



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for November 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 9:30 AM. There were thirty-six (36) attendees onsite and fourteen (14) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 30, 2025, minutes was made by Jack Ellison (WGL) and seconded by Shelly Welling (Gray & Son). The motion carried by approval.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape) thanked Joes Troxell (UtiliQuest) for his recent assistance in getting marks completed on a job in Virginia.

Hung Nguyen (PHMSA) introduced himself as the new Community Liaison for PHMSA's Eastern Region and is responsible for DC, MD, and DE.

Mary Hill (Ferguson) thanked Marc Haines (BGE) for recently presenting BGE's "Rules to Dig By" and thanked Mark Pressimore (Verizon) and Dwayne Stine (Verizon) ahead of time for an upcoming speaking engagement.

Christian Tapscott (NPL) also thanked Marc Haines as he clarified "Rules to Dig."

BUSINESS

No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report

MD/DC Subscribers Committee & Board of Directors

Next MD/DC Subscribers/BOD Meeting: January 8, 2026.

GUEST SPEAKER: Marc Haines | BGE

Marc introduced himself and his titled presentation: Damage Prevention. Marc let attendees know that in addition to Utiliquest, two (2) additional contract locate companies were going to begin locating for BGE. He also reminded listeners that BGE is an advocate and not an advisory and wants to assist contractors in any way possible. He also reminded us that BGE has more

abandoned lines than active and that ALL lines should be considered active and energized unless told otherwise. He then spoke to:

- Vocabulary often used by Damage Prevention Inspectors
- Electric and Gas damage rates
- YTD Locator at fault damages and steps BGE has initiated to minimize
- BGE’s Damage Prevention Websites:
 - <https://www.bge.com/safety-community/safety/construction-safety/damage-prevention-safety>
 - <https://www.bge.com/safety-community/safety/call-before-you-dig>
- Awareness resources
- A reminder to schedule a “Rules to Dig By” class.



At the conclusion of Marc’s presentation, Kevin Woolbright, Matt Ruddo and Susan Sullivan congratulated Marc on his upcoming retirement and thanked Marc for his many years of service and dedication to Miss Utility and the Safe Digging Message. Marc has been an integral part of Miss Utility’s Damage Prevention Training Team and has served as a long-term Board Member and Committee Member on multiple committees throughout his tenure. Marc will be missed. He did share that although he is retiring, there’s a good chance we’ll see him in a different role very soon. Congratulations Marc!

Note: Please consider sharing at an upcoming 2026 Damage Prevention Meeting

- Dig Smart Award Winners
- Damage Prevention Best Practices
- Damage Prevention Products
- Topics of Interest

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training

- Upcoming training: December 11 | January 9 | February 5
- Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2026 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.

➤ Dashboard Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided ticket volume data for the month of October 2025.

- Western Shore MD compared to 2024
 - Inbound ticket volume: 76,801 a monthly decrease of 2.740%
 - Year-to-date volume 679,105 a decrease of 1.810%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 383,476 a monthly decrease of 4.531%
 - Year-to-date volume: 3,337,388 a decrease of 2.689%
- Washington, D.C. compared to 2024
 - Inbound ticket volume: 13,846 a monthly increase of 31.379%
 - Year-to-date volume 112,713 an increase of 11.805%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 99,415 monthly increase of 38.660%
 - Year-to-date volume: 806,282 an increase of 9.032%

- **Damage Reporting:** Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through August 2025 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 1,087 utility damages (318 mains and 769 services)
 - 27.05% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 30.17% due to hitting a marked line
 - 32.11% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 10.58% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Susan Stroud, Deputy Director

The November Authority Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- We welcomed one new member to the Authority, Robert Keesling.
- During that meeting eleven (11) NPVs were prepared for review. Eight were reviewed of which one was dismissed for lack of evidence, and three were pushed to the December meeting. The Authority made recommendations on enforcement action as outlined in §12-135 by recommending fines and training.
- Currently there are 46 NPVs in the hopper.
- We've received a PHMSA Grant in the amount of \$72,683.00. We will begin actions as outlined in the Application request. More to come.
- And finally, the Case Management System is being Beta Tested. We anticipate the Case Management System going live in January 2026.

Title-12 Re-Write:

No plans for the current legislative session at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo | Chairman**
 - Another successful GCDPTC with 38 sponsors, 48 exhibitors and nearly 400 attendees!
 - Took place Oct. 21-24, 2025, at the Ashore Resort & Beach Club.
 - Post-Conference Survey: The post-conference survey has closed. We received 119 responses. One winner will be selected to receive a free two-night stay at the Ashore, and two additional participants will receive a \$100 gift card.
 - 2026 GCDPTC: The 2026 GCDPTC will be held Oct. 20-23, 2026, at the Ashore Resort & Beach Club.
- **Trade Show Updates.**
 - Miss Utility recently participated in the Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference, which took place Sept. 25 in Linthicum Heights, MD.
- **2025 Dig Smart Awards | Kevin Woolbright- Chair**
 - Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Winners!
 - Excellence Award Winner: Gray & Son, Inc.
 - Miss Utility MD Winner: Garney Construction
 - Miss Utility D.C. Winner: CW & Sons Infrastructure
 - Winners were recognized on Friday, Oct. 24 at the 2025 GCDPTC. Thank you for your commitment to underground damage prevention and safety!

➤ **Damage Prevention and Safety Committee | Kevin Woolbright | Chairman**

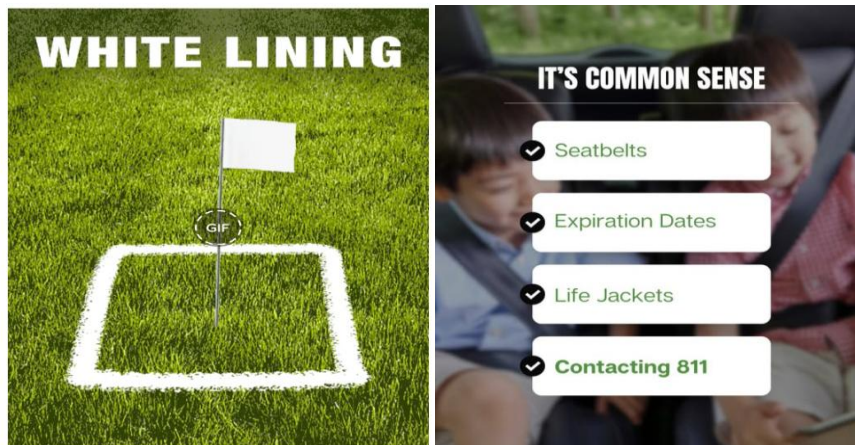
- **DPT Upcoming:**
 - Dec 12: OPEN DPT
 - Jan 20: MASTEC
 - Jan 22: Walnut Hill Landscape
- **DPT Completed:**
 - Oct 13: Monumental Paving
 - Oct 17: Virtual Spanish DPT
 - Oct 29: Calvert County Govt
 - Oct 30: DDOT
 - Nov 7: Virtual DPT
 - Nov 11: L S Lee
 - Nov 19: MASTEC



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

- Miss Utility/Construction Angels’ annual Golf Tournament is slated to be moved into springtime at a different location, TBD.
- Kevin gave a shout-out to Flippo Construction for their fantastic November 20th Safety Day event.

There being no further business brought before the committee; the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Upcoming 2026 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- January 27 | February 24 | March 24

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