



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman, Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman & Dora Parks,
Secretary

7223 Parkway Drive, Suite 100
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Minutes of the meeting held on May 24, 2016
Prepared by Dora Parks, Committee Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:32 am followed by the customary introductions.

The minutes of April 26, 2016 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS – no reports

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Kevin Woolbright thanked PEPCO for a quick response to a WSSC matter. Kevin stated attending the monthly Damage Prevention Committee (DPC) meetings enabled him to reach out to the right people to get the job done. Additionally, all minutes include the meeting attendees providing name, company, phone number and email, a great resource.

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) reported that a contractor got shocked using a digging bar over PEPCO lines and left the scene. Mitzi stated anyone getting shocked by electric should get medical attention even if they feel okay at the moment. A contractor was breaking into PEPCO conduit to see what was in the conduit. Mitzi asked that all contractors contact PEPCO or the PEPCO locator if they find a buried line and don't know what it is. Mitzi also reported that (2) landscaping contractors in Montgomery County thought that if they were using hand tools; they did not have to call/contact Miss Utility/811. Dora Parks (Miss Utility) asked the attendees to provide contractor names so educational materials can be mailed to them in addition to offering training.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) stated a contractor used an electric drill on a yellow pipe to find out what it was.

Dora Parks asked that all locators and utility field folks carry extra damage prevention materials in their vehicles so they can be given out while in the field addressing these types of issues.

Wesley Warren (Howard County) asked if pulling new lines through existing conduit required test pitting. The members stated if the pull disturbed the ground, then yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Dora Parks provided an overview of the Preakness Stakes held Saturday, May 21st. The jockey (Kent Desormeaux) won the Preakness sporting 811 on his silks, boots and pre-game baseball cap. This the third year 811 has won. Millions of viewers were exposed to the 811 message through coverage of the race and pre/post-race broadcasts.

PRESENTATION, TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Marc Haines (BGE) provided a presentation on Electric Step Potential using a video.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, WGL-Committee Chairman Vince Healy, Verizon-Vice Chairman Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts- Secretary

Next committee meeting scheduled for July 14th at the Miss Utility call center.

The Subscriber Committee and Board of Directors are active participants with the Maryland Authority regarding Title 12 Law modifications for a future rewrite.

STEERING COMMITTEE TO REWRITE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ONE-CALL LAW

Scott Brown, WGL- Committee Chairman, Meena Gowda, Esq., DC Water-Vice Chairman, Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts-Secretary

Reported by Dora Parks

The committee continues to work through the enforcement piece of the Title 34 draft. The rest of the draft has been reviewed making minor grammar changes where needed.

Jim Barron stated PHMSA can start fining from \$20,000 to a million for pipe damages by utility companies and excavators if the state or district does not have an effective damage prevention law and enforcement as written in the 2006 PIPES Act.

Meetings, minutes, attendance and draft working copies are available at; <http://www.missutility.net/SteeringCommitteeRewriteDcLaw/index.asp>.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Tom Hastings (OCC Locating Services)-Chairman and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Mr. Barron reported on the following;

May 4, 2016 Meeting

- 0 hearings
- 10 NPV's reviewed
- 33 additional NPV's received and in line for review

June 1, 2016 Meeting

- 0 hearings scheduled
- 6 NPV's ready for review
- 32 additional NPV's received and in line for review

The Authority hearings scheduled for 6/1/16 have been temporarily suspended pending direction from the Maryland Attorney General's Office.

Oral Arguments in front of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County on NPV's 1216, 1834, 1841 and 1853 have been temporarily postponed by joint motion of both attorney's pending direction from the Maryland Attorney General's Office

The Authority sponsored legislation, SB 480 & HB 696, adding \$0.05 to all outgoing tickets (excluding MACo & MML) to fund the Authority will become law on June 1, 2016. The Authority voted by a 2/3's super majority to enact that funding at their May 4, 2016 meeting.

The Authority just submitted its Mid-Term Report to PHMSA and will be billing for their 2nd \$50,000 from the 2015 SDP Grant

The Authority has scheduled a meeting for May 4th at 9:00am, meetings and hearings are open to the public.

LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

Mark Hamrick (Verizon) Chairman, Dora Parks (Miss Utility), Vice Chairman

Reported by Dora Parks;

The 13th annual awards was held on May 6th at the Bowie Baysox stadium in Prince Georges' county. Sixty seven locators were awarded for their participation and support of public safety through accurate locating; no at fault utility damages and vehicle accidents in addition to effective communication skills. The locators and their families were invited to a banquet where the locators were recognized and honored. The weather did not cooperate, the baseball game was cancelled; however the Baysox will honor the game tickets at any future game excluding July 4th – giving the ticket holders an upgrade to box seats. The event and banquet pictures will be hosted shortly at www.missutility.net. The committee congratulates these fine locators and their companies for continued support in public safety.

Please visit, http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland_awards.asp to learn more about the awards history, criteria, annual recipients and banquet pictures.

2015 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)

Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

Reported by Emily Meier (MGH);

The 2015 conference was a sell out! With the unveiling of the One Call Concepts surprise 811 vehicle, the 2016 conference is anticipated to sell out as well. Current registrations has increased by 40% over this time last year. The conference is being held during October 18th through the 21st, 2016 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD. The event will include (2) specific networking events; a fun cornhole tournament on Tuesday evening and a golf outing on Wednesday morning. Our keynote speaker is Pete Strickland, a high school and college basketball coach, radio personality, and sought after speaker. Early Bird pricing started in May. Updates to the conference are being made to, www.missutilityconference.com

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING

Chris McMurry, MGH

Reported by Emily Meier (MGH)

Miss Utility will hold a damage prevention event at RFK Stadium on May 28th prior to the El Salvador vs. Peru Match. The intent is to provide education for safe excavation that includes handouts of Spanish tip cards and 1,000 Spanish t-shirts given away. The WGL Care-A-Van will be on site in addition to a marketing booth on the concourse. Public addresses stressing call before you dig in both Spanish and English will be provided throughout the match.

The Touch-A-Truck event was so successful in 2015, it will have a second run on August 27th. This will be a family fun day providing construction and excavation vehicles for viewing up close, face painting and give-a-ways. The event will be at the Bowie Baysox stadium. More information will be provided in a flier.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

Frederick Keys, Keys for Reading Game Weekends-Trade Booth
April 29, 30 and May 1st

Archer Western Contractors Annual Safety Week

Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant, Baltimore, MD
May 6, 2016
Anticipated attendees: 550
Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

MD Washington Minority Companies Association Spring Meeting
Martin's West, Baltimore, MD
May 13, 2016
Anticipated attendees: 1,000-1,200
Supported by: Jack Ellison

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Safety, Health and Wellness Day
DIA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
May 18, 2016
Anticipated attendees: 1,000+
Supported by: Don Jones (Washington Gas)

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

Maryland Pest Control Association Event, Booth and Presentation
Crofton Country Club, Crofton, MD
May 26, 2016
Supported by: Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

If you are interested in volunteering for any Trade Shows or would like to receive the updated Trade Show emails, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com. We welcome contract locating companies and contractor participation.

DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

Completed Training Events:

Capitol Paving of DC (Yard)
1525 W Street NE, Washington DC 20018
May 3rd set up 6:30am

American Water Fort Meade
3220 Laurel Ft Meade Rd RT#198, Laurel, MD 20724
May 11th set up 7:30am

BCTY-DEPT REC & PARKS
Clyburn Arboretum - Greenhouse Classroom
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209
May 17th set up 8:00am

BCTY-DEPT REC & PARKS
Carrie Murray Nature Center, 1901 Ridgetop Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21207
May 18th set up 8:00am

LGIT/Prima Chapter
Grasonville, MD
Kent, MD
May 20th set up 10:15am

Future Training Events

Cecil CO School of TECH
912 Appleton Rd
Elkton, MD 21912
Cecil County
May 26th set up 9:30am

QUARTERLY DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING
Miss Utility Call Center
7223 Parkway Dr.
Hanover, MD 21076
Conference/Training Room
June 3rd 2016 set up 7:00am

Western School of Technology- Plumbing Programs
100 Kenwood Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21128
Baltimore County
June 7th set up 10:30am

Bureau of Water/Wastewater Utility Maint. Division
Haven Street (Yard)
806 Haven St.
Baltimore, MD 21205
Baltimore City
June 8th set up 8:30am

B Frank Joy
5355 Kilmer Place (Training Shop)
Hyattsville, MD 20781
June 22nd set up 3:30pm

American Water Fort Meade
3220 Laurel Ft Meade Rd. RT#198
Laurel, MD 20724
Anne Arundel County
June 23rd set up 7:30am

Please see our www.missutility.net for pre-scheduled FREE Quarterly Damage Prevention Trainings for 2016.

To schedule a **FREE** Damage Prevention & Safety Training, please contact Dora Parks, Manager of Client Relations at 410-782-2026 or dora@missutility.net.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; June 28, 2016 starting at 9:30 am; refreshments are available at 9:00 am at Miss Utility, 7223 Parkway Drive, Suite 100 Hanover, MD 21076.

Monthly meeting minutes and the attendee contact list is available at,
<http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

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