



# MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

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Minutes of the meeting for August 27, 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 twenty-nine (29) attendees onsite and eighteen (18) virtual attendees.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 23, 2024, minutes was made by Shelly Masone-Davis (Ecotech) 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

Satish Patel (WSSC) thanked Utiliquest for their timely assistance in responding to recent emergency tickets in Prince Georges County.

Kate Harbaugh (CW & Sons) asked for clarification on the Response Due By on update tickets in the District. Per Title 34, Washington, D.C.'s Dig Law:

§ 34-2704. (g) ...Three days before the end of the 15-day period, or at any time when line-location markings on the ground become illegible, the person excavating or demolishing shall contact the one-call center and request the re-marking of the lines. **The utility operator shall re-mark the lines as soon as possible. However, the re-marking of the lines shall be completed within 48 hours from the time of the request.**

As a reminder, all Maryland Tickets requiring positive feedback have a Response Due By time of 11:59PM regardless of what time the ticket is submitted.

Dusty Harbaugh (CW & Sons) shared a situation his team recently experienced in order to educate on a potentially dangerous occurrence. His team came across a 6" gas pipe that was designated as abandoned. However, as they cut into it, they discovered another 2" pipe travelling through it. The 2" pipe was designated as active. Dusty credits his conscientious crew with avoiding a potentially high-risk situation and wants others to know that this type of occurrence can happen. Wen Liang (Anchor) shared that he has experienced a similar situation. When asked, Ryan Reese (WGL) stated that using a larger abandoned pipe as a *conduit* can occur in pipes larger than 2". He stated that the locator may have misread the prints leading to the improper status.

April Bradley (BGE) asked for clarification on the Extent of Work requirement that a ticket must be completed within the designated life of the ticket, which in Maryland is twelve (12) days. Jennifer Arroyo (Miss Utility) stated that the 12-day validity period has been in place for many years and that it was most likely selected as often, excavation or demolition requires fresh marks on the ground at reasonable and regular intervals. Others shared that updates are often needed because various delays in excavation can prevent work from being completed within the required designated life of the ticket.

Edisson Bracho (Anchor) thanked Cory and Craig (OCCLS) for their recent assistance during a difficult project that made Anchor's job much easier than it may have otherwise been.

Jason Lewis (USIC) shared that out of the many states his company works in, Maryland is by far the best territory his team works in and applauds the communication and coordination of all stakeholders in the Miss Utility territory.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No old business to report.

### **MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER**

#### ➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training

- Upcoming trainings: September 5 | October 3 | November 7
- 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 July 2024.

- Inbound ticket volume: 82,692 a monthly increase of 6.093% compared to 2023
- Outbound volume: 429,377 a year-to-date decrease of 0.264% compared to 2023

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

- 824 utility damages (186 mains and 638 services)
- 19.54% due to no call or valid ticket
- 31.92% due to hitting a marked line
- 33.50% due to incorrect locate marks
- 15.05% 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 234

- One exclusive sponsorship left: Friday Featured Speaker @ \$1,000. Contact Anna Trim if interested at [atrim@mghus.com](mailto:atrim@mghus.com).
- Conference attendees will have access to all meals, sessions and speakers, the sold-out exhibit hall, Tuesday's cornhole tournament, and the welcome reception on Wednesday evening.
- Two Wednesday networking events are available as well: Annual Golf Tournament and Paint & Sip
- Stay updated at [www.missutilityconference.com](http://www.missutilityconference.com)

## DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

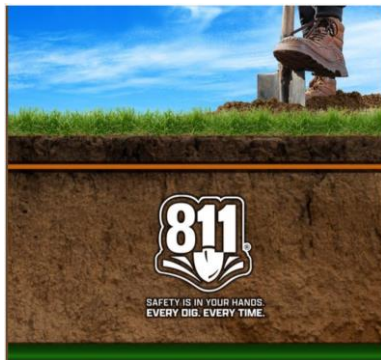
- DPT Upcoming:
  - September 6: ODPT @ Miss Utility
  - September 11: Ruppert Landscape
  - September 13: Cossentino Contracting Company
- DPT Completed:
  - July 30: Frederick County DPW
  - July 31: Frederick County DPW
  - August 6: DC Water



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/](http://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 and Outreach
  - Sept. 25: 47th Annual J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake
  - Sept. 26: Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference & Expo
  - Sept. 27: MRPA PG Parks Maintenance and Materials Showcase

- Dig Smart Awards
  - The 2023-2024 Dig Smart Awards received 30 submissions
  - Form closed Friday, Aug. 16
  - Committee will review on Sept. 9
  
- Touch a Truck Day
  - Another successful event with more than 20 company volunteers!
  - Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this event possible!



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

- There were 8 scholarship applicants from Maryland each receiving a check in the amount of \$2,359.65. In addition, as one of the Educational Fund Applications received nationwide, Carver Vocational Technical High School received a scholarship in the amount of \$3,287.01.
- With persistent assistance from Verizon, the family of the worker recently killed in Montgomery County was provided a check from CA in the amount of \$8,000.
- 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 10:31 AM.

**Upcoming 2024 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings**

- September 24
- October (no meeting due to GCDPTC)
- November 26

**ONSITE ATTENDANCE:**

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