



“Miss Utility” of Delmarva

UTILITIES SERVICE PROTECTION
CENTER OF DELMARVA, INC



Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Membership Meeting

Call to Order and Introductions

- President Lyon opened the regular membership meeting at Artesian Water Company, 664 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702.
- 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.
- Brad Ebaugh made a motion to approve minutes, Wendy Stack seconded, unanimously approved by the members.

Presentation- Charles Foster, Artesian Water Company – Fire Extinguisher Discussion

- Mr. Foster mentioned the dangers of fire, specifically with deep frying turkeys, as it has caused serious house fires.
- It is important to understand what kind of fire you are trying to put out, make sure that you chose the correct extinguisher to put out the specific type of fire.
- Mr. Foster mentioned that unused extinguishers should be replaced every two (2) to three (3) years.
- When putting out a fire, have your back towards an exit point, start spraying eight (8) to ten (10) feet away from the fire.
- Be careful when the handle is plastic, it has a tendency to not work properly.

Damage Reports: – Ricky Lewis

Delaware: November 2019

- Responders: 23/123 18.70%
- Total Damages: 29
- 12 Main Damages

- 17 Service Damages
- 4 No Call or Ticket
- 10 Hit Marked Line
- 6 Marking Issue
- 5 Other
- 3 Unknown

Maryland: November 2019

- Responders: 15/114 13.16%
- Total damages: 3
- 1 Mains
- 2 Services
- 2 No Call or Ticket
- 1 Hit Marked Line
- Mr. Lewis asked that every facility owner submit damage reports to better enhance our data. This will improve our efficiency of trainings.

Excavator Concerns

- None

Facility Owner Concern

- Eric Cimo mentioned that DelDOT is having issues with tickets being delayed. It is causing issues with completed projects on time. A discussion about weather impacting the tickets being closed out as well as the volume increasing being an issue.
- Chesapeake mentioned that they have increased their locating ticket load between 8,000-12,000 tickets in the last year.
- A large amount of excavation tickets has been placed for pole inspection. It was voiced by the audience that the poles need to be evaluated every ten (10) years.
- A conversation was produced about the importance of abandoned lines not being marked out, causing confusion and delays for the contractor when they come across unmarked infrastructure. A discrepancy code can be used by the excavator in this case.

General Locate Issues

- Richard Ross mentioned that a company was digging near a high-pressure gas main on Route 13, near Woodside. Mr. Lyon mentioned that we will draft a letter to the company and advised Mr. Ross that he can submit a violation through the Public Service Commission website, <https://depssc.delaware.gov/violation-report-underground-utility-damage-safety-act/>.

Public Awareness

- There was a contractor breakfast held at Chesapeake Utilities in Dover, DE on November 14, 2019, approximately 40 people were in attendance.
- Seven (7) Carvertise vehicles are still on the roads in our territory passing on the message of calling before you dig.

- Mr. Keyser mentioned that we will be participating in the I Love Smyrna School District Day on February 22, 2020. Additionally, we will be attending the DRWA Expo in Harrington, February 25-27, 2020.

Committee Reports

- Mr. Lyon stated that the nominations for Board Members from the membership closed on November 30, 2019. The Board only received nominations of the incumbent Directors. Therefore, Mike Burns, Tony Gersitz, Richard Lewis and Wendy Stack have been elected to fulfill another term as Directors, which will expire on December 31, 2021. Mr. Lyon extended his appreciation for all the sacrifices and dedication these fine folks provide for Miss Utility of Delmarva.
- Mr. Lyon stated that the Public Service Commission has received approximately 200 submissions through their website. At this point, the data is only being tracked. Stakeholder meetings will be commencing in the near future to determine the fining structure and any related changes to the law.
- Mr. Ebaugh mentioned that the 12th Annual Locator Achievement Awards will be held on April 23, 2020 in Harrington. Nomination requests will be sent out in the near future.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Attendance:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Company	Phone Number	Email Address
Amadio	Jay (Ed)	Assistant Supervisor	DeIDOT	302-463-9691	jay.amadio@delaware.gov
Benningfield	Lee	Signing Supervisor	DeIDOT	302-463-9690	lee.benningfield@delaware.gov
Cimo	Eric	Treasurer USPCD	DeIDOT	302-760-2642	eric.cimo@state.de.us
Ebaugh	Brad	Past President USPCD			bebaugh75@comcast.net
Erricksen	Wayne	PSC	PSC	320-7367526	wayne.ericksen@delawre.gov
Gersitz	Tony	Board Member	USPCD	302-424-2434	

Hayes	Evan	GIS Specialist	Sharp		ehayes@chpk.com
Hidalgo	Rey	Locator	Delmarva Power	302-300-5684	riego.hidalgo@delmarva.com
James	Paula	Supv. Damage Prev.	Atlantic Electric (Exelon)	609-226-1866	paula.james@atlanticcityelectric.com
Keyser	Steven	Vice President, USPCD	Chesapeake Utilities	302-538-8514	skeyser@chpk.com
Lewis	Richard	Manager	Century Engineering	302-423-2586	Rlewis@centuryeng.com
Lopesti	Sal	Damage Investigator	PHI	856-558-3620	salvotal.lopesti@exeloncorp.com
Lyon	Jason	President USPCD	City of Dover	302-736-7025	jlyon@dover.de.us
McElwee	Mickey	Construction Sup.	City of Wilmington	302-420-0343	fmcelwee@wilmingtonde.gov
Morris	Phil	Locator	Delmarva Power	302-275-1706	usmarine1@comcast.net
Mosley	Albert	Damage Investigator	Delmarva Power	302-518-1763	albert.mosley@exeloncorp.com
Parks	Dora	Mgr, Client Rel.	One Call Concepts	410-782-2026	dora@missutility.net
Ross	Richard	Safety & Compliance	ESNG	302-270-7665	rross@esng.com
Ruddo	Matt	Director	One Call Concepts	410-782-2025	matt@missutility.net
Stack	Wendy	President	W. Locco	302-856-9626	w.stack@mchsi.com
Zhyzneuski	Henadz	Operations Mgr.	Utiliquest	908-309-3341	henadz.zhyzneuski@utiliquest.com

Upcoming Events:

			Time
Jan. 16, 2020	Chesapeake Utilities	500 Energy Lane, Dover, DE 19901	8:30 AM
Feb. 20, 2020	Choptank Electric Coop	24820 Meeting House Road, Denton, MD 21629	8:30 AM