

# **MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee**

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman George Daffan, Vice Chairman Susan Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for August 22, 2023 Hybrid Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD Prepared by Susan Sullivan

#### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:33 AM. There were thirty-one (31) attendees onsite and twenty-one (21) virtual attendees.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 25, 2023, minutes, was made by Angela Johnson (AT&T) and seconded by David Wilkins (WSSC). The motion carried by approval.

The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <a href="https://www.missutility.net/excavators/">https://www.missutility.net/excavators/</a>.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Regina Lumpkin (NPL) voiced appreciation to Miss Utility's ITIC team for assistance with ticketing.

Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) thanked the Utiliquest team for quick response time when reaching out on behalf of contractors.

Wen Liang (Anchor) noted that it was good to see the Miss Utility team at the 811 Event recently hosted by Washington Gas.

Sean Paris (Ft. Meyer) to work with Heather Fowkes (DCI) about locate questions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- St Mary's County: New Contract Locator: METCOM who will mark Maryland Broadband as well as county sewer and water.
- Miss Utility's virtual platform is moving to TEAMS. Please confirm all virtual links moving forward.

GUEST SPEAKER: SCOTT KIRKWOOD | UNITED RENTALS TRENCH SAFTETY

Anchor's presentation was titled <u>Managing Subcontractor Safety</u> and focused on their Safe Start Program which establishes a requirement "to orient and familiarize all subcontractors with Anchor's safety program and project safety requirements." Scott highlighted aspects of program implementation; site safety inspections; safety performance tracking and in-house/onsite training. Anchor provided multiple handouts, encouraged the sharing of best practices and welcomed suggestions that might improve aspects of their safety program.

#### MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

- Updates | Jennifer Arroyo (Miss Utility)
  - No updates to report.
- > ITICnxt Virtual Training
  - Upcoming trainings: September 7 | October 4 | November 2
  - Please visit <a href="http://missutility.tryitic.com/">http://missutility.tryitic.com/</a> for multiple ITICnxt resources.
  - All 2023 Virtual ITICnxt Training dates and preregistration links are posted at <a href="https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/">https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/</a>.
- ➤ Dashboard Reporting: Jennifer Arroyo provided ticket volume data for the month of July 2023.
  - Inbound ticket volume: 77,943 a monthly decrease of 3.136% compared to 2022
  - Outbound volume: 402,650 a year-to-date decrease of 2.876% compared to 2022
- ➤ Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through July 2023 of reported damages in MD/DC.
  - 634 utility damages (159 mains and 475 services)
  - 26.34% due to no call or valid ticket
  - 35.33% due to hitting a marked line
  - 29.65% due to incorrect locate marks
  - 8.68% due to other root causes

## MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director | Reported by David Wilkins

- The MD Authority held a virtual Open Meeting followed by a Closed Executive Session on August 9, 2023.
  - o New Authority members were seated:
    - Jennifer Arroyo OCC Inc. representing One Call
    - Michael "Mickey" Beall University Park. MD representing MML
    - David Wilkins WSSC representing the MD/DC Subscribers and appointed for a 2<sup>nd</sup>
       Term
    - David Gaines Gaines and Company representing the AUC of MD.
  - o The Authority voted to hold two Formal Hearings at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting:
    - NPV# 29916 DXI (Old Dixie) vs. BGE
    - NPV# 20088 Gaines and Company vs. BGE
  - o There are currently twenty-four (24) NPV's to investigate and review.
  - o The Authority investigated and reviewed 3 NPV's for No Ticket Violations.
  - o Jim Barron and Susan Stroud attended and had a booth at the MACo Conferences, August  $16^{th} 18^{th}$  in Ocean City. It was an excellent and well attended conference. The focus was

- on the Authority's Homeowner Awareness Program outlining the 03/12/22 Title XII changes to the Homeowner Exemption.
- Susan Stroud submitted the 2022 PHMSA Evaluation on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- o The Authority voted to purchase a Closest To The Pin Sponsorship for the Construction Angels/Miss Utility Golf Tournament being held on October 13, 2023.
- The Authority again voted to give \$20,000 to the 2023 Subscriber's/Miss Utility Maryland Radio Campaign.

The next meeting will be an Open Meeting with Formal Hearings followed by a Closed Executive Session on September 13, 2023. There is no meeting in October due to a conflict with the Maryland Subscriber's Meeting.

## **TITLE-12 RE-WRITE**

The Authority plans to go to the Legislature in 2024 to change the date when Authority Members' Terms expire from September 30th to April 30th.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2023 GCDPTC** | Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference Dates: October 24-27, 2023
- Conference Venue: Ashore Resort and Beach Club
- Early bird registration is open and currently available until Aug 27.
- Save the Date Contest closes this Friday, August 25. Register for updates by emailing <a href="mailto:2023gcdptc@gmail.com">2023gcdptc@gmail.com</a> for your chance to win a two-night package to the 2023 Conference.

#### MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

## DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
  - o August 25: Sunrise Safety Services
  - o August 28: Frederick County DPW
  - September 8: Virtual DPT
  - o PARADIGM TRAININGS!
- DPT Completed:
  - o July 28: ODPT @ Miss Utility
  - o July 31: Frederick County DPW
  - o August 14: Frederick County DPW

All 2023 DPT dates and links are now posted at <a href="https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/">https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/</a> Onsite and Spanish Damage Prevention Training is available. Please reach out to Susan for more information.

## ➤ Miss Utility Facebook

Please visit <a href="www.facebook.com/missutilityofmd/">www.facebook.com/missutilityofmd/</a> for dig safe posts, holiday announcements, call center notices/information and current events. Please like or share posts to show your support for Miss Utility and the dig safe message.





- Carvertise Marketing Metrics | Susan Sullivan, Miss Utility
  - Seven wrapped cars currently travel throughout Montgomery, Prince George, Charles and Washington and Frederick Counties and Washington, D.C.
  - Quantitative Performance Data for the month of July 2023:
    - o Miles traveled by fleet: 15,567 (7,167 above expectation)
    - o Impressions per fleet: 2,163,813 (996,213 above expectation)
- ➤ MGH Marketing Update | Susan Sullivan, Miss Utility
  - National 811 Day
    - 8/11 outreach was another big hit this year with the MGH team making multiple Construction Cake drops to local TV and radio. Miss Utility received on-air coverage from WBFF, WJZ, and BMITCH & Finlay on WJFK-FM!
    - o In addition, Claudia Castellano of Washington Gas secured an interview with El Zol during which she promoted Miss Utility and the importance of contacting the call center prior to every dig. El Zol's DJ Chepe also took time to highlight Miss Utility during his show and posted a picture with one of the Miss Utility Construction Cakes.
    - Washington Gas hosted an 811 event that featured a visit from OCC's 811 Bike as well as other key partners in damage prevention.
    - From there, the Miss Utility Team supported PHMSA during their 8/11 Outreach Event at the Washington Nationals baseball game later in the day. Lots of folks inquired about the unique details of the 811 Bike providing multiple opportunities to speak about the 811/dig safe message.



- Touch a Truck
  - o The 2023 Touch a Truck event took place Saturday, Aug. 5 at Bowie Baysox Stadium.
  - o Thanks to our incredible volunteers, hundreds of families were able to safely explore vehicles, enjoy fun activities and learn about safe digging!





- Trade Shows
  - October 4-5 | The Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference | Linthicum Heights, MD
- 2023 Awards Committee | Kevin Woolbright, Chair | George Daffan, Co-Chair
  - o The Dig Smart Award application closed August 18.
  - o The awards committee will meet in September to review applications.

#### **CONSTRUCTION ANGELS** | Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

- o Inaugural GT Mid Atlantic Charity Clay Shoot to benefit Construction Angels | Thursday, October 5, 2023 | 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM | Pintail Point Sporting Clays
- Miss Utility Subscribers and Board of Directors Golf Tournament to benefit Construction Angels scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorships are available. Please contact Kevin at bright.67@verizon.net for more information.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.

## Upcoming 2023 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- October (No Meeting due to GCDPTC)
- November 28

## • December (No Meeting. Happy Holidays)

MEETING ATTENDEES: This was a hybrid meeting. Onsite attendance is below. Accurate Zoom attendance is not available.

## ONSITE ATENDANCE:

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