did not include hearings. Additionally, there will not be an August meeting. The next Maryland Authority meeting will take place on September 4th starting at 9:00am. These meetings are open to the public and very informative, please plan to attend.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will be submitted to the Maryland Legislature during the 2020 Legislative Session.

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

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- GCDPTC is being held October 22-25, 2019 in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Hotel.
- Early Bird Registration is from May 18 - August 23.
- This year's keynote speaker is Gary Norland who shares his personal story about being electrocuted by a 12,500-volt 200-amp overhead power line due to life-changing decision-making.
- The event will include interactive gas and electric demonstrations, as well as an 811 Dig for Cash opportunity Friday morning.
- The conference will again offer golf, cornhole, and cooking networking opportunities. Fundraising opportunities will support the Maryland/DC Chapter of Construction Angels.
- Visit the 2018 10th year video montage at www.missutilityconference.com

The next meeting is, August 27, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, Chairman (WGL) Brian Salm, Co- Chair (Baltimore Co.), Dora Parks, Secretary (Miss Utility)

The next meeting is October 10, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover MD.

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

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

The Miss Utility MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee holds the annual Dig Smart Awards as part of its quest to promote underground utility safety and recognize contractors who steadily work toward damage prevention. Nominated companies are evaluated based on their damage prevention procedures, employee training programs, enforcement of damage prevention laws, and participation in public/government forums, damage prevention

meetings and conference, and trade organizations. Winning companies each receive two complimentary two-night packages to the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference, where they are recognized by their peers as leaders in damage prevention. This year's winners will be recognized October 25th at the 2019 Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference, which will take place Oct. 23-25 in Ocean City, Md. Entries are due by August 9th.

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2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION and SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@misstuality.net

Upcoming Site Trainings

- Charles County Government – July 31st
- City Of College Park, Md – August 22nd
- FT McNair, DPW – August 28th

2019 Open Damage Prevention and Safety Training (by advanced registration)

- November 7th at the Miss Utility Call Center – First ever, Spanish Training
- December 6th at the PEPCO/PHI facility in Upper Marlboro

ADVERTISING/PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH

Reported by Kelly Cahill, MGH

811 Day – being celebrated during August, elements of each campaign were provided.

Touch A Truck on 8/3 at the Bowie Baysox Stadium (A 2018 slide presentation was provided)

Harford County Iron Birds Sponsorship during August 9th & 10th

DC United outreach on 8/11 at Audi Field

Hagerstown Suns Sponsorship on 8/23

Miss Utility Trade Shows

MACo during August 14-15 in Ocean City, MD

Carvertise Campaign – six-month campaign

Three wrapped vehicles are prowling the Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington DC areas promoting the 811 call before you dig message. Vehicles have received 167,468 impressions during June.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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

- August 27th – Angela Johnson, AT&T
- September 24th- TBD

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

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End of Minutes