



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for July 28, 2026
Hybrid Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by George Daffan and Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:38 AM. There were twenty-nine (29) attendees onsite and thirteen (13) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 23, 2026, minutes was made by Michael Jewell (Maryland Authority) and seconded by Aaron - James Madej (Rivers Construction). The motion carried by approval.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mason Lee-Bullock (Howard County) stated that an injury recently took place on a job site while digging near a water main. As a result, they contacted BGE and have planned for BGE to come out to conduct a training. April Bradley (BGE) inquired as to the person's condition and was told that injured party was still in recovery.

Craig Rose (OCCLS) requested contact information for Capital Pavement. Susan Sullivan to forward.

BUSINESS

No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS

- Professional Excavator | Miss Utility Board of Directors
 - 3-year term | 2027-2030
 - Attend monthly DPC meetings
 - Attend 4 Quarterly BOD meetings
 - Participate in various committees
 - Nominations due end of September 2026
 - Reviewed in October 2026
 - Voting January 2027
 - Seated April 2027
 - Contact Susan for more information: ssullivan@missutility.net

GUEST SPEAKER: Kristie Leonard | MOSH

Kristie's presentation was titled Trenching & Excavation Hazard Awareness which highlighted the following topics.

- Excavation, Trench, and Competent Person definitions along with some background information and job duties.
- Reviewed and summarized a couple of relevant case studies.
- Provided information on choosing proper protective systems (shoring, sloping, shielding, benching).
- Discussed various excavation hazards and preventative measures to lower risk.
- A reminder that per Maryland's Title 12 Law, excavation crews must always keep a copy of their 811 ticket on site.
- In closing, Kristie reviewed MOSH's Benefits of Consultation, which is a free service, and provided MOSH contact information.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER**➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training**

- Upcoming training: August 6 | September 3 | October 1
- Please visit <https://www.missutility.net/virtual-iticnxt-training/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2026 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.

➤ Dashboard Reporting: Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) provided ticket volume data for the month of June 2026.

- Western Shore MD compared to 2025
 - Inbound ticket volume: 76,267 a monthly increase of 15.69%
 - Year-to-date volume: 415,634 a year-to-date increase of 7.85%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 348,437 a monthly increase of 8.65%
 - Year-to-date volume: 2,024,762, a year-to-date increase of 7.85%
- Washington, D.C. compared to 2025
 - Inbound ticket volume: 14,637 a monthly increase of 28.64%
 - Year-to-date volume: 87,228 a year-to-date increase of 39.01%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 90,565 monthly increase of 7.36%
 - Year-to-date volume: 557,503 a year-to-date increase of 28.53%

➤ Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through June 2026 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 550 utility damages (102 mains and 448 services)
 - 22.00% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 34.73% due to hitting a marked line
 - 39.64% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 3.64% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Michael Jewell | Executive Director

The last Authority Meeting was held on July 08, 2026.

- During that meeting six (6) NPVs were reviewed. One NPV was dismissed, no violation, the system worked. The Authority also made recommendations on enforcement action as outlined 12-135 by recommending fines and training.

- Currently there are 39 NPVs in the hopper.
- Two Authority Members are attending the Common Ground Alliance Summer Summit in Chicago, IL.
- The Authority will attend the MACO Summer Conference, the week of August 12-14.
- The Authority continues to schedule and work through the backlog of hearing requests.
- Introduced Ms. Leila Jackson, New Administrative Assistant.

Next Open Authority meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 9:00 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

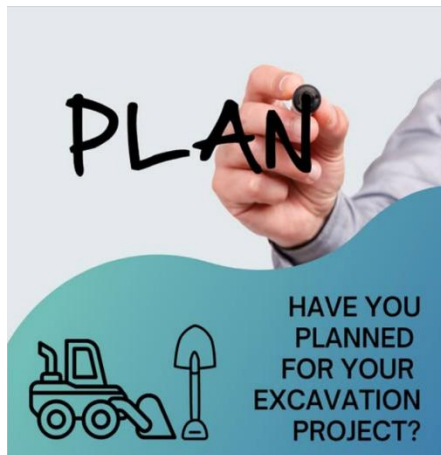
- GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo | Chairman
 - When: Tuesday, October 20 - Friday, October 23
 - Where: Ashore Resort & Beach Club – The hotel recently became a Marriott property.
 - Registration: Regular registration started July 22
 - Sponsors/Exhibitors: If interested, reach out to Anna Trim at atrim@mghus.com
 - Website: missutilityconference.com
- Scholarship Program | Scott Brown | Chairman
 - More than 570 applications were received.
 - The eight winners were announced. Congratulations!
 - Scholarship award is \$1,008.11.
- Dig Smart Awards | Kevin Woolbright
 - The 2025-2026 Dig Smart Awards are now open thru August 14th.
 - To apply: Go to: <https://www.missutility.net/> > Calendar Events > Dig Smart Awards
 - Winners will receive recognition by peers as leaders in damage prevention at the 2026 Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference (GCDPTC), being held October 20-23, 2026, in Ocean City, Maryland.
 - Winners will also receive two complimentary packages to the conference, which include registration, meals, and two nights of hotel accommodations.
 - All applicants (with exception of the DSA winners) will have the opportunity to win a sponsorship for up to two employees to attend the 2026 GCDPTC.
 - Deadline to submit: August 14, 2026
- 2026 Touch a Truck
 - For the tenth year, Miss Utility partnered with minor league baseball team, the Chesapeake Baysox, to host Touch-A-Truck Day at Prince George's Stadium on Saturday, July 25.
 - 17 companies participated and there were more than 20 vehicles!
 - A special thank you to all the companies that generously volunteered their vehicles and time to help make this event possible!
 - Baltimore Gas and Electric | B. Frank Joy LLC
 - Chaney Enterprises | CW & Sons Infrastructure
 - Flippo Construction Company Inc | Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
 - Murphy Pipeline Contractors | NPL | One Call Concepts Locating Services
 - Pepco | Reliable Contracting Company Inc. | U.S. Coast Guard

- UtiliQuest | Washington Gas | WSSC
- Damage Prevention and Safety Committee | Kevin Woolbright | Chairman
 - DPT Upcoming:
 - Sept 11: ODPT @ Miss Utility
 - Dec 11: ODPT @ Miss Utility
 - Online Excavator Training Module:
 - Available 24/7
 - Presented in English and Spanish
 - Completion Certificate Available
 - <https://www.missutility.net/resources/>

For information about 2026 Damage Prevention Training opportunities 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

Upcoming Events:

- Flagger Force: Tee Off for a Cause 2026
 - September 18 | 9AM
 - Hampshire Greens Golf Course
- BINGO Night! Construction Angels Fundraiser
 - November 3 | 4:00 PM to - 8:00 PM
 - Checkerspot Brewing Company
- Construction Angels' Annual Maryland Clay Shoot
 - November 12 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Pintail Point Sporting Clays | Queenstown, MD 21658

Kevin also clarified that 2026 Scholarship submissions can only come from children whose immediate family member has been killed on the job. This is a new requirement of which he was unaware.

There being no further business brought before the committee; the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Upcoming 2026 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- August 25 | September 29 | October: No meeting: GCDPTC

ONSITE ATTENDANCE:

Anchor Construction	Edisson Bracho Dispatcher & Miss Utility Coordinator	(202) 322-9378	ebracho@anchorconst.com
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