

# MISS UTILITY OF DELMARVA



# The Scoop



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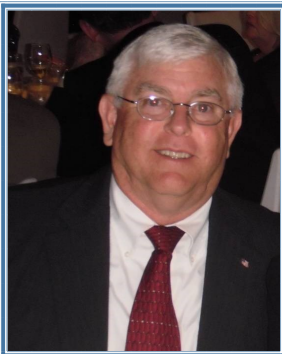
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2016-2017 Dig Smart Winner-2nd Time Winner  
Congratulations W Locco, LLC!



### President's Message

Dear Friends,

This is the last President's message that I'll write for *The Scoop*. My term is up (3X) and I am retiring from my job at Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc. I leave my position knowing

that Miss Utility of Delmarva is in great hands and will continue to find ways to improve everyone's awareness in protecting themselves and underground utilities.

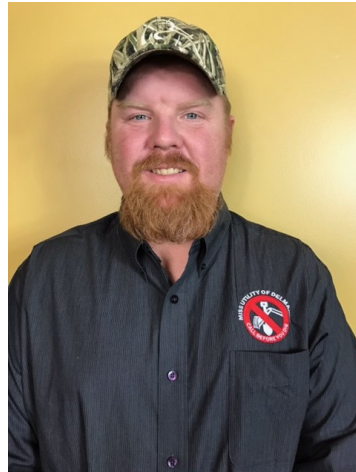
Our Vice President, Jason Lyon, just returned from the One Call Concepts Tech Conference with some great ideas about getting our damage prevention message out to all excavators. Additionally, we look forward to new software will help define the scope of work and help the locators identify and mark the excavation area.

If you are able, please take advantage of the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference in Ocean City October 23-26.

I intend to stay active on the Miss Utility board as a past president and continue to focus on your safety. And I thank you for all the support over the years.

Bradley C. Ebaugh

## New Board Members



**Richard Lewis**  
Century Engineering



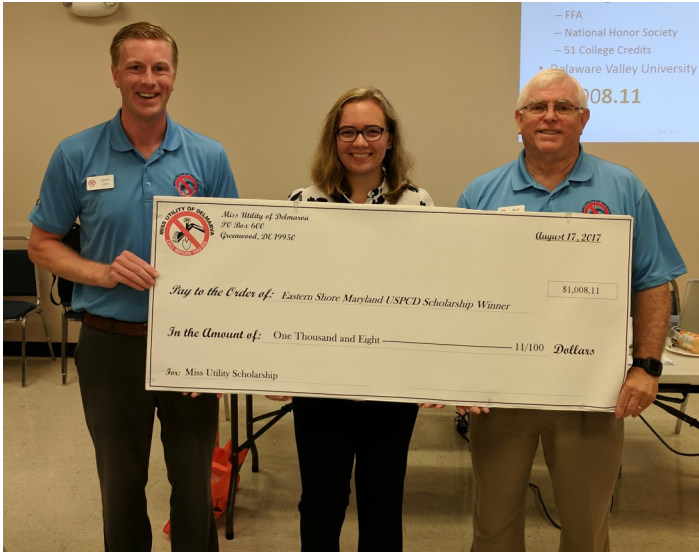
**Ron McIntyre**  
City of Wilmington

Meet our newest Board Members, Ricky Lewis with Century Engineering and Ron McIntyre with City of Wilmington.

Please come to our next Miss Utility Meeting and meet them. Check our website for locations  
[www.missutilitydelmarva.com](http://www.missutilitydelmarva.com)



## Scholarship Recipient



**Pictured l to r: Jason Lyon, Morgan Harvey and Brad Ebaugh**

August 17, 2017

Good morning,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your meeting to receive my scholarship, it was great to see all the people that you and your company work with on a daily basis to keep everyone safe. Below are my answers to the questionnaire that you provided for me. Thanks again for awarding me with this scholarship!

1. I chose to pursue a career in the field of animal science because I have always owned animals and have always been very fond of working with them. When I was younger I was given the opportunity to travel to Pennsylvania to a large animal veterinary hospital, and that really solidified my decision to work with animals.

2. My favorite aspect of the Animal Science field is that of veterinary medicine. I have always enjoyed the mystery and problem-solving that comes with working on medical cases, and I can see no better fit for me than working on animals to help solve whatever medical issues they may have.

3. In ten years, I see myself starting my own veterinary practice and working to attain a healthy list of clients in the local area. I plan to serve the Delaware area mostly, and more specifically I would really love to be able to only work on large animals such as cows, horses, pigs, sheep, and goats.

4. I plan to use the scholarship money to pay off some of my tuition bill for the fall.

5. I have not personally had experience with Miss Utility, but I am a member of several volunteer organizations that have had dealings with Miss Utility when putting up buildings or performing various tasks around their

grounds.

6. I feel that Miss Utility will be able to help not only myself with my future plans to build a barn and put up fencing for my own horses, but for similar tasks that my clients, as farmers and ranchers, will be performing. Miss Utility will be a large part of the beginning stages of my clients putting up their barns and their fencing and also when they are looking to dispose of carcasses that they may have.

7. I'm somewhat familiar with the service that Miss Utility provides and I have a lot of family and friends who have used Miss Utility before for their own personal purposes. I know that whenever you are looking to dig for any purpose you are supposed to call Miss Utility to find out whether or not there are ground wires where you are trying to dig to make sure you're not going to cause some kind of damage to a major power or phone line.

Thank you so much for awarding me with your scholarship!!

Morgan Harvey

## Chesapeake Utilities Training Trailer



Chesapeake Utilities unveiled their new Natural Gas Training Trailer for the first time on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Dover Ag Museum for their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Awareness event.



Chesapeake's goal is to educate the public and first responders about natural gas safety and the importance of calling 811 before digging. If you would like to schedule a training, please contact Sand Hoffman, Compliance & Safety Coordinator at Chesapeake Utilities at 302-213-7439 or email him at [shoffman@chpk.com](mailto:shoffman@chpk.com).



## OSHA's Guidelines on Protection from Cold Weather Injuries



*During the upcoming winter months we can expect some very cold weather in our region. Our employees need to know how to protect themselves and how to survive the bitterly cold temperatures and wind-chill factors that create the potential for serious weather-related injuries and illnesses.*

### How to Survive

- Learn the signs and symptoms that lead to cold-induced illnesses and injuries.
- Train the workforce on how to select the proper clothing for cold, wet, and windy conditions.
- Layer clothing to adjust to changing temperatures, wear a hat and gloves, and choose underwear that keeps water away from the skin.
- Perform work during the warmest part of the day.
- Avoid exhaustion or fatigue, because energy is needed to keep muscles warm.
- Use the buddy system (work in pairs).
- Drink warm, sweet beverages (sugar water and sports drinks). Avoid alcohol and drinks with caffeine (coffee, tea, or hot chocolate).

### Workers are at increased risk if they:

- Have cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and hypertension.
- Take certain medications. They should check with their doctors and ask if any of their medications will affect them while working in the cold weather.
- Are in poor physical condition, have a poor diet, or are older.

### Hypothermia

#### *What Happens to the Body*

Normal body temperature (98.6 degrees F) drops to or below 95 degrees F. Workers may experience fatigue or drowsiness, uncontrolled shivering, cool bluish skin, slurred speech, clumsy movements, and irritable, irrational, or confused behavior.

#### *What Should Be Done*

- Call for emergency help (ambulance or 911).
- Move the person to a warm dry area.
- Don't leave the person alone.
- Remove any wet clothing and replace with warm dry clothing, or wrap the person in blankets.
- Offer warm, sweet drinks (sugar water or sports drinks) if the person is alert. Do not give drinks with caffeine (coffee, tea, or hot chocolate).
- Have the person move his or her arms and legs to create muscle heat if able to do so. Otherwise, place warm bottles or hot packs in the armpits, groin, neck, and head areas. **DO NOT** rub the person's body or place him or her in a warm-water bath. This may stop the heart.

### Frostbite

#### *What Happens to the Body*

The deep layers of the skin and tissue freeze. The skin turns a pale waxy-white and becomes hard and numb. Frostbite usually affects the fingers, hands, toes, feet, ears, and nose.

#### *What Should Be Done*

- Move the person to a warm, dry area.
- Don't leave the person alone.
- Remove any wet or tight clothing that may cut off blood flow to the affected area.
- **DO NOT** rub the affected area, because rubbing causes damage to the skin and tissue.
- Gently place the affected area in a warm-water bath and monitor the water temperature to *slowly* warm the tissue. Warming takes 25 to 40 minutes.

After the affected area has been warmed, it may become puffy and blister. The area may have a burning feeling or numbness. When normal feeling, movement, and skin color have returned, the affected area should be dried and wrapped to keep it warm.

Seek medical attention as soon as possible.



## Ask Miss Utility

**If my gas vent gets covered in snow, will the utility company come out and remove the snow, or is it the responsibility of the property owner?**

Great question, but with the amount of gas services provided to each household, it would be impossible for the utility company to provide that service. But, I'm sure they would accommodate someone that was not able by calling them directly with your concern. If your vents become blocked by snow, they can cause deadly carbon monoxide to build up in your house, so it is important to keep all exhaust vents for your furnace, hot water heater, and any other appliances clear of any debris or snow.



	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017
Reported Damages	38	48	29
Tickets	126,921	112,892	106,981
Percentage	0.030%	0.043%	0.027%

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#### Questions/Comments?

This newsletter belongs to you, so ideas and topics are welcomed. Send your comments, questions and suggestions to Wendy Stack at [w.stack@mchsi.com](mailto:w.stack@mchsi.com).

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

## Calendar of Events

### Miss Utility Meetings

January 18th, 2018

**The City of Dover**  
J. W. Pitts Center  
10 Electric Avenue  
Dover DE. 19904

April 19th, 2018  
**Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
14198 Sussex Hwy, Greenwood DE. 19950  
Breakfast will be provided at 8:11 a.m.

### Events

February 15th, 2018

**Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
24820 Meeting House Road  
Denton MD. 21629

February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1, 2018  
**Delaware Rural Water Association's 28th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition**  
Delaware State Fairgrounds  
18500 S. DuPont Highway  
Harrington, DE. 19952

March 15th, 2018

**City of Wilmington**  
Turner Municipal Complex  
500 Wilmington Ave  
Wilmington DE 19801

February 24th, 2018  
**I Love Smyrna Day Smyrna High School**  
500 Duck Creek Parkway  
Smyrna, DE. 19977



Please check our website [www.missutilitydelmarva.com](http://www.missutilitydelmarva.com) for updates on events.

## "SAVE THE DATES! "

The 2018 GCDPTC is set to return to Ocean City Oct. 23-26, 2018, and will be celebrating 10 years! To sign up for email updates about the conference, please email [missutilityconference@gmail.com](mailto:missutilityconference@gmail.com).



**Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel**  
10100 Coastal Highway  
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