

MISS UTILITY OF DELMARVA



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President's Message

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I'll be glad when spring and the warmer weather finally arrives! Of course, the warmer weather means an increase in the number of excavation and home digging projects and hopefully Miss Utility Excavate Tickets. That is why April has been designated (nation-wide) as Safe Dig Month. We make an extra effort to get the word out about your obligations under Maryland and Delaware law to "Call Before You Dig, Wait for Responses, Respect the Markings and Dig Safely". We again this year received a statement in observance of Safe Digging Month in Delaware from Governor Jack A. Markell.

Later this year we will be rolling out enhancements to the internet ticketing process. When announced, please make sure the right people in your organization receive the free training. Internet ticketing (ITIC) is available 24/7 and is easy to use. It saves time and money and we believe you will really like the new mapping features.

This April we will acknowledge the excellent work of 35 locators who will receive recognition at the 7th annual locator awards banquet in the Gold Room at Harrington

Raceway & Casino. It is truly gratifying to have so many dedicated and outstanding locators on Delmarva. They are vital to protecting our underground facilities and keeping the public safe. You will know them by their distinctive yellow jacket with the Miss Utility logo and the Locator Award winner patch on their sleeve.

In addition to operating a call center, Miss Utility is all about educating excavators, planners, homeowners and anyone that may own a shovel about Title 26 of the Delaware Code and Title 12 of the Maryland Code. If your organization would like a speaker to provide information about using the Miss Utility notification system and damage prevention practices, please contact us and we can set up a presentation. We are available for company safety meetings, homeowner associations and other venues. Please help us get the word out.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the election of our two new officers, Paul Elwood, Vice President and Solomon McCloskey, Treasurer. Jason Lyon continues as our Secretary. I thank outgoing officers, Thomas Matich and Jim Crowley for their dedicated service to this organization and underground facility damage prevention.

Brad Ebaugh

Mark Your Calendar! 7th Annual Awards Banquet—Thirty-five (35) Utility Locators from 14 different organizations will receive awards. This year our banquet will be held on April 23, 2015 in the Gold Room at the Harrington Raceway & Casino. Companies in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland have nominated locators who have had no at-fault facility damages, vehicle damages and had great safety performance. The next edition of The Scoop will publish names and photos of this year's winners. You will also find this information on our Web site: www.missutilitydelmarva.com.

Meet Our Newest Board Members

Bobby Robinson



Bobby Robinson Jr. recently accepted a position with the Miss Utility of Delmarva board of directors and "Vows to bring diversity to the board through urban issues, concerns, and limitations in the construction field," he says. Mr. Robinson Jr.

also would like to work to increase overall awareness and public outreach in the northern New Castle County area where there seems to be a concentration of out of state contractors.

Mr. Robinson Jr. currently works as a Construction Supervisor and Road Cut Management System Manager (RCMS) for the City of Wilmington. The City of Wilmington is the biggest municipality in the Miss Utility of Delmarva region. He has been employed with the City of Wilmington for 4 ½ years. His position is two-fold; as a Construction Supervisor, he supervises six Construction Inspectors that perform Miss Utility locate requests, Water locate requests, and Inspections for any work being performed on the City's infrastructure or in the City's right-of-way. As the RCMS Manager, he

reviews, collects payment, issues permits, and schedules inspection for Road Cut Permits on city owned roads. Due to his position, Mr. Robinson Jr. consistently communicates with DelDOT, New Castle County employees, and council representatives. He is aware of how to deal with various stakeholders in order to complete the intended mission. Mr. Robinson Jr. has been a frequent monthly member to meetings regardless of the distance to represent The City of Wilmington's concerns and views.

As he begins his service on the board, he would like to propose stricter consequences for repeat violators of Miss Utility to enhance efficiency and decrease damages and safety incidents. His top three goals are to concentrate on the importance of proper ticket information supplied to the utility locators, white lining proposed excavation paths and designer tickets.

In his spare time being a Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S Air Force Reserves assigned as the Chief Enlisted Manager for the 459th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Having 20 years of combined active duty and reserve service in heavy construction and emergency management. Mr. Robinson Jr. also marched in the 2013 Presidential Inauguration Parade.

He is a husband and father of four children, three daughters and one son, enjoys cooking, especially grilling and just quality family time.

Charles Foster



Recently accepting a position with Miss Utility of Delmarva as a Board member, Mr. Charles Foster has been aware from the start of his employment with Artesian Water of the importance of safety and working together. Mr. Foster started at Artesian Water as a Utility Construction worker in 1997 and

after five years of repairing leaks, running a crew and equipment during restoration work, moved to valve/fire hydrant maintenance. After being in the position for over a year he was trained as a Utility Locator to fill in when necessary for mark outs. Once trained as a Utility Locator and filling the position many times, Mr. Foster accepted a full time position as a locator that lasted for six years. In 2009, changes at Artesian Water opened another door and he became Supervisor of Transmission and Distribution. Mr. Foster supervised

21 employees, all of whom located underground facilities and repaired or designed Artesian Water infrastructure. On average, approximately 150 water main breaks and 65 service leaks per year kept him on his toes. Mr. Foster is exceptionally proud of his co-workers. All four Utility Locators were recognized by Miss Utility for no at fault damages, with three of them recognized more than once. In March of 2013 he accepted a position in the Safety Department doing site safety audits, inspections of sub-contractors and Artesian Water employees. Recently, Mr. Foster earned a Certificate in Advanced Safety from the National Safety Council and is currently taking classes to be an Industrial and Construction Health Specialist with graduation expected by the end of the year.

Mr. Charles Foster has been attending Miss Utility of Delmarva meetings for over five years and takes his new position seriously. "Working together as a team" he says, "is the way we have to spread the word about safe digging and just being safe on the job."

Mr. Foster has two boys and enjoys being outside, fishing, hunting, crabbing and anything in the water. He enjoys his dogs and just family fun.



Eric Cimo

Mr. Eric Cimo has just accepted a position with Miss Utility of Delmarva as a Board Member. Mr. Cimo attended some meetings during 2014 and took advantage of training offered by Miss Utility, including attendance at the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Conference.

Mr. Cimo started his engineering career as a designer for a local land development firm in 2004. He has been employed by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) since 2010. He holds a position as the Central District Public Works Engineer overseeing utility, entrance, subdivision and outdoor advertising work in Kent County. He became the statewide DelDOT Utility Engineer in 2013. As Utility Engineer, he is responsible for overseeing the DelDOT Utility Manual and is

responsible for policy oversight and enforcement. These regulations and policies affect any utility company or municipality that has facilities or performs work within the State right-of-ways. The majority of his work deals with oversight of utility coordination associated with DelDOT design/construction projects. As a Utility Engineer, Mr. Cimo has played a role in ensuring DelDOT plays an active role with Miss Utility of Delmarva.

As he begins his service with the Board, he can bring a unique insight to Miss Utility of Delmarva since his position and project involvement impacts Utility Companies and Municipalities within the State of Delaware. Recently, Mr. Cimo offered Department insight into the draft of Delaware Law revisions. "This is a very busy industry", Eric says, "and safety is a priority."

Eric has two boys, ages 2 and 4, and married his wife six years ago. They were college sweethearts. They have recently bought a new home and enjoy working together on new projects endured with the new home and spending quality time together.

Safety First

Silicosis

By Frank Dobson

Silicosis is a progressive, disabling, and often-fatal lung disease caused by exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust. Crystalline silica is a basic component of soil, granite, and most other types of rock, and it is used as an abrasive blasting agent. Cigarette smoking adds to the lung damage caused by silica.

Effects of Silicosis

- Lung cancer (Silica has been classified as a human lung carcinogen.)
- Bronchitis/chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD)
- Tuberculosis (Silicosis makes an individual more susceptible to contracting tuberculosis.)
- Scleroderma (This disease affects skin, blood vessels, joints, and skeletal muscles.)
- Possible renal disease

Symptoms of Silicosis

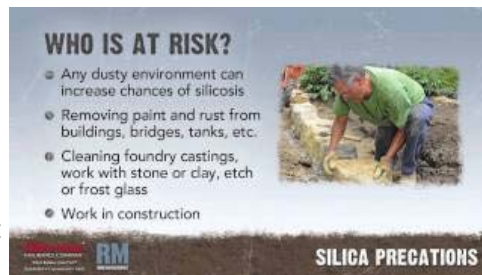
- Shortness of breath; possible fever
- Fatigue; loss of appetite
- Chest pain; dry, nonproductive cough
- Respiratory failure, which may eventually lead to death

Sources of Exposure

- Sandblasting for surface preparation
- Crushing and drilling rock and concrete
- Masonry and concrete work (for example, building and road construction/repair)
- Mining/tunneling; demolition work
- Cement and asphalt pavement manufacturing

Preventing Silicosis

- Use all available engineering controls such as blasting cabinets and local exhaust ventilation. Avoid using compressed air for cleaning.
- Use water sprays and other wet methods for cutting, chipping, drilling, sawing, and grinding.
- Substitute non-crystalline silica blasting material.
- Use respirators approved for protection against silica; if sandblasting, use respirators approved for abrasive blasting activities.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke near crystalline silica dust.
- Wash hands and face before eating, drinking, or smoking, and always eat, drink, and smoke away from exposure areas.



From the State of Delaware's Office of Highway Safety... Move Over. It's the Law.



The Delaware Office of Highway is calling on you to help put an end to roadside fatalities among emergency personnel by reminding all motorists to Move Over. It's the Law.

Anyone who works alongside our highways is particularly vulnerable to being hurt by inattentive and careless drivers. To address the heightened danger involved in working by the side of the road, every state has enacted "Move Over" laws, requiring motorists to change lanes and/or slow down when approaching stopped emergency vehicles.

Delaware's Move Over Law has been in effect since January 1, 2007. Important things to know about the law include:

- ⇒ The law requires any driver approaching a stopped emergency vehicle that has its lights activated, to either move over into a lane that is not next to the emergency vehicle, or to reduce his or her speed to a "safe speed" while passing the emergency vehicle if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.
- ⇒ Emergency vehicles include: law enforcement vehicles, EMS vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks, fire police and park rangers that have stopped on a roadway and have their lights activated.
- ⇒ The law applies specifically to roadways having two or more lanes going in the same direction.
- ⇒ The fine for not moving over for an emergency vehicle is \$25. Remember, moving over to give space to emergency personnel isn't just a courtesy—It's the Law.

For more information on this and other traffic safety topics, go to their webpage at www.ohs.delaware.gov.

Ask Miss Utility

I was unable to complete my work that was planned and have to reschedule, when should I request an update (remark)?

Great Question. You may request Miss utility of Delmarva to issue an update ticket after an original locate request ticket has been placed and one of the following conditions exists:

- ◆ Work Scope Changes
- ◆ Missing or disturbed locate markings
- ◆ Work did not begin within 10 days of call date

The original ticket number is required to obtain a remark. It will take two more working days in Delaware and 48 hours in Maryland for the remark request to be filled.



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.

	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015
Reported Damages	24	30	35
Tickets	10,931	10,839	10,783
Percentage	0.026%	0.033%	0.038%

Editorial Staff Meet Our New Officers

Paul Elwood—Vice President & Chair,
Public Awareness Committee

Teresa P. McCann—Editor

Bradley C. Ebaugh—President

Jason A. Lyon—Secretary

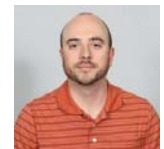
Solomon McCloskey—Treasurer

Wendy Stack—Board Member

Frank Dobson—Safety Consultant



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Calendar of Events

Miss Utility Meetings



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April 2015

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas
Delaware Rural Water Association
210 Vickers Drive, Milford DE 19963**

May 2015

**Tidewater Utilities
1100 South Little Creek Rd, Dover DE 19901**

June 2015

**Delmarva Power
The Delmarva Power Conference Center
4100 South Wakefield Drive, Newark DE 19702**

Other Events

Thursday & Friday April 9 & 10 2015

**Delmarva Safety Association
Spring Safety Conference
Clarion Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD. 21842**

**Check out the web page
www.missutilitydelmarva.com for additional
upcoming events.**