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A Quarterly Newsletter

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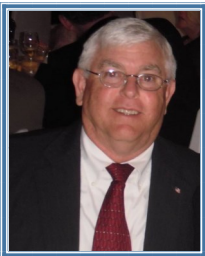
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"Remember to remove courtesy flags left by the locator after completion of your excavation"



President's Message

Dear Friends,

Here is a shameless plug for the 8th Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference (GCDPTC) to be held this fall (October 18-21) at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. I believe our conference rivals the larger nationwide Common Ground Alliance yearly conference in quality and is much easier on everyone's budget. The GCDPTC is in our own backyard! Topics will include current law changes, safe dig activities, PHMSA updates and much more! We will have upwards of 40 vendors displaying equipment and services used throughout our industry.

If you remember the initial unveiling of the 811 bike by Paul Jr. Designs, then you will not want to miss the 811 vehicle. One Call Concepts has again partnered with Paul Jr. Designs to create an 811 vehicle. I'd give you more information but it is a big secret and will be a big surprise at the conference.

The 811 bike has been very effective in getting our damage prevention message out throughout the country. I hope the 811 vehicle will do the same. Education and public awareness are vital to reducing damages and keeping people safe. Every day I hear of another contractor that is ignorant of their responsibilities under the law. What do you say to someone that has been digging for years and boasts that they know where the utilities are and only calls in a ticket when they are unsure! Not only are they violating

state law and eventually will be held accountable, but they are putting their employees in danger and putting the public at risk.

Again, the system is paid for by the utilities. The service is free to the excavator. Why wouldn't you take advantage of a service set up to protect you and keep you out of court? Know what's below. Dig responsibly.

Have a great summer!

Brad Ebaugh

Eye Protection

Nature needs help in protecting your eyes. Nature has tried to protect your eyes from injury by giving you a number of built-in devices: **Eyelashes** catch dust and particles before they can blow into your eyes. **Eyebrows** cushion light blows and catch falling particles before they can reach your eyes. **Tear Ducts** lubricate your eyes and wash away any foreign substances that get in your eyes. **Pupils** contract to protect your eyes from bright sunlight.

Usually, these natural defenses protect your eyes from minor injuries. But, they are not enough to protect our eyes against the wide variety of hazardous exposures that exist in the construction industry. Your eyes need extra protection against:

- **Foreign substances**, such as chips, dust, dirt, sand and grinding particles which cause cuts and

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Miss Utility of Delmarva Locator Awards

On Thursday, April 28, 2016, it was our pleasure once again to celebrate and recognize twenty-seven damage free locators from an assortment of companies on Delmarva for their damage free achievements. Each utility locator performed facility/utility locating as their primary job function during the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. We also celebrated the end of Safe Dig Month which is recognized for the full month of April.

All Locating Technicians had achieved the goals of zero at-fault damages, demonstrated excellent communication skills, positive attitudes toward damage prevention and willingness to mentor and guide new employees. Their efforts were recognized at the Eighth Annual Locator Achievement Awards ceremony held at the Harrington Raceway & Casino in Harrington, Delaware.

This year's guest speaker, Bob Behlke of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc, congratulated all locators in playing the part in their day to day safety and their damage prevention responsibilities. Mr. Behlke spoke of his role starting from the ground level of his career with Choptank Electric and what an important role each employee plays within their own organization.

The evening began with registration & refreshments, a welcome and opening remarks, followed by a buffet dinner. During the awards ceremony, each damage free locator received a cash prize and specialized jacket to recognize their achievement. The ceremony continued with the drawing of door prizes and photos.



Mark Akers, Utiliquist	Aaron Elrod, Utiliquist	Richard Maloof, USIC
Sherman Baker, Artesian Water	Joe Evans, USIC	Dane Mayorga, Utiliquist
Scott Ballard, Utiliquist	James Fromal, Artesian Water	Phil Morris, Delmarva Power
Ryan Burnes, Utiliquist	Chris Greenwell, Delmarva Power	Matthew Parrish, CWAWA
Keith Campbell, Artesian Water	Scott Hoffman, USIC	Rivera Pedro, Utiliquist
Justin Chambers, ESNG	Larry Howton, Eastern Shore Natural Gas	Bill Proud, Town of Smyrna
Cliff Currinder, Artesian Water	Joshua Kinsey, USIC	Devin Smith, USIC
Barry Daniels, Town of Berlin	Michael Kubovick, Century Engineering	Kip Sterling, Utiliquist
Clinton Durham, USIC	Rick Majors, Town of Smyrna	Barry Stevens, USIC

The Deadly Dozen



Are your employees making any of these mistakes?

The "Deadly Dozen" is a list of common shortcuts, or mistakes workers make that lead to accidents, injuries, or fatalities.

- 1) Unauthorized use of equipment
- 2) Working or operating equipment too fast
- 3) Not securing materials to prevent unexpected movement

- 4) Failure to issue warnings or signals as required
- 5) Using defective / damaged tools and equipment
- 6) Removing protective equipment guards
- 7) Using tools or equipment incorrectly
- 8) Standing in an unsafe place or using bad work posture
- 9) Servicing, moving or running equipment
- 10) Riding on equipment not designed for passengers
- 11) Horseplay
- 12) Not wearing the required Personal Protective Equipment

Are any of these mistakes worth the Risk?

Delaware SkillsUSA Scholarship

Written by Jason Lyon

On April 26, 2016, Miss Utility of Delmarva was honored to join the Delaware SkillsUSA family. Delaware SkillsUSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that recognizes the importance of students, teachers and industry partners working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA incorporates curricular and co-curricular experiences to emphasize the importance of knowledge, leadership, skill development, and teamwork. The awards for the 2016 Delaware SkillsUSA State Contests were held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. The top medalists of 66 state contests that were held throughout the State in the month of February were honored with more than \$534,000 in student scholarships and prizes from industry and academic partners such as: Automotive Training Center, Burmax Company Inc., Delaware Technical Community College, G & E Welding Supply, Universal Technical Institute, IBEW Local 313, Keen Gas Company, Lincoln Electric, Lowe's, Miller Electric Manufacturing Company, Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, Miss Utility of Delmarva and many more. The top medalist in each individual contest was recognized for their outstanding achievement and they may have earned the honor of representing the State of Delaware at the National SkillsUSA Conference to be held in Louisville, KY.

Miss Utility of Delmarva provided a scholarship in the amount of \$1,008.11. This scholarship was provided to Andrew Huhn of St. Georges Technical High School. He was awarded first place in the category of Electrical Construction Wiring in the State of Delaware. Mr. Huhn's (AH) interview with Miss Utility of Delmarva (MUD) went as follows:

(MUD) What made you pursue a career in the electrical field?

(AH) My interest in the electrical trade began my freshman year of high school, we had career rotations between the construction trades and electrical was very interesting.



(MUD) What is your favorite aspect of working in the electrical field?

(AH) My favorite aspect of working in the electrical field is the variety of opportunities available.

(MUD) Where do you see yourself in 10 years professionally?

(AH) In 10 years I see myself working hard and earning my master electrician license and hopefully to own my own business.

(MUD) What do you plan to do with the scholarship?

(AH) I plan to use my scholarship money for the apprenticeship classes required for the next 3 years.

(MUD) Have you had experience with Miss Utility?

(AH) I haven't had a personal experience with Miss Utility, but I have learned that not calling Miss Utility puts not only people in harm's way but can cause major damage to property.

(MUD) How do you feel Miss Utility will assist with your future career?

(AH) I feel Miss Utility can assist with my career by providing the knowledge and education I may need while working in the electrical field.

(MUD) What do you know about Miss Utility and the service it provides?

(AH) I know Miss Utility is there to help locate any underground wires that contractors and homeowners should be aware of before digging.

Miss Utility of Delmarva was honored to be part of this event, we congratulate all the award winners from this organization.

Ask Miss Utility

When I arrive on my jobsite, sometimes I'm missing utility markings or they are incorrect, but my ticket check says "Marked", so who do I contact?

If the work to begin date and time issued by Miss Utility of Delmarva has arrived and a member has failed to respond and mark the facilities or has marked the facilities incorrectly, it is best to contact that facility owner directly. The Miss Utility of Delmarva Customer Service Center can provide the appropriate phone numbers if needed or you can go to

www.missutility.net and select your state and submit your ticket number to find all available contact information for the ticket submitted. Each ticket submitted may hold a different facility owner or locate company information due to location. To ensure the safety of the excavation crews and the general public, excavation should not begin until the excavator is confident that all facilities have been marked correctly.

Remember, you can be held liable for the cost of damages, and place yourself, your workers and the public in danger if you are aware of unmarked facilities and proceed to dig.



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- puncture wounds.
- **Splashes** of hot metal or asphalt which burn and scar the eyeball.
- **Caustic and corrosive substances**, such as acids, cleaning solutions, wet concrete and lime which burn and scar the eyes.

Thousands of eye injuries each year prove you cannot depend on natural defenses alone to protect your eyes. The use of safety glasses is one of the easiest and surest ways to protect your eyes and avoid loss of sight. Ordinary glasses do not provide this protection because they shatter into pieces upon impact.

Contact lenses do not provide protection because they are not designed for eye protection, and they may not completely cover the eye. In fact, a small foreign body may become lodged beneath the lens and injure the cornea. Or a chemical may splash into the eye and become trapped under the contact lens. The lenses in all approved safety glasses are specially treated and mounted and meet the specifications for impact established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Special protection such as face shields, helmets, or chemical goggles may be needed for special operations.

Reminder—The best protection for general exposure is ordinary safety glasses with side shields.

	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016
Reported Damages	11	32	35
Tickets	83,269	105,899	102,074
Percentage	0.013	0.030	0.034

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Do you know what “Excavate” or “Excavation” means to Miss Utility of Delmarva?

In our USPCD handbook it reads:

“Excavate” or “excavation” shall mean any operation in which earth, rock or other material in the ground is moved, removed or otherwise displaced or disturbed by means of any tools, equipment or explosives and includes, without limitation, grading, trenching, digging, dredging, ditching, drilling, augering, tunneling, boring, backfilling, post pounding, driving objects into the ground, installation of form pins, hammering, scraping, cable or pipe plowing or driving, but does not include the surface cultivation of the soil for agricultural purposes, such as tilling, or patch-type paving where the same, including cutback, does not exceed 12 inches in depth measured from the surface of the pavement being patched.



So, if any of the above is something you plan to do, then don’t forget it is the Law to contact Miss Utility before you dig. It’s simple, dial “811” or visit the Miss Utility website – www.missutility.net.

Calendar of Events

Miss Utility Meetings Events

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| Thursday, July 21, 2016
Chesapeake Utilities
32145 Beaver Run Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804 | Saturday, August 6, 2016
Wyoming Peach Festival
Railroad Ave
Wyoming, DE 19934 |
| Thursday, August 18, 2016
Town of Smyrna
220 Artisan Drive
Smyrna, DE 19977 | Wednesday – Saturday,
August 17-August 20, 2016
Maryland Assoc. of Counties
Roland Powell Convention Center
Ocean City, MD 21842 |
| Thursday, September 15, 2016
One Call Concepts
Maple Dale Country Club
180 Maple Dale Circle
Dover, DE 19904 | Saturday, August 20, 2016
Middletown Peach Festival
Main Street
Middletown, DE 19709 |
| | Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Delaware Electric Cooperative’s
Annual Meeting
Delaware State Fairgrounds
Harrington, DE 19952 |

"MARK YOUR CALENDER" The 2016 Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference will be held October 18 - 21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, Md. 21842