



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for June 25, 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 9:31 AM. There were thirty-nine (39) attendees onsite and thirteen (13) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 28, 2024, minutes was made by Shelly Welling (Gray & Son) and seconded by Ryan Reese (WGL). The motion carried by approval.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) congratulated Ryan Reese (WGL) on the addition of a new baby boy to his family. Also thanked him for his openness in talking about mental health issues.

Lenny Corbin (Gray & Son) gave a shout out to Mark Pressimone and Dwayne Stine (Verizon) for coming out to a recent safety meeting.

Edisson Bracho (Anchor) asked for clarification concerning DC emergency tickets and Response Due By. Specifically, AT&T does not seem to be statusing emergency tickets in a timely fashion. Jennifer Arroyo (Miss Utility) referred to DC's Title § 34-2709:

The appropriate utility operator shall respond by marking the approximate horizontal location of the underground facility within 2 hours of notification of the emergency excavation or demolition, where practicable.

Due to the inclusion of the phrase, 'where practicable' the Response Due By for emergency tickets in DC is 72 hours from ticket submission.

Concerns regarding other delays and contacting an AT&T representative via the phone numbers provided were also brought up. Kevin Woolbright (DPC Chairman) said he'd try to get updated information from Angela Johnson who is no longer with AT&T but may have information.

Craig Rose (OCCLS) added that there are times emergency tickets are received that are not true emergencies and may not get addressed right away (landscape tickets for example). He wanted to acknowledge that there are issues on both sides of emergency ticketing and response times.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business to report.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Critical Facilities Code

- The Critical Facilities Code will allow the members to communicate with the excavator when their Critical Facilities are within the vicinity of the excavation.
- The members should enter a contact phone number for the excavator in status comments/notes where the excavator can obtain further instructions.
- The Member will be required to re-status the ticket once communication has been made with the excavator. Critical Facilities should not remain the final response as excavation cannot begin until a proper status is provided.
- Rules For the Critical Facilities Code:
 - For Maryland and DC, this code will be Code 11.
 - A comment/note with contact information is required along with the Critical Facilities status.
 - If a ticket is statused with Critical Facilities, it can be updated to code 1, 2, 5, or 9.
 - Tickets originally statused with Code 3, 4, or 5 can be updated to the Critical Facilities Code.

This code will be available in the near future. An announcement will be made once it is available.

➤ Online Dashboards

Online Dashboards are now available and can be accessed via Miss Utility's homepage at <https://www.missutility.net/>.

➤ ITICnxt Virtual Training

- Upcoming trainings: July 3 | August 1 | September 5
- 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 May 2024.

- Inbound ticket volume: 82,486 a monthly decrease of 6.073% compared to 2023
- Outbound volume: 439,248 a year-to-date increase of 0.173% compared to 2023

- **Damage Reporting:** Susan Sullivan provided YTD data May 2024 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 496 utility damages (121 mains and 375 services)
 - 19.76% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 31.85% due to hitting a marked line
 - 32.66% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 15.73% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

- No update to report.

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
- Early Bird Registration is now open
- Upcoming committee meeting July 19
- Stay updated at www.missutilityconference.com

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
 - June 27: DDOT
 - July 9: DC Water
 - July 17: DDOT
 - July 19: Virtual DPT
 - July 30 & 31: Frederick County DPW
- DPT Completed:
 - May 30: DDOT
 - June 4: DC Water
 - June 5: Charles County Public Works/Utilities
 - June 11: DC Water



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
 - 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.
 - Received 371 applications. The most in the history of the program!
 - The scholarship committee will meet July 1 to discuss finalists and select the winner for each zone.
- Dig Smart Awards
 - The 2023-2024 Dig Smart Awards planning has kicked off and the form will be promoted and distributed in early July.
 - We will distribute a call for nominations to all recent attendees of the damage prevention meetings, in addition to a larger distribution to excavators from across Western Shore MD and Washington, D.C.
- Touch a Truck Day
 - Saturday, August 10
 - Bowie Baysox Stadium
 - Please visit <https://www.missutility.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/missu-2024-tat-invitation.pdf> for more information.
 - Please visit <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Missutility4> for \$8.11 tickets
 - Interested? Please email Anna Trim at atrim@mghus.com by July 8

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

- The nationwide outreach on behalf of the workers killed during the Key Bridge Collapse in March raised a total of \$100,000 which will be distributed equally among the six families.
- Four (4) Maryland applications were received for 2024 CA Scholarship opportunities.
- Upcoming Events:
 - 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 10:29 AM.

Upcoming 2024 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- July 23
- August 27
- October (no meeting due to GCDPTC)

ONSITE ATTENDANCE:

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