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President's Message

Dear Friends,

As I write my message for this winter edition of the Scoop, I'd like to focus on Safety. We're all caught up with all the hustle and bustle getting ready for Christmas and Hanukkah, while putting up the tree, purchasing the right presents and adjusting to the winter temperatures and weather; please do not lose sight on why this time of year is important. We do our Monday to Friday jobs so we can be with family and friends, celebrate the reason for the season, be festive and enjoy the fellowship that comes with the holidays. None of that happens if you lose concentration and get hurt, end up in the hospital or worse. Stay focused on what is important to you and slow down and heed the safety rules.

Miss Utility exists partly to keep everyone safe. That is why underground lines get marked. Caught up in a gas explosion or getting electrocuted will ruin your holiday... and possibly your life. Damage prevention laws and rules exist because "someone" did not dig with common sense and died! They have no holiday and their loved ones have nothing to celebrate. Why? because "someone" was in a hurry. They cut a corner, took a

shortcut, drove while texting, dug without a ticket or outside the scope of the ticket and eventually it caught up with them.

Don't be that "someone"! And when you see "that someone" disregarding safety rules...SAY SOMETHING!

If you do, you may be able to wish them as I wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year for many years to come.

Bradley C. Ebaugh



Eighth Annual Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference Draws Record Number of Attendees

The eighth annual Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference (GCDPTC), hosted by title sponsors Miss Utility of Delmarva and Miss Utility of Maryland/Washington, D.C., was held Oct. 18-21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Md. The event sold out with a record attendance of more than 380 damage prevention professionals, who came together to participate in educational sessions and networking opportunities.

Miss Utility of Delmarva and Miss Utility of Maryland/D.C. were joined by 29 other sponsors, and the sold-out exhibit hall featured 38 exhibitors. One Call Concepts, Inc., a Platinum sponsor of the GCDPTC, once again teamed up with Paul Teutul, Jr. of Paul Jr. Designs, who created the 811 Bike, to produce a new icon in damage prevention: the 811 Car. A special unveiling of the brand-new 811 Car took place at the conference on Oct. 19, following the welcome reception, and the car was on

display for the rest of the conference for attendees to view. Other highlights of the GCDPTC included a keynote speech about the importance of teamwork by Pete Strickland, a compelling presentation on employee safety from featured speaker David Miguel, and the hit session, "JJ's Restaurant Explosion: A Case Study," which was first presented at the 2016 CGA Annual Meeting.

"I would like to thank our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and attendees for helping to make the conference bigger each year," said Matt Ruddo, chairman of the GCDPTC. "It is because of the continued participation and dedication of the damage prevention stakeholders in our region that the conference continues to be a great success."

Save the date for the 2017 GCDPTC, which will take place Oct. 24-27 in Ocean City. Visit www.missutilityconference.com in February for updates about next year's conference.

2016 Dig Smart Award Winner

We are privileged and honored to recognize Underground Excavation Companies in Delmarva at our Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Conference held in Ocean City. This year, due to a lack of participation, we were unable to recognize any companies at our event. Let's not let this happen again!

Companies on Delmarva work hard to provide safety with Damage Prevention Programs and training within their organizations. Practicing safety on a daily basis becomes challenging but with thorough safety programs and events at our fingertips we are all able to succeed in this important part of our daily routines. When choosing these companies, we look for the best of the best and do so by having each company chosen provide history of current safety programs used within the organization.

Contact is made through emails provided through our One Call Center, aka; Miss Utility. So, keep your contact information up to date, so we may contact you.

Remember Miss Utility of Delmarva recognizes these exceptional excavation companies yearly and we want to recognize you!

Miss Utility Visits Surveyors Convention



***" Miss Utility Board Members at the Surveyors Convention in Rehoboth Beach, DE."
(Eric Cimo & Wendy Stack)***

Delaware Rural Water Expo

Miss Utility of Delmarva attended the Delaware Rural Water Expo at the Milford Elks Lodge on October 7th, 2016 and would like to congratulate some of the Winners of the Events.



First Place Kubota Contest
Josh with Town of Felton



Second Place Kubota Contest
Charles with City of Milford



First Place Water Tasting Contest
Dustan with Frederica Public Works

Hazards/Precautions – Used by the United States Department of Labor



In addition to cold stress, there are other winter weather related hazards that workers may be exposed to when performing tasks such as driving in

the snow, removing snow from rooftops, and working near downed or damaged power lines.

Winter Driving

Although employers cannot control roadway conditions, they can promote safe driving behavior by ensuring workers: recognize the hazards of winter weather driving, for example, driving on snow/ice covered roads; are properly trained for driving in winter weather conditions; and are licensed (as applicable) for the vehicles they operate. For information about driving safely during the winter, visit OSHA's [Safe Winter Driving](#) page.

Employers should set and enforce driver safety policies. Employers should also implement an effective maintenance program for all vehicles and mechanized equipment that workers are required to operate. Crashes can be avoided. Learn more at: [Motor Vehicle Safety](#) (OSHA Safety and Health Topic's Page).

Employers should ensure properly trained workers' inspect the following vehicle systems to determine if they are working properly:

Brakes: Brakes should provide even and balanced

braking. Also check that brake fluid is at the proper level.

Cooling System: Ensure a proper mixture of 50/50 antifreeze and water in the cooling system at the proper level.

Electrical System: Check the ignition system and make sure that the battery is fully charged and that the connections are clean. Check that the alternator belt is in good condition with proper tension.

Engine: Inspect all engine systems.

Exhaust System: Check exhaust for leaks and that all clamps and hangers are snug.

Tires: Check for proper tread depth and no signs of damage or uneven wear. Check for proper tire inflation.

Oil: Check that oil is at proper level.

Visibility Systems: Inspect all exterior lights, defrosters (windshield and rear window), and wipers. Install winter windshield wipers.

An emergency kit with the following items is recommended in vehicles:

- Cellphone or two-way radio
- Windshield ice scraper
- Snow brush
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Shovel
- Tow chain
- Traction aids (bag of sand or cat litter)
- Emergency flares
- Jumper cables
- Snacks
- Water
- Road maps
- Blankets, change of clothes

Ask Miss Utility

My company was hired to do a job with the customer wanting it completed yesterday. What is the difference between an Emergency Ticket and Standard Excavation locate request? Can I call in an Emergency due to needing to get the work done fast?

Great Question! The definitions below should help you decide which ticket should be submitted through Miss Utility for your job.

“Emergency” shall mean any condition constituting a clear and present danger to life, health or property by reason of escaping gas or petroleum products, exposed or broken wires, other breaks or defects in an operator’s utility line or by reason of any disaster of artificial or natural causes.

“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.

	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016
Reported Damages	76	34	28
Tickets	133,102	116,516	122,851
Percentage	0.057%	0.029%	0.023%

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Questions/Comments?

This newsletter belong to you, so ideas and topics are welcomed. Send your comments, questions and suggestions to Wendy Stack at w.stack@mchsi.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TWO WINNERS FROM OUR NOVEMBER 30TH 2016 DRAWING!

Bradley Leto
Guardian Construction

Soloman McCloskey
Eastern Shore Natural Gas.

I know we have all been extremely busy, but due to the lack of response on our “**DO YOU READ THE SCOOP**” giveaway, we will be running it again. So, please take the time to enjoy our Newsletter and don’t forget to enter to win a **\$25.00** gift card.

Send an email to w.stack@mchsi.com and let us know you read the “Scoop” newsletter. Everyone who sends an email with “**I READ THE SCOOP**” in the subject line, will have his or her name entered into a drawing for a **\$25.00** gift card. All emails should be submitted by January 31, 2017 to be entered in the drawing. Winners will be notified by email or phone, so please include a contact number. We will have two (2) lucky winners. **GOOD LUCK!**

Calendar of Events

Miss Utility Meetings

January 19, 2017

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

February 16, 2017

Choptank Electric Cooperative
24820 Meeting House Road,
Denton MD. 21629
(Intersection of River Road and Rt. 328-Enter using the sliding door to the left as you are facing the front of the building.)

Please check our website

www.missutilitydelmarva.com for updates on events.



March 16, 2017

City of Wilmington
Turner Municipal Complex
500 Wilmington Ave,
Wilmington DE. 19720

Events

February 22 & 23, 2017

Delaware Rural Water Association’s 27th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition
Delaware State Fairgrounds
18500 S. Dupont Highway
Harrington, DE. 19952

February 25th, 2017

I Love Smyrna Day
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE. 19977