



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for May 28, 2024
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 9:36 AM. There were thirty (30) attendees onsite and twenty-four (24) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 23, 2024, minutes was made by Jack Ellison (WGL) and seconded by Shelly Masone (Ecotech). The motion carried by approval.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Daniel Stanko (DC Water) stated ongoing concerns regarding late locates in the DC service territory. Justin Lowthert (UQ) provided his phone number when issues are Utiliquest related. Additional Utiliquest contacts for the DC area are included below:

- Justin Lowthert (301) 343-8162
- Daniel Blais (571) 295-9541
- David Knox (703) 675-9236

Kevin Woolbright acknowledged the efforts of Ryan Reese (WGL) who assisted in contacting a homeowner, onsite, after multiple attempts, who he educated about the importance of filing a Miss Utility locate request after being seen digging without a ticket. Ryan's persistence and dedication to safety is greatly appreciated.

Kevin also acknowledged David Wilkins (WSSC) and his efforts in assisting a customer figure out concerns related to a water leak. David also went beyond his scope of responsibility to help a customer with a billing issue. David's dedication to customer service is also greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business to report.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dan Domanski | TrenchTech

Dan presented an ‘Introduction to Trench Safety,’ and spoke to OSHA 1926 Subpart P-Excavations. He shared that, according to the most recent available data, there has been a rise in trench-related fatalities. He then proceeded to provide a high-level overview of the 4 types of protective systems used in the field and highlighted important data points for each: Shoring, Shielding, Sloping, and Benching. He then spoke to both pictures and general information for various types of trench boxes and connectors his company provides. Dan and his team also had a trench box set up onsite for attendees to see and ask questions about in person.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

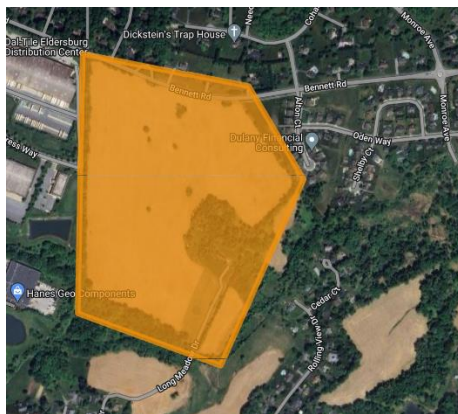
➤ Critical Facilities Code Update

The code is currently undergoing internal testing. Upon completion, the code will undergo external testing before being released live.

➤ Other Tool Update and Overview

• Step 1:

- Locate proposed work site within Western Shore, MD, or DC. Map entire work site for member notification.



• Step 2:

- Confirm polygon.
- Fill out all ticket fields.
- EOW: “Extent of work” means a clear and concise description of work to be done at a property, including the property address or specific distance and direction from a specified point, not to exceed 1,320 feet, that completely depicts the scope of work and that the excavator can complete within the designated life of the ticket.
- Select a start date/time.
- Use profiles.
- Review all ticket fields including auto-filled fields and edit as necessary prior to step 3.

- Example: This one locate request produced 4 tickets each requiring its own ticket information. This shows the 1st of 4 tickets with polygon highlighted in yellow. User must fill out all Location Information for the highlighted area only.

- This is showing the 2nd of 4 tickets. User must fill out all Location Information for the highlighted area only.

- Step 3:
 - Final review and editing opportunity.
 - Submit.

➤ ITICnxt Virtual Training

- Upcoming trainings: June 6 | July 3 | August 1
- Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2024 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.

➤ Dashboard Reporting: Jennifer Arroyo provided ticket volume data for the month of April 2024.

- Inbound ticket volume: 83,661 a monthly increase of 7.216% compared to 2023
- Outbound volume: 434,914 a year-to-date increase of 0.954% compared to 2023

➤ Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data April 2024 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 384 utility damages (97 mains and 287 services)
- 17.45% due to no call or valid ticket
- 33.59% due to hitting a marked line
- 33.07% due to incorrect locate marks
- 15.89% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

- The Authority held an Open Virtual Meeting and Closed Executive Session on May 8, 2024.
 - Formal Hearings are tentatively set to resume on September 11, 2024.
 - The Authority currently has sixteen (16) NPVs to investigate and review.
 - Deputy Director, Susan Stroud, reported that the PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant was submitted to cover the costs of the Semaphore Mobile Case Management Contract.
 - The Authority has received notification of the 2023 PHMSA Adequacy Evaluation which was due on May 10, 2024.
 - The Authority voted to give \$25,000 to the Miss Utility Media Campaign.
 - In Closed Executive Session the Authority reviewed four (4) NPVs.
 - Letters have been sent to the following organizations that have Authority Members Terms that expire on September 30, 2024:
 - AUC of MD – David Gaines completing his 2nd 2-year term. Will have to be replaced.
 - MML – Michael Beall completing his 1st 2-year term, eligible for a 2nd 2-year term.
 - OCC Inc – Jennifer Arroyo completing her 1st 2-year term, eligible for a 2nd 2-year term.
- The next Authority meeting will be an in person Open Meeting with a Closed Executive Session on June 12, 2024.
- Visit <https://mddpa.org/> for more information.

Title-12 Re-Write:

No plans for legislation at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2024 GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference Dates: Oct. 22-25, 2024
- Location: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
- To date: Seventy people registered | Fifteen sponsors | Fourteen exhibitors
- Keynote Speaker: Eric Giguere, trench collapse survivor
- Meeting in July to finalize content and subject matter speakers

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
 - May 30: DDOT
 - June 4: DC Water
 - June 5: Charles County Public Works/Utilities
 - June 11: DC Water
 - June 26: WSSC Outreach Event
 - June 27: DDOT

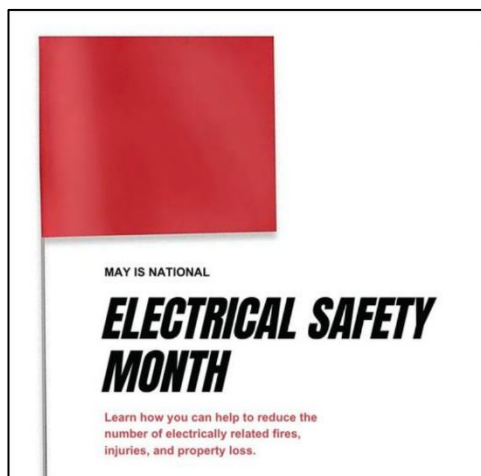


- DPT Completed:
 - April 25: ACEC of MD
 - April 26: Miss Utility Open
 - May 1: Cecil County Roads
 - May 3: Virtual DPT
 - May 3: NDA: Mid-Atlantic Chapter
 - May 14: BF Joy
 - May 16: ABC of Metro Washington Roundtable

For information about the various training platforms available, as well as, upcoming training dates and pre-registration links, please visit <https://www.missutility.net/damage-prevention-training/>.

➤ Miss Utility Facebook

Please visit www.facebook.com/missutilityofmd/ 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.



➤ MGH Marketing

- Trade Shows
 - Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference (June 15-20)
 - MML Summer Conference (June 23-26)
 - MACo Summer Conference (Aug. 14-17)
- 2024 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown - Chair
 - The application closed on Friday, May 24 at 11:59 p.m.
 - More than 300 applications were submitted. The most in the history of the program!
 - The scholarship committee will meet in June to discuss finalists and select the winner for each zone.
- Locator Achievement Awards
 - On May 10th, sixty-six (66) regional locators were recognized at the 21st Annual Locator Achievement Awards for their dedication to damage prevention and exemplary performance with zero safety violations in 2023!

- Dig Smart Awards
 - The 2023-2024 Dig Smart Awards application will launch this summer.

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

- Kevin updated attendees with CA’s fundraising efforts made on behalf of the survivors of the six (6) construction workers killed due to the Key Bridge collapse.
- He also thanked Meg Gardner of GT Mid Atlantic for the connection made with Nacho Mama’s and Mama’s on the Half Shell for a donation made to CA in connection with restaurant week.
- Please consider participating or supporting Kevin during these upcoming CA Events:
 - June 2: Crusher Run - Texas Quarry 5K
 - October 11: Annual Miss Utility/CA Golf Tournament
 - November 7: GT MidAtlantic Clay Shoot at Pintail Point in Queenstown
- CA Scholarship Applications are now open. For more information, go to: <https://www.constructionangels.us/scholarship-application/>.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Upcoming 2024 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- June 25
- July 23
- August 27

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