



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for March 25, 2025
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 forty-six (46) attendees onsite and thirteen (13) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 25, 2025, minutes was made by Jack Ellison (WGL) and seconded by Diane Kershaw (WSSC). The motion carried by approval.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape) share details of Childs' unexpected gas facility strike that occurred in January in order for others to learn from their experience. She shared her enhanced knowledge of what can go wrong, human error, so that others might avoid a similar situation. She also thanked Miss Utility's DPT Team members, Susan Sullivan and Claudia Castellanos for providing Spanish Language Training on short notice.

A discussion about shutting down worksites occurred. Jim Barron (MD Authority) stated that in Maryland, only OSHA and the contractor themselves have the authority to shut down a worksite due to a potentially unsafe worksite situation. Emergency responders can also shut down a worksite due to a gas leak or other emergency situation. In DC, DDOT can shut down a worksite. Jim suggested that a utility owner member be contacted if someone had concerns about continued excavation on a potentially dangerous worksite. A utility representative can then work with the contractor to make the worksite acceptable for excavation. As a note, contractors should never attempt to fix or repair a damaged facility.

Representatives from Gray N Son, P. Flanigan, and Concrete General all thanked the Miss Utility Training Team for recently providing onsite Damage Prevention Training.

Tim Kaptein (Comer) asked for clarification as to who marks Baltimore City Street Lights. Mike Stein (BGE) said that BGE and the City are both responsible for streetlight locates depending on who owns them, and to reach out to him directly with questions.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Madaras | Chesapeake Region Safety Council

Dave delivered a presentation entitled: Impairment Education – Workplace Impairment.

- The CRSC Definition of Impairing Factors: Anything that could impede one's ability to function normally or safely, regardless of cause. Impairing Factors can include physical factors, like fatigue; psychosocial factors, like mental distress and stress; and chemical factors, such as legal or illegal substances.
- Using his experience as a former football coach, Dave highlighted the following steps to success when it comes to safety, health, and well-being: Know your Game; Master the Fundamentals and Play as a Team.
- Dave referenced CRSC's The Whole Worker Health Certificate Program which focuses on a hazard-free work environment and personal well-being guidance for all workers by bringing together interventions that collectively address worker safety, health, and well-being. Visit <https://www.chesapeakeesc.org/certificate-programs/whole-worker-health-certificate-2/> for more information.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training

- Upcoming training: April 10 | May 1 | June 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 February 2025.

- Inbound ticket volume: 60,368 a monthly decrease of 15.360% compared to 2024
- Outbound volume: 310,118 a year-to-date decrease of 15.081% compared to 2024

➤ Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through February 2025 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 84 utility damages (24 mains and 60 services)
- 16.67% due to no call or valid ticket
- 21.43% due to hitting a marked line
- 38.10% due to incorrect locate marks
- 23.81% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

There was a face-to-face Open Meeting and a Closed Executive Session of the Authority on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. A Quorum was established, and the Authority conducted the following business in Open Meeting:

- Approved the minutes from the February 19th Open Meeting.
- There are 56 NPV's that need to be Investigated and Reviewed by the Authority.
- Under Old Business, the Deputy Director advised members that the PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant is still on hold.
- Under New Business, the Authority:
 - Approved a Gold Sponsorship for the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference and approved sending an additional member to the conference at

the Authority's expense. Bahareh Inanloo, the MACo Representative from Montgomery County will be attending.

- Approved a Bronze State Sponsorship for Construction Angels.
- Letters will be sent before the end of March to the parties of the first two Formal Hearings.
- The next Open Meeting will be the 1st Quarter Business meeting of the Authority and will be held on April 16, 2025.

Following the Open Meeting the Authority went into Closed Executive Session and conducted the following business.

- Three (3) NPV's were reviewed.
- The remaining NPVs were tabled until the next meeting to make time for the Authority Attorney, Paul Finamore to talk to the Authority about the Protocols for the Formal Hearings.
- The next Closed Executive Session of Authority will be held on April 16, 2025.

Title-12 Re-Write:

No plans for the current legislative session at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

➤ GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo | Chairman

- When: Tuesday, October 21 - Friday, October 24
- Where: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
- Registration: GCDPTC Early Bird registration will open on April 29.

Sponsors/Exhibitors: All 2024 sponsors and exhibitors have been contacted to renew their contracts for 2025. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring this year, please contact Anna Trim at atrim@mghus.com. For exhibitor inquiries, please contact Nabeela Asif Tringali at nasiftringali@mghus.com.

➤ Ad Campaign Starts April 1

- April is National Safe Digging Month. The Miss Utility ad campaign starts across these platforms:
 - Morning drive radio across the following markets:
 - Baltimore
 - Washington D.C.
 - Frederick
 - Hagerstown-Chambersburg
- Endorsements - Arrollando Con Chepe on El Zol 107.9
- Streaming Audio (Spotify)

➤ In March, Miss Utility participated in the following outreach events:

- Washington County Home Builders Home Show
- Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show
- Maryland Asphalt Association & Maryland State Highway Administration Annual Paving Conference
- Frederick Home & Garden Expo

➤ 2025 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown | Chair

- The 2025 Miss Utility of Maryland/D.C. scholarship opened Jan. 27
- The deadline for applying is Friday, May 23 at 11:59PM.

- Please visit www.missutility.net and click on the Calendar Events tab for more information and online application.
- Currently there have been 105 submissions.
- Awards Committee | Kevin Woolbright | Chair
 - 2025 Locator Achievement Awards nominations are now closed.
 - Recognizing 59 locators this year.
 - Winning locators and their families will be recognized at a Chesapeake Baysox game at Prince George's Stadium on Friday, May 16.
- Damage Prevention and Safety Committee | Kevin Woolbright | Chairman
 - DPT Upcoming:
 - March 31: Montgomery County Public Schools
 - April 15: Town of Manchester
 - April 28: ODPT in Hagerstown
 - DPT Completed:
 - Feb 28: Concrete General
 - March 3: Howard County DPW
 - March 07: Spanish VDPT
 - March 14: ODPT
 - March 18: P Flanigan

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.



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

- Construction Angels scholarship program is now open. Please visit <https://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information.
- The Miss Utility/Construction Angels annual Golf Tournament, which generally takes place in October, is set to be earlier this year. Details to come.

There being no further business brought before the committee; the meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Upcoming 2025 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- April 22 | May 27 | June 24

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