



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for July 23, 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 9:34 AM. There were thirty (30) attendees onsite and twenty-one (21) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 25, 2024, minutes was made by Diane Kershaw (WSSC) 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

Diane Kershaw (WSSC) requested marking assistance on a jobsite in Clinton, MD from Verizon and Comcast. George Daffan (Utiliquest) offered assistance in getting Justin Lowthert (Utiliquest) involved. Dwayne Stine (Verizon) commented that services drops need to be marked out.

George Daffan introduced Utiliquest's newest Operation's Manager, Jobani Linores. George's new position is Director of Operations.

Ronald Flores (Sagres) stated that he has a project in Laurel, MD where they have experienced multiple damages to both Comcast and unknown underground facilities and requested assistance with improved mark outs. George Daffan and Dwayne Stine (Verizon) to assist.

Kevin Woolbright complimented and thanked Lance Thomas (Pepco) for working with William Okattah-Asare (Pepco) in supporting multiple D.C. Damage Prevention Trainings.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business to report.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Madaras | Chesapeake Region Safety Council

Dave Madaras, CRSC's President, presented on their Work Zone Safety Pledge which is designed to get people involved and engaged with safety. After sharing numerous statistics dealing with work zone crashes and fatalities, he spoke on the 3 E's of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement and Education. As part of the Education piece, he reflected on the 3 top causes of traffic crashes: Speed, Distraction and Impairment and then offered 3 ways to significantly decrease the risk of work zones crashes: Slow Down, Move Over and Pay Attention. He wrapped up by challenging all attendees to a call of action: Sign the pledge and then get 10 more to do the same. You can learn more at <https://www.chesapeakeesc.org/work-zone-safety-pledge/>.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Online Excavator Training Module

The Excavator Training Module has been uploaded and is available on the Miss Utility website, under the Resources tab at <https://www.missutility.net/resources/>. It includes an Introduction, 5 Lessons and 5 Lesson Quizzes. Start to finish the video is approximately 60 minutes in length (not including quiz time). Quizzes must be completed at 100% to earn the certificate. A short video clip was viewed.

➤ Critical Facilities Code Update

- The Critical Facilities Code 11 is now available.
- 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.

Please reach out to Jenn or Susan if Code 11 does not include contact information.

➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training

- Upcoming trainings: August 1 | September 5 | October 3
- 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 June 2024.

- Inbound ticket volume: 72,178 a monthly decrease of 11.43% compared to 2023
- Outbound volume: 377,856 a year-to-date decrease of 1.392% compared to 2023

- **Damage Reporting:** Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through June 2024 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 663 utility damages (153 mains and 510 services)
 - 19.76% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 31.98% due to hitting a marked line
 - 33.33% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 14.93% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

- No update to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2024 GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference Dates: Oct. 22-25, 2024
- Location: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
- Current registration is at 160
- Keynote Speaker: Eric Giguere
- Additional speakers: John Brix, Stacey O’Donnell
- Women in Damage Prevention and Locate Panel sessions have been confirmed
- Stay updated at www.missutilityconference.com

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
 - July 30: Frederick County DPW
 - July 31: Frederick County DPW
 - August 6: DC Water
 - August 12: DC Water
- DPT Completed:
 - June 27: DDOT
 - July 9: DC Water
 - July 15: Benfield Electric
 - July 17: DDOT
 - July 19: Virtual DPT
 - July 30 & 31: Frederick County DPW



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
 - MACo Summer Conference (Aug. 14-17)
 - Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference & Expo (Sept. 26)
- 2024 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown - Chair
 - Congratulations to the following 2024 Scholarship Program Award Winners:
 - A. Collingham
 - K. Clark
 - K. Haines
 - C. Hicks
 - E. Kim
 - O. Faluyi
 - A. Tate
 - M. Schreyer
- Dig Smart Awards
 - The 2023-2024 Dig Smart Awards are open
 - There are currently thirteen (13) submissions
 - Closes Friday, Aug. 16
 - Visit <https://www.missutility.net/dig-smart-award/> for more information and a link to the nomination form.
- 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.
 - Volunteers receive six (6) free gameday tickets and 2 free TAT t-shirts per company.
 - 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.
- There were 8 applicants from Maryland for CA scholarships. Kevin will know total amount of scholarships next week.
- Upcoming Events:
 - October 11: Annual Miss Utility/CA Golf Tournament
 - November 7: GT MidAtlantic Clay Shoot at Pintail Point in Queenstown

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Upcoming 2024 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- August 27
- October (no meeting due to GCDPTC)
- November 26

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