



# **"Miss Utility" of Delmarva**

**UTILITIES SERVICE PROTECTION  
CENTER OF DELMARVA, INC**



## **Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Membership Meeting**

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

- President Jason Lyon opened the regular membership meeting at the Choptank Electric Cooperative, 24820 Meeting House Rd., Denton MD 21629.
- 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.
- 21 members were present.
- Those present gave the customary introductions.
- Steve Keyser made a motion to approve minutes as amended, Jason Lyon seconded, unanimously approved by the members.

### **2. Presentation- Tab Blunt, Choptank Electric, Office Space Safety**

- Mr. Blunt reviewed several elements associated with working safely around the office: Fasten file cabinets to the wall when possible. Distribute the weight evenly to avoid a top heavy condition. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and secure electrical cords away from walkways. Be sure to clean up all spills immediately and close drawers after use. Do not allow combustible materials to accumulate near sources of ignition. Always arrange furniture and equipment to allow for quick emergency egress.

### **3. Excavator Concerns**

- Wendy Stack raised a concern about contractors calling in emergency tickets that are not genuine emergencies. This practice violates the law and causes needless disruptions to the locating companies.

### **4. Facility Owner Concerns**

- None.

## 5. General Locate Issues

- Jason Lyon: A Lewes fence company was installing an electric fence. The telecommunications marks were off about 4 feet, and a damage occurred. There were also questions about the depth of the facilities. The customer experienced a 4 day telecommunications outage. Now cable companies are using CIC- cable in conduit. DEC new construction will all be electric in conduit. So there may be an additional challenge in locating facilities within conduits.

## 6. Public Awareness

- Feb. 24, I Love Smyrna Day.
- Rural Water Association end of February.
- Common Ground Alliance meeting the week of March 5.
- DELDOT training- April 30 in Dover Admin. Building, morning and afternoon sessions
- We are planning a Fall training session at the DPL Conference Center in Newark
- Banners are available
- DE Safety Assn Conference in April.
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: 30 people are registered for contractor training in Salisbury, MD.
- Contractor training, March 20, Dover DE Modern Maturity Center.
- Safe Dig month in April.
- Radio ads are forthcoming.
- Locator awards will be held on April 26, 2018.
- Jerry Platt, DE PSC: The Federal authorities were late with grants this year, but still an active program.
- SCOOP will be published in the Spring.

## 7. Committee Reports

- Brad Ebaugh: Winner surveys are published. Need photos of winners and damages Event to take place in April 26 at the Harrington Casino.

## 8. Old Business

- None.

## 9. New Business

- The next membership meeting (March 15, 2018) will be hosted by the City of Wilmington, Turner Complex, 500 Wilmington Ave., Wilmington DE 19801. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am, with the meeting to commence at 9:00 am.

## Attendance:

|           |         |                       |                      |              |  |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Blunt     | Thomas  |                       | Choptank Electric    |              |  |
| Brown     | Jeff    | Super. Sys. Ctrl.     | Choptank Electric    | 410-479-8582 | <a href="mailto:jeffb@choptankelectric.ccop">jeffb@choptankelectric.ccop</a>   |
| Burns     | Mike    | Manager               | Utiliquest           | 443-786-7994 | <a href="mailto:mike.burns@utiliquest.com">mike.burns@utiliquest.com</a>       |
| Ebaugh    | Brad    | Past President USPCD  |                      |              | <a href="mailto:bebaugh75@comcast.net">bebaugh75@comcast.net</a>               |
| Gemmill   | Mark    | Locator               | Tidewater Utilities  | 302-218-8538 | <a href="mailto:coachmarkg@comcast.net">coachmarkg@comcast.net</a>             |
| Gersitz   | Tony    | Board Member          | USPCD                | 302-424-2434 |  |
| Hammond   | Frank   | Estimating            | Badger Daylighting   | 443-750-1611 | <a href="mailto:fhammond@badgerinc.com">fhammond@badgerinc.com</a>             |
| Kerfoot   | Rick    | Const. Sup.           | Comcast              | 410-241-3703 | <a href="mailto:Richard_Kerfoot@comcast.com">Richard_Kerfoot@comcast.com</a>   |
| Keyser    | Steven  | Vice President, USPCD | Chesapeake Utilities | 302-538-8514 | <a href="mailto:skeyser@chpk.com">skeyser@chpk.com</a>                         |
| Lewis     | Richard | Field Tech            | Century Engineering  | 302-423-2586 | <a href="mailto:Rlewis@centuryeng.com">Rlewis@centuryeng.com</a>               |
| Lyon      | Jason   | President USPCD       | City of Dover        | 302-736-7025 | <a href="mailto:jlyon@dover.de.us">jlyon@dover.de.us</a>                       |
| Majors    | Rick    | Locator               | Town of Smyrna       | 302-423-7000 |  |
| McIntyre  | Ron     | Construction Insp.    | City of Wilmington   | 302-545-5016 | <a href="mailto:rmcintyre@wilmington.gov">rmcintyre@wilmington.gov</a>         |
| Olivieri  | Dwayne  | Secretary USPCD       | Delmarva Power       | 302-429-3882 | <a href="mailto:dwayne.olivieri@delmarva.com">dwayne.olivieri@delmarva.com</a> |
| Ostroski  | David   | Specialist            | Verizon              | 302-537-6733 | <a href="mailto:david.f.ostroski@verizon.com">david.f.ostroski@verizon.com</a> |
| Ross      | Richard | Safety & Compliance   | ESNG                 | 302-270-7665 | <a href="mailto:rross@esng.com">rross@esng.com</a>                             |
| Simmons   | Brian   | General Manager       | One Call Concepts    | 732-796-3949 | <a href="mailto:bsimmons@occinc.com">bsimmons@occinc.com</a>                   |
| Skrobot   | Brandon | Locator               | Town of Middletown   | 302-650-3121 | <a href="mailto:BSkrobot@Middletownde.org">BSkrobot@Middletownde.org</a>       |
| Stack     | Wendy   | President             | W. Locco             | 302-856-9626 | <a href="mailto:w.stack@mchsi.com">w.stack@mchsi.com</a>                       |
| Thielmann | John    | Safety                | Sharp Energy         | 302-316-7000 | <a href="mailto:jthielmann@chpk.com">jthielmann@chpk.com</a>                   |
| Waters    | Paul    | Asst. Mgr. NE         | Badger Daylighting   | 240-755-7800 | <a href="mailto:pwaters@badgerinc.com">pwaters@badgerinc.com</a>               |

## Upcoming Events:

### March, 2018

| Date     | Venue                        | Address                                  | Time    |
|----------|------------------------------|--|---------|
| 03.15.18 | City of Wilm. Turner Complex | 500 Wilmington Ave., Wilmington DE 19801 | 8:30 am |

### April, 2018

| Date     | Venue                         | Address                               | Time    |
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| 04.19.18 | Delaware Electric Coop., Inc. | 14198 Sussex Hwy., Greenwood DE 19950 | 8:30 am |

\*For additional meetings, please visit our website, [www.missutilitydelmarva.com](http://www.missutilitydelmarva.com)