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UTILITIES SERVICE PROTECTION CENTER OF DELMARVA, INC

Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Membership Meeting

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- President Brad Ebaugh opened the regular meeting at Delmarva Power Conference Center, 4100 South Wakefield Drive, Newark, DE 19702. Mr. Ebaugh thanked the Delmarva Power for hosting the meeting.
- Mission Statement, Our mission is to assist excavators, facility owners, and the public in the prevention of underground damages, service outages, personal injury, and their associated repercussions, through education and the promotion of the One Call System.
- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.
- Mr. Ebaugh provided a statement on the importance of Memorial Day.
- 28 members were present.
- Those present gave the customary introductions.
- Tony Gersitz made a motion to approve minutes, Wendy Stack seconded, unanimously approved by members.

2. Presentation – Andrew Vahey, Delmarva Power, Step Potential

- Mr. Vahey opened with a definition; when an energized conductor makes contact with the ground, electrical current will pass through the ground in all directions from the point of contact.
- Voltage is the highest at the point of contact with the ground and becomes weaker as it radiates outward, "ground gradient".
- Current passes up one leg and down the other. Step potential occurs with one leg in one gradient line and another leg in a different gradient leg, the differential of voltage will pass through the body.
- The impact of the electricity will depend on a variety of variables, such as, but not limited to, amount of voltage of energized source, soil resistivity. Water is a conductor, which will push the area larger.
- It is safe to assume that downed conductors are energized, should be tested prior to contact.
- Other conductors: ground, poles, fences, trees, limbs, vehicles, people.
- A conductor that is de-energized could be back fed through a service to re-energize said conductor. Examples include generators, solar panels, etc.
- Recognize the hazard, eliminate the hazard, mitigate the hazard, and protect yourself from hazard.
- While PPE is important, it is not going to save an employee from every hazard. It is the last line of defense. It is paramount to make sure you have proper PPE for the hazard and is proper condition.
- Stay back at least 10' from power pole or downed line.

- If you are in a vehicle that is in contact with conductor, jump out of the car without touching it, and hop on both feet clear of the site. Other option is to shuffle really slowly out of the area.

3. Excavator Concerns

- Will Gooch, Decisive Communication. Having issues with locators responding to tickets. Looking for some support from USPCD to have the locating companies mark out within 48 hours. Mr. Ebaugh requested that specific instances should be presented for investigation. Mr. Ebaugh stated that the law requires a positive response within 48 hours, it could be a 24 hour delay or 48 hour delay, but legally this is allowed. Other concerns are that all other facility owners marked the property, one owner responded incorrect address. Mr. Ebaugh stated that if the polygon of the owner is not correct, an address could be incorrect. Mr. Gooch was concerned with locators coding "No locate, work complete."
- Jerry Platt asked about how work is complete prior to locator marking out the project. Mr. Ebaugh stated that often times, excavators do not wait for the mark out in the field.
- Mr. Ebaugh contacted a company that was installing a swimming pool by having the homeowner called in the ticket. Mr. Ebaugh contacted the company and advised that the ticket must be called by the contractor that is performing the work.

4. Facility Owner Concerns

- Mr. Ebaugh stated that insufficient tickets are not acceptable for situations of installation of invisible dog fence.

5. General Locate Issues

- None Voiced.

6. Public Awareness

- Mr. Ebaugh and Eric Cimo attended the Camden Safe Summer Days, a large amount of children attend the event. Mostly homeowners are in the audience.
- Maryland Municipal League (MML) will be attended by Dora Parks, Mr. Ebaugh and Paul Elwood on June 29 and June 30.
- Wyoming Peach Festival, August 1, 2015.
- Maryland Association of Counties will be August 12-14.
- Middletown Peach Festival, August 15, 2015.
- Mr. Elwood put a plug into the website, new resources and articles are being added. www.missutilitydelmarva.com.
- The Scoop will be finalized this week and sent out for distribution the week of June 22, 2015.
- Mr. Platt stated that the PSC has just finished radio advertisements in the northern stations. PSC will be running advertisements for the beach radio stations. Homepages of website providers have a link to the USPCD.
- Two (2) more breakfast educational sessions are being scheduled in the fall of 2015. One (1) in Newark, September 15 and one (1) in Salisbury, date to be announced.
- A public awareness meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

7. Committee Reports

- Digsmart, a list is being created for the top 50 contractors.

8. Old Business

- Mr. Ebaugh provided a request to attend the GCDPTC. Current cost is $140 for a day tripper, which includes breakfast and lunch. Ms. Parks mentioned that a blast email will be sent out to introduce the key note speaker. Tim Wiley won a two-night package for filling out the postcard contest.

9. New Business

- Matt Ruddo did a season long sponsorship for a television show, aired on the Pursuit Channel, Hunting in the Sticks. July 22, August 5, November 4 will have USPCD commercials during the show. Maryland will also have three commercials airing this year. http://www.huntinginthesticks.com/
- Mike Burns with Utiliquest, effective July 27th will be picking up Verizon contract in this territory. Mr. Burns will be the representative for Utiliquest.
- The next membership meeting will be hosted by Chesapeake Utilities, 32145 Beaver Run Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804 July 16, 2015. Refreshments will be served at 8:30am, meeting to commence at 9:00am.
- September meeting will now be relocated to Dover, DE, Mapledale Country Club. If you are interested in attending and playing golf, please email Jason Lyon, jlyon@dover.de.us.

Attendance:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Company	Phone Number	Email Address
Burns	Mike	Manager	Utiliquest	443-786-7994	mike.burns@utilquest.com
Cimo	Eric	Utility Engineer	DelDOT	302-760-2642	eric.cimo@state.de.us
Dobson	Frank	Safety Consultant	Dobson Associates	302-479-5342	dobsonassociates@aol.com
Doherty	John	President	Brandywine Construction	302-275-2051	jdoherty@bccico.com
Ebaugh	Brad	Pre. USPCD	D.E.C.	302-349-3148	bebaugh@decoop.com
Elwood	Paul	Dist. Supervisor	Premier Locating	302-272-1721	pelwood@premierlocatingllc.com
Foster	Charles	Supervisor	Artesian Water	302-453-7157	cfoster@artesianwater.com
Gersitz	Tony	Board Member	USPCD	302-424-2434	
Gooch	Will	Manager	Decisive	240-586-1605	drops@decisiveinc.net
Greenwell	Chris	Locator	Delmarva Power	302-275-0961	chrisgreenwell@aol.com
Keyser	Steven	Line Supervisor	Chesapeake Utilities	302-538-8514	skeyser@chpk.com
Kukulich	Deborah	Utility Coordinator	DelDOT	302-760-2345	deborah.kukulich@state.de.us
Leto	Brad		Ditch Doctorx		brad@ditchdoctorx.com
Lyon	Jason	Sec. USPCD	City of Dover	302-736-7025	jlyon@dover.de.us
Majors	Rick	Locator	Town of Smyrna	302-423-7000	
McIntrye	Ron	Construction Insp.	City of Wilmington	302-545-5016	rmcintyre@wilmington.gov
Morris	Phil	Locator	Delmarva Power	302-275-1706	usmcvet91@aol.com
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Parks	Dora	Mgr, Client Rel.	One Call Concepts	410-782-2026	dora@missutility.net
Peragallo	Richard	Regional Director	USIC	516-807-5679	richardperagallo@usicllc.com
Platt	Jerry	Engineer	Public Service Comm.		jerry.platt@state.de.us
Robinson	Bobby	Construction Sup.	City of Wilmington	302-757-3897	brobinson@wilmingtonde.gov
Ruddo	Matt	Director	One Call Concepts	410-782-2025	matt@missutility.net
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Stack	Wendy	Manager	W. Locco	302-856-9626	w.stack@mchsl.com
Stillman	Mark	Past President	United Water	302-252-3025	mark.stillman@unitedwater.com
Vahey	Andrew	Safety	Delmarva Power	302-463-5339	andrew.vahey@pepcoholdings.com
Welch	Richard	Supervisor	Premier Locating	302-233-5742	gwelch@premiersvc.com

Upcoming Events:

July

Date	Venue	Address	Time
07.16.15	Chesapeake Utilities	32145 Beaver Run Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804	8:30am

August

Date	Venue	Address	Time
08.20.15	Town of Smyrna	220 Artisan Drive, Smyrna, DE 19977	8:30am

September

Date	Venue	Address	Time
09.17.15	Maple Dale CC – Hosted by OCC	180 Maple Dale Circle, Dover, DE 19904	8:30am

**For additional meetings, please visit our website, www.missutilitydelmarva.com*