



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

Minutes of the meeting for September 18, 2018
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Dora Parks, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright (WSSC) called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 28, 2018 were approved as written. The meeting minutes will be posted at <http://www.missutility.net/damageprevention/>

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder; the mobile app MISS UTILITY is available on iTunes and Google Play providing access to ITIC, Search & Status, Ticket Check, resources and the website.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

The committee discussed the following matters;

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscaping) discussed issues regarding a 5,000-foot job along the Baltimore Annapolis trail. Becky stated the contact list provided with the monthly Damage Prevention meeting minutes was useful in obtaining needed contacts while working through the locate issues and thanked Joe Feronti (USIC) for his assistance. Dora Parks (Miss Utility) shared an article written by Total Landscape about Childs Landscaping involvement and success with 811. The article included Becky's perspective on safety and the importance of using the 811 system for every dig and also included quotes from Dora Parks regarding the 811 mission, education and awareness. The article was circulated to the meeting attendees with a well deserved Thank you from the committee.

Walter Randolph (Rustler Construction) thanked the training committee for providing a recent training session to his company. Walter stated the training was relevant and well received by his employees, helping the company to maintain their safety culture and investment to their organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) reminded the attendees of 'Break Safety' week, a nationwide campaign to increase road safety awareness and ensure vehicle braking systems are in good working order. Safety first!

Dora Parks invited attendees to participate in the Washington Suburban Master Plumber's Association's Golf Outing on Friday, October 19th at the Rattlewood Golf Course. The MD/DC Subscribers and Board are looking to build a foursome for the event. If interested, please contact Dora Parks. Marc Haines (BGE) asked if BGE could set up a booth at the golf outing, Dora sated she would check with the organizers and reply directly to Marc.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Marc Hains (BGE) presented on Title 6, the High Voltage Line Act. Marc provided information on his electrical background and years of service with BGE. He went on to explain the electrical dangers encountered when not working safely and using the appropriate PPE. Marc provided an overview of electrical power, current, conductors and types of electricity in addition to what to do and not to do when you encounter an electrical strike. The committee thanked Marc for providing this vital information.

MD/DC SCUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Kevin Woolbright (Construction Angels Board Member) provided an update on the Construction Angels charity gold outing being held on Thursday October 4th at the Waverly Woods Golf Club in Marriottsville, MD. To date, there are 80 golfers in addition to multiple sponsorships. Kevin provided an overview of the benefits of Construction Angels and the MD/DC Subscriber and Board's interest in supporting this important organization.

The next quarterly meeting of the MD/DC Subscribers and Board will be on October 11th at the SMECO Hughesville office. All owner-members of the Miss Utility system and Board are invited to attend.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Vince Healy, Verizon-Chairman; Charlie McCadden, BGE-Vice Chairman and Jim Barron, Executive Director

Reported by Matt Ruddo (One Call Concepts, Authority member)

The next Maryland Authority meeting is planned for Wednesday September 5th at Miss Utility starting at 9:00am. This is an open meeting for all to experience. Information regarding the Authority's activities, meetings, training and claim processing are available at; mddpa.org. The Authority continues to provide awareness of its mission, purpose and Title 12 law; events included attendance to the annual MACo summer conference as an exhibitor, a sponsor of the GCDPTC and participating in the GCDPTC with a break-out session. Two Authority seats have fulfilled (2) voluntary terms; the One Call seat (Matt Ruddo) and the MD Subscribers seat (Vince Healy). Replacement suggestions have been provided to the Governor's office for approval, after approval and being sworn in, the new members will be seated during the October 3rd meeting.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

Reported by Matt Ruddo

The committee has completed (26) meetings and Jim Barron (Authority, Executive Director) has facilitated at each meeting. The next Title 12 Re-write meetings are planned for August 30 and September 10th. Meeting schedules, agendas, notes and re-write drafts are available at mddpa.org, click the dome.

2018 LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

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

The Dig Smart Awards committee met on August 28th to review the entries and select the winners representing Maryland and the District of Columbia. After careful review the following organizations were selected as the 2017-2018 Dig Smart awardees;

Excellence Award;	Northern Pipeline (NPL)
Maryland Award:	Ferguson Trenching
District of Columbia	Childs Landscaping
Honorable Mention	Gaines and Company

These fine companies have worked meticulously to build and sustain a culture of safety, respect, protection and participation in the 811 industry. Each company will be provided two registrations to the 10th Annual Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference (GCDPTC) where they will be recognized individually during the conference and presented their prestigious awards.

The committee thanks all those who provided entries and wishes them continued success in their damage prevention and safety initiatives and congratulates the 2017-2018 recipients.

2018 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Committee Chair

Conference registrations are up by 20% compared to this period in 2017. To date, we have 260 individual registrations and anticipate a sell out for the 10th Anniversary.

- 10th Anniversary of the GCDPTC to be held during October 23-26th at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City, MD.
- 10th Year Anniversary celebration will be held on conference evening, Wednesday October 24th following the Welcome Reception and is included as part of the GCDPTC registration packages. The celebration will include a full dinner buffet, drink tickets, entertainment, desserts to include an ice cream sundae bar and celebratory cakes.
- One Call Concepts will display the 811 trio of awareness vehicles; the bike, the car and the brand new 2018 trike
- Exhibitor hall is sold out, new exhibitors and sponsors in 2018
- The CGA Virtual Reality Experience will be new to the 2018 conference
- Three networking events; cornhole on Oct. 23rd, golf tournament on Oct. 24th and a brand-new added cooking class with owner and Chef Fausto DiCarlo of Ristorante Antipasti on Oct. 24th
- Friday will include a friendly game of Damage Prevention Family Feud and grand door prizes.

Handout: pre-conference program

GCDPTC additional information is located at www.missutilityconference.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scott Brown, Chairman; Vince Healy, Co-Chair

The Scholarship awardees were recognized at a reception on July 12th at the Miss Utility call. Each winner received \$1,008.11 mailed to the college of their acceptance in addition to gift bags. Lunch was included with a custom cake and various flavored ice creams. Awardee, Robert Miner wrote a thank you letter to the committee; Robert will attend UMBC in the fall and promises to keep the committee posted regarding his education and college experience.

DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

Completed Training

- J. L. Underground 8/29
- DC Water 9/6
- Open Training, Hughesville 9/7
- Rustler Construction 9/11
- Dvorak 9/13

Ken Howes of Mallick wrote a very nice letter to the training team stating they learned a lot and they will be more 811 and safety conscious moving forward because of the training. Mallick received training on August 3rd.

Damage Prevention and Safety training is **FREE**. Please contact Dora Parks to schedule your next training event; dora@missutility.net

OPEN DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

Pre-registration required for the below open scheduled trainings; email invites will be provided four weeks in advance.

- November 2 – Miss Utility Call Center (Hanover, MD)
- December 7 – PEPCO (Upper Marlboro, MD)

MISS UTILITY MARKETING & OUTREACH

Reported by: MGH

Outreach campaigns and trade shows;

- Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference and Exhibitor Event on 10/10
- Ferguson Waterworks on 10/17
- Timonium Home and Garden Show on 10/19 - 21
- GCDPTC on 10/23 - 29

If you are interested in volunteering for any trade shows or desire to be added to the show distribution email list, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention Meeting, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

Meetings start at 9:30am, refreshments at 9:00am

- October – **no meeting**
- November 27th
- December – **no meeting**
- January 22, 2019 - meeting

Refreshments at 9 am, meeting starts at 9:30 am

MEETING ATTENDEES

COMPANY	ATTENDEE NAME & TITLE	TELEPHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
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One Call Concepts/ Miss Utility	Matt Ruddo MD Authority Director, Client Relations	(410) 782-2025	matt@missutility.net
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Verizon	Lee Brown Damage Investigator	(301) 579-4252	
Verizon	Steve Lewis Damage Investigator	410777-0785	
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