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- ** Safe Drinking Water Act guidance documents: http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/oepa/guidance/sdwa.htm
 - ** Backflow incidents and articles: www.abpa.org/incidents.htm

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TBPA Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association is to protect drinking water quality in the State of Tennessee by providing for education, statewide training, standardized certification, technical assistance and resources to our membership and the general public.

President's Message

2004 is certainly going to be a big year! TBPA is in the final stages of reviewing and updating the State Cross-Connection Control Manual or "yellow book" and we plan to submit our revisions to TDEC (Division of Water Supply) in April. This is only the first step in our efforts to bring Tennessee's Cross-Connection Prevention programs into the 21st century.

Our 2004 Annual Conference will be held in Gatlinburg and is shaping up to be our biggest and best conference ever. We are securing the top individuals in the industry to speak. The focus this year will be on lawn irrigation, which is an area that has long been overlooked. You don't want to miss it!

I invite everyone to join us at our Board meeting on April 7th. Remember, all members are welcome.

A Word from our Vice-President

I would like to take a moment to give a BIG THANKS to former TBPA Presidents David Kellogg and Larry Stinnett for their leadership and dedication to this Association. Thanks also to former West director Grady Gentry and East director Dave "TREE" Birkholtz for their time and hard work. Over the past few years, I have become acquainted with these fine people and I am proud to call them friends. Larry is still very involved as the Immediate-Past President and Grady is serving on committees. I look forward to serving on the Board over the next few years. We have some very hard working and talented members.

Now I would like to address the general membership of the TBPA and ask each one of you to get more involved, it is your association. I would like to invite everyone to attend a board meeting sometime and please make plans to attend the conference this year in Gatlinburg. What could be better than Gatlinburg in October? Also, you cannot beat the hotel rate we have been quoted, so lets make this our best conference ever. I look forward to seeing a lot of members in Gatlinburg. It should be a GREAT TIME.

Sincerely,

Steve Beene



Upcoming Events

2004 **TBPA Board Meetings**

April 7th & July 7th 10:00 AM 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN

ABPA

20th Annual International Conference & Tradeshow May 9th - 12th Long Beach, CA

TBPA Annual Conference

October 14th & 15th River Terrace, Gatlinburg, TN More information later

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MEMBER #

TBPA Board Meeting Update January 7, 2004

New Officers

New Officers for TBPA were welcomed and took over at their offices at the January Board Meeting. They are: Eddie O'Neill - President, Steve Beene - Vice President, Kent Bowman - East Director and Lloyd Rainey - West Director. Congratulations to our new officers. Thank you for agreeing to serve in these positions. And Thanks to all who mailed in ballots.

Manual Update Approval

The Board will review the updated manual, make comments and suggestions, and be prepared to approve a final draft at the April Board meeting.

Committees were established for the coming year:

Nominations & Awards: (Chair) Wayne Cook, Grady Gentry, Annie Chiodo and Johnnie Burns (This committee includes nominations for officers and awards presented at the annual conference.)

Newsletter: (Chair) Liba Ford, each section director and a helper will assist with articles - Kent Bowman and Larry Stinnett, Lloyd Rainey and David Rice, Wayne Cook and Angel Goike. (A reminder will be sent before the printing deadline.)

Manual Update: (Chair) Angel Goike, Larry Stinnett, Brent Ogles, Wayne Cook and Grady Gentry.

Training: (Chair) Wayne Cook, each section will have a representative - Someone from the other two sections will be added to this committee.

Conference: Previous Past President, Treasurer, Section Director for conference site. (2004 at East Section: Larry Stinnett, Liba Ford and Kent Bowman.)

By-laws Review: A committee will be formed at the next board meeting to review the TBPA By-laws and make suggestions for updates and changes.

Larry and Kent presented hotel information for the 2004 Conference in Gatlinburg. The two choices were so similar the Board gave them permission to make the final decision.

The Board approved Eddie's expenses to attend the ABPA Annual Conference. Board members were reminded if they want to attend the conference, TBPA would pay the registration fee.

A goal was set for each section Director of 5 new members before the 2004 Conference. Eddie will check on having a Board member available at the Training Center classes to explain TBPA membership.

Items pertaining to the Board: Minutes will be emailed within one month to each Board member, Board meetings will be from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and Angel will compile a list of Board Actions for future reference.

CLASSES for 2004

In an effort to have one repair class per quarter, TBPA has three classes remaining in 2004. The first is May 20th on the Watts Backflow device and will be held in Jackson. The second is set for August 3rd, the product has not been assigned at this time, and will be held at the Fleming Training Center. The remaining repair class will be November 10th in Knoxville and will cover Febco Products. For more information on the Jackson and Knoxville classes see the Section News in this newsletter.

Work is still being conducted on the Cross-Connection Control Administration and Survey Classes for 2004. These classes will be held at the Fleming Training Center. The dates are: May 13th and November 9th.

We encourage everyone to pass the word about these daylong classes and plan to attend one or more of the sessions. We would also appreciate any comments or suggestions on how we could change or improve the classes. Send all correspondence to Wayne Cook, Middle Tennessee Director.

MARCH REPAIR CLASS

The repair class held on March 4th at Fleming training center was for Conbraco products. Don Harrison from Southern Marketing conducted the class. There were 27 people in attendance. Those in attendance stated the class was very informative and worthwhile.

Remember to sign up now for the Watts repair class on May 20th in Jackson. Use the registration form found in this newsletter. As with other classes, continuing education will be given for attendance.

If you would like to see specific information in the newsletter or would like to submit an article, contact Liba Ford at Iford@jaxenergy.com. Your comments are appreciated.

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TBPA West Section News

The city of Dyersburg will be holding an informational meeting on April 8, 2004 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon at the Dyersburg Activity Center (1101 Shelby Drive). There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. The scheduled topics are "Backflow Problems to Watch For" by Lloyd Rainey with Watts and "How to Start a Backflow Program" by David Rice with Dyersburg Utility. Also, Eddie O'Neill and Liba Ford, TBPA Board Members, will provide information on the Tennessee Backflow Association. For information and directions contact David Rice at 731-288-7632.

Fleming Training Center along with TBPA will sponsor a repair school in Jackson on May 20, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the UT Agricultural Experiment Station (605 Airways Blvd. - Room A). Bruce Parrott of Watts will cover all aspects of Watts backflow repair. Continuing education credits will be given. There is no charge but registration is required. Use the FTC application found in this newsletter. Course #: 04077 / Title of Course: Watts Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class (Jackson, TN). / Date: May 20, 2004.

New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA members. The Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association would like to welcome our newest members. We are delighted to have you join

William Holt, Aqueduct Irrigation, Nashville, TN Virgil Morris, Savannah Utility Dept., Savannah, TN Kenneth Hendrix, City of Alcoa, Alcoa, TN

TBPA East Section News

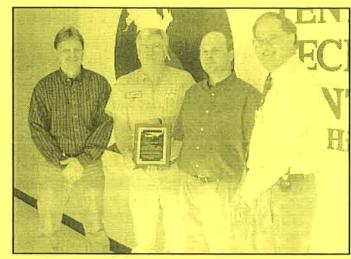
The East Section of TBPA, along with Toddco Sales, will sponsor a Repair Class on November 10th at Knoxville Utility. The class will cover repair of Febco products and will be conducted by representative Michael Ray. Todd Ausbrooks with Toddco Sales will be on hand to assist and will be furnishing lunch for the participants. The class is free but space is limited to 55 so you must register early. To register, get directions or obtain more information call: Kent Bowman at 865-966-9741 or Larry Stinnett at 865-688-3171.

To advertise in the TBPA Newsletter contact Angel Goike. Cost is \$100 per year.

TBPA Middle Section News

On January 15th the City of Waynesboro Water Department hosted a very successful regional seminar on cross connections and backflow prevention. Annie Chiodo, Director of the Waynesboro Water Department organized the meeting to provide information to construction professionals and businessmen who may by impacted by the city's requirements.

Seventy-two participated in the seminar. Speakers included Keith Stephens with Mid-America Marketing, Brent Ogles from Fleming Training Center and Eddie O'Neill representing the TBPA. The City of Waynesboro is also making information on backflow prevention available to the public in pamphlets and brochures. For questions about Waynesboro's program call Annie Chicodo at 931-722-



From left are Mallard, Cook, Marble and TTCS Director

Tennessee Technology Center's Software

In December 2003 Wayne Cook of Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer System presented a plaque to Steve Mallard and Glenn Marble of Tennessee Technology Center's Computer Operations Department of Shelbyville. The plaque was presented on behalf of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association for their work in creating a software package that is being used by water systems across the state.

The software is being used in training sessions to help systems comply with federal backflow regulations. The CD-ROM created by Mallard and Marble, includes a menu from which the user can access commonly used forms, drawings of backflow prevention installations, and a database (created by someone else) with information about backflow prevention. The goal of TBPA is to help give water systems across the state a more consistent approach to enforcing regulations.

For more information attend one of the Administration and Survey Classes this year being held at the Fleming Training Center on May 13th and November 9th.

Tennessee Training Calendar

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation - Cross Connection Control Training Classes

Fleming Training Center 2022 Blanton Drive Murfreesboro, TN 37129 615-898-8090

http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dca/fleming.htm

The classes offered by the Fleming Training Center are free of charge to any person who wishes to attend. Written registration is required, however, a minimum of thirty days in advance of the class. Confirmation letters for all classes/seminars will be sent out to registrants approximately three weeks prior to class and will contain pertinent details regarding exact location, class content, and materials. For information on class content for Cross Connection Control Workshops call Mr. Brent Ogles at 615-898-

Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC) (4 days) (Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated, See Schedule Below.

Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL) (2 days) (Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated. See Schedule Below.

Cross Connection Control Classes

No.

Course Name



Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC) (3 1/2 or 4 days - dependent upon location)

(Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter)

- April 13-16 Kingsport (3 1/2 days) April 27-30 - Knoxville (3 1/2 days)
- June 7-10 (4 days)
- June 29 July 2, Jackson (3 1/2 days)
- July 27-30 (3 1/2 days)
- · August 10-13 Kingsport (3 1/2 days) September 14-17 - Knoxville (3 1/2 days)
- October 18-21 (4 days)
- November 15-18 (4 days)

3102 Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL) (1 1/2 or 2 days - dependent upon location)

(Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter)

- April 12-13 Kingsport (1 1/2 days)
- April 26-27 Knoxville (1 1/2 days)
- June 28-29 Jackson (1 1/2 days)
- July 26-27 (1 1/2 days) August 9-10 - Kingsport (1 1/2 days)
- September 13-14 Knoxville (1 1/2 days)
- December 6-7 (2 days)

CCC Seminar

- · May 13 Administration & Survey Class (1 day)
- · May 20 Backflow Assembly Repair Class Jackson (1 day)
- August 3 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair (1 day)
- · November 9 Administration & Survey Class (1 day)
- · November 10 Backflow Assembly Repair Class Knoxville (1 day)

- The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD): Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. Contact Greg Baker or Melanie Hammon, 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, (615) 893-9022
- Memphis Light, Gas & Water (MLGW): Classes are held in the greater Memphis Tennessee area on an annual basis. Contact Barbara Taylor or Paulette Swanson, P.O. Box 430, Memphis, TN 38101-0430, (901) 528-4449
- Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee: Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Trigg, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207, (615) 227-5542
- Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT: Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- To list or update your training classes contact Eddie O'Neill at eoneill@jaxenergy.com

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Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class & Administration and Survey Classes

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association and Fleming Training Center Who:

2004 Repair Classes & Administration and Survey Classes What:

8:30-4:00 Administration and Survey Class When: May 13, 2004

> Repair Class - Watts Products - Jackson, TN May 20, 2004 8:00-5:00

August 3, 2004 8:30-4:00 Repair Class - Product TBA 8:30-4:00 **Administration and Survey Class** November 9, 2004

> Repair Class - Febco Products - Knoxville, TN 8:00-5:00

Where: Fleming Training Center, 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Contact: Brent Ogles at (615) 898-8090 or Wayne Cook at (931) 684-5998

Some of the information presented:

- Double Check Valve Assemblies, Reduced Pressure Principle Assemblies, Vacuum Breakers
- Repair of varying device sizes from 3/4" to 4".
- Drawings and handouts available.

November 10, 2004

- Explanation of assemblies and parts used in repair
- Complete repair of devices and tools needed

- When to repair and when and what to replace
- Starting a Cross Connection Control Program
- Forms and documents for program administration
- Survey instructions and advice
- CD with all covered information
- Continuing Education Credits will be given

Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge on these valuable topics regarding CCC Programs and Assembly Repair.

No cost but class size is limited and registration is required. Please use registration form below, indicating the date (or dates) you wish to attend.



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION Training Class / Seminar Registration

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Register early! Written registration is required for all classes and seminars. Registrants will be mailed specific information as to location, times, etc., approximately three (3) weeks prior to class. Complete the form below and mail or fax at least thirty (30) days prior to class to: Fleming Training Center - 2022 Blanton Drive - Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Fax: (615) 898-8064 (All faxes should be printed or type written.)

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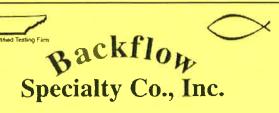
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