



## **MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)**

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman, Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman & Dora Parks, Secretary  
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Minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2016  
Meeting Hosted by BGE in Lansdowne, MD  
Prepared by Dora Parks, Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the customary introductions. Sixty-one stake holders were present, twenty-five were first time meeting attendees.

The minutes of October 25, 2016 were approved as written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Frank Hammond (Badger Daylighting) inquired about past discussions regarding the Rented Equipment Operator (REO) ticket type. Dora Parks (Miss Utility) stated conversations regarding this ticket type and logistics in consideration with current MD Title 12 law, were continuing at the Subscribers and Board of Directors (BOD level). The next meeting is planned for January 12, 2017 where this topic will once again be debated.

### **OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION**

Paul Waters (Badger Daylighting) stated crews coming in from different states were confused over different state damage prevention laws. Dora Parks offered upcoming training classes where the state laws are covered in great detail in addition to the many resources the call center offers for free; the Damage Prevention DVD, various guides providing information on call center processes, Ticket Check codes and rules, Maryland Title 12 law and DC Title 34 law, marking guidelines, and much more. Anyone needing material resources can contact Dora directly.

Frank Hammond inquired if a vacuum excavation job needed a Miss Utility ticket, Kevin Woolbright (WSSC) stated any disturbance of the ground by any tool required a ticket, giving the owner-members two days to respond to the Ticket Check system as outlined by MD state law.

Dora Parks was asked to confirm the Search and Status 'Marking Concerns' contact for UtiliQuest, 410-536-0070 is correct.

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) shared with the committee that if the work site's extent or scope of work was changing from the original ticket's information, a new ticket was required by MD law; she went on to say that PEPCO has experienced damages due to excavators not processing tickets for the scope of work change.

David Ball (Howard County) asked if the call center required a 'type of work' to be completed for each ticket and stated Verizon is not providing it. Dora Parks replied that it was not only call center procedure but MD Title 12 required it under 12-124 (b) (3). In the past, Verizon has used this field to identify certain VZN fiber work, now that the ticket includes additional fields, Verizon will be asked to consider entering their VZN information in another field.

Bob Sheeler (AMT Engineering) inquired how owner-members were notified of the Miss Utility ticket. Dora Parks explained the current mapping process, grid notification compared to the future polygon mapping.

**NEW BUSINESS** – no reports

### **PRESENTATION, TRAINING & EDUCATION**

By Katie Larkins, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Katie provided an overview of the services and training provided by Howard County.

- CPR training is free,
- Over 48,000 trained in Howard County,
- Due to training, survival rates have improved in the county,
- There is a Good Samaritan law in Maryland and the nation to protect folks performing CPR,
- Mouth to mouth has been replaced with the successful chest compressions

Katie reviewed symptoms of cardiac arrest vs. heart attack and recognizing the signs in addition to providing several handouts to the meeting attendees. For more information on this topic, folks can call 410-313-6040.

### **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

Dora Parks reported the MD/DC Subscribers and BOD Committee met on October 6, 2016 in Cumberland, MD. Topics of discussion included;

- New ticket type, Rented Equipment Operator (REO)
- Visual training using a training mat
- Proposed new Ticket Check code be added to mirror the VA codes 70 and 71 for transmission pipes
- Various committee reports (Awards, Call Center Ticket Volume, Training, Trade Shows, Scholarships)
- New ticket mapping method for member notification of the ticket

The next meeting is planned for January 12, 2017 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

No committee updates; 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, Vince Healy, Verizon-Vice Chairman and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Jim Barron reported on November 2, 2016 Meeting

- Public Meeting was cancelled
- Closed Executive Session with Legal Counsel

The Authority will resume Open Public Hearings at their February 1, 2017 meeting. Currently there are 7 requests for hearings. Those NPV's have been run through the Standardized Fining Matrix (SFM) to review the

recommended fines per the 3/28/16 Maryland Court of Appeals Decision. We are waiting to hear back from those Probable Violators to see if they still wish to proceed with a Formal Hearing.

The 2017 meeting schedule for the Authority has been posted on the website at [www.mddpa.org](http://www.mddpa.org). They are all scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month in 2017.

The Authority has begun to prepare its Annual Report to the Governor and the Maryland Legislature due in January 2017.

The Authority has agreed to provide \$10,000 from its education and outreach fund to the Maryland Subscribers Group to help offset the purchase of Damage Prevention Camo Hats.

The next meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday December 7, 2016 in the upstairs conference room at the Miss Utility Call Center. The first meeting in 2017 will be on January 4, 2017 where we will have election of officers.

Notices will go out to all stakeholders in the first quarter of 2017 announcing the formation of a Title 12 Rewrite effort.

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

Mark Hamrick, Verizon-Chair, Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Vice Chair

Dora Parks reiterated the Dig Smart winners for the 2015-2016 awards period;

Gray and Son for the Maryland service area

Anchor Construction for the DC service area

B. Frank Joy is the Dig Smart Excellence Award winner

Honorable Mention went to Rommel Engineering

The committee will meet in January to plan the 2017 Locator Achievement Awards.

Please visit, [http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland\\_awards.asp](http://www.missutility.net/missutilityawards/maryland_awards.asp) to learn more about the awards.

### **2016 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE (GCDPTC)**

Chairman, Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts)

Kevin Woolbright provided an overview of the October 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> GCDPTC success. Excellent speakers and great networking events (cornhole and golf). The unveil of the brand new 811 car was spectacular, the crowds roared with excitement as Paul Jr. of Paul Jr. Designs drove the 811 car into the tented reception area along with the 811 bike ridden by Jimmy Jennings, the Bike Wrangler. Conference attendees enjoyed the many break out training sessions held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference included a record crowd with new sponsors and exhibitors. Kevin surveyed the meeting attendees inviting those who have never attended the annual GCDPTC to do so in 2017.

The committee will start planning the 9<sup>th</sup> GCDPTC at their January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

Completed Trade Shows and Presentations:

#### **Parks & Planning Equipment Show & Training**

Derwood, MD

November 18, 2016

Future Trade Shows and Presentations:

The 2017 show list will be provided at the January 24<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

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](mailto:emeier@mghus.com).

## **DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING**

Dora Parks, Miss Utility-Training Administrator

### Completed Training Events:

**Howard Co PDW  
Bureau of Facilities**  
9250 Bendix Rd  
Columbia, MD 21045 Howard County  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 set up 7:15am

**Payne Landscaping Company**  
5418 Levering Ave.  
Elkridge, MD 21075 Howard CO  
November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 7:00am

**Purple Line Transit Authority**  
6801 Kenilworth Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 set up 6:30am

### **Pre-scheduled Open Damage Prevention Training Opportunities**

- November 18, 2016 at 7:30am at the BGE, Pumphrey Training Center
- December 2, 2016 at 7:30am at the PEPCO, Benning Road Office

### Future Training Events:

The 2017 training list will be provided at the January 24<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

Please see our website, [http://www.missutility.net/training\\_safety](http://www.missutility.net/training_safety) for pre-scheduled FREE Damage Prevention Trainings; these trainings are open to everyone, contact [dora@missutility.net](mailto:dora@missutility.net) to reserve your seat(s).

To schedule a FREE Damage Prevention & Safety Training at your office, please contact Dora Parks, Manager of Client Relations at 410-782-2026 or [dparks@missutility.net](mailto:dparks@missutility.net).

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee Meeting; January 24, 2017 commencing at 9:30 am with refreshments being served at 9:00 a.m. at the Miss Utility call center in Hanover, MD

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

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