

# Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2016



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:30 AM  
October 12, 2016  
TBPA 20th Annual  
Conference  
Chattanooga, TN  
All Members Invited  
DoubleTree Hotel

## Upcoming Events

2017

TBPA Board Meetings  
Murfreesboro Water Plant  
5528 Sam Jared Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN

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January 6th  
April 6th  
July 6th

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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

I hope everyone had a great summer with family, friends and vacations. As we head into fall, I am ready for a little cooler weather and some football. Our upcoming TBPA Conference is right around the corner. It will be in Chattanooga on October 13th and 14th. The registration deadline without a late fee is October 5th. Come early on the evening of the 12th and join us for the Board Meeting. I hope you will make plans to attend.

Remember the deadline for the guaranteed conference rate at the DoubleTree Hotel is September 21st. You must mention TBPA when you register. The rate of \$149 per night is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the conference.

If you plan to stay extra days, Chattanooga has many local attractions to enjoy. It is only minutes from Rock City, not to mention the Tennessee Aquarium and all of Chattanooga's riverfront attractions.

We need your nominations for the annual TBPA Awards. If you would like to recognize a member for their service to the field of backflow or a Company / Water Purveyor please do so. You can find the explanation and qualifications of each award in this newsletter. Send your nominations to David Risner at drisner@murfreesboro.gov before October 1st.

The TBPA will have elections for the East and Middle Tennessee Directors this year. If you or someone you know would like to be nominated, these should also be sent to David Risner at drisner@murfreesboro.gov. This is a chance for you to be involved....it's your association.

See you on October 12th at 5:30 at the Hotel for the Board meeting and especially at the Conference.

Wayne Osborne

TBPA President

# TBPA Board Members



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The Tennessee Backflow News is published quarterly by the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the TBPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Tennessee. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Tennessee.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the TBPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice. Dues are \$85 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$65 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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Pre-payment of dues required to process application.  
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required for state TBPA membership*

# Tennessee Training Calendar

**The Fleming Training Center:** FTC offers Basic and Renewal and Cross Connection Classes to water systems and personnel throughout Tennessee. FTC is located at 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone: (615) 898-8090, fax: (615) 898- 8064. Hours of operation: Weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time. For more information and a registration form visit: [www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/). Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

## 2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$275

*(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

### **Murfreesboro**

Sept. 14-16                      Nov. 16-18

Oct. 5-7                              Dec. 7-9

## 3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110 *(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

### **Murfreesboro**

Sept. 13                              Nov. 15

Oct. 4                                      Dec. 6

## 3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125                      **Murfreesboro**                      Sept. 23

### **NOTICE**

All registrations forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment.

**The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Offering classes for utilities, municipalities and other industry related businesses and contractors. Classes include Cross Connection Renewal and Basic, Confined Space Entry, CPR/First Aid, Flagger Safety, Trench Excavation and many others. Customized classes are also available. For more information please visit the Training Page at [www.taud.org](http://www.taud.org) or contact Ali Stephens at (615) 900-1000 or [alistephens@taud.org](mailto:alistephens@taud.org).

Cost: Member \$305 / Non-Member \$335

## Basic Cross Connection Class

**Murfreesboro                      Jackson                      Kingsport**

Sept. 14-16                      Sept. 28-30                      Oct. 12-14

Nov. 16-18                      **Memphis**

Oct. 26-28

## Renewal Cross Connection Class

**Murfreesboro                      Jackson                      Kingsport**

Sept. 13                              Sept. 27                              Oct. 11

Nov. 15                              **Memphis**

Oct. 25

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225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207
- **Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT:** Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- **Knoxville Plumbers & Steamfitters, LU #102 JATC:** Knoxville, TN Contact Wayne Summers, 1218 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 - (865) 525-6305 or lu102jatc@bellsouth.net
- **Plumbers Local Union #17:** For information on classes contact Howard Burgess at (901) 368-9099 - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training Classes and Certification Classes for Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007  
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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - July 13, 2016

## Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$4512.99

## TBPA 2016 Conference

The 2016 Conference - Chattanooga - DoubleTree Hotel. October 13th & 14th. Board meeting the 12th.

The majority of the Board Meeting was spent discussing the speakers for the Conference. Those assigned to check on speakers will report to Wayne and Kitty.

Kitty will mail the registration forms as soon as speakers are finalized.

Deadline for conference registration is October 5th to avoid a late fee. Hotel registration deadline for TBPA discount is September 21st.

All individuals registering for the conference before September 1st will be entered in a drawing for a \$200 gift card

## TBPA Give-a-aways

Items received were the TBPA lanyards and chargers for the speakers.

## Newsletter

Liba talked with the printer of the Newsletter. Missing newsletters has been a concern. The printer will take them to a different Post Office next time to see if it makes a difference.

## Conference Awards

David has not received any nominations. Frank will talk to Angel about the awards and see about using a business in Murfreesboro.

## Ballots

East & Middle Director ballots will be mailed this year and Wayne will see about electronic voting in 2017

## Next Board meeting:

Chattanooga October 12th at 5:30 PM

*Not official minutes*

## Remember the 2006 TBPA Conference



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# TBPA WEST SECTION NEWS

I'm very excited to be a TBPA member and for the opportunity to serve the West Tennessee area. Attending our conferences and meeting the people that share this industry have been very helpful to me. They are very informative and always willing to lend a hand and as a new guy I'm very thankful.

There have been many situations pertaining to water in our country lately and with this attention more of the public has become educated and they are now ready to reinforce our industry's safe guarding of drinking water. To those in our Industry, I thank you all for who you are and what you do. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call.

David Wright  
West Section Director

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TBPA VICE-PRESIDENT

I know supper is almost behind us but we still have some hot weather ahead in parts of the State. To all those still testing and working outdoors, remember to stay hydrated.

A lot of us work alone so continue to recognize the signs of heat stroke: high body temperature, altered mental state, nausea & vomiting, flushed skin, muscle weakness, cramps, racing heart rate and headache to name a few.

If you or someone else is experiencing these symptoms, seek immediate medical help.

I hope everyone has a safe ending to the summer season and fall. Please remember to join us at the Board Meeting and Conference next month in Chattanooga.

Bradley Tomlin  
TBPA Vice-President

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# TBPA MIDDLE SECTION NEWS

I hope everyone is having a good start to your summer. It seems like it gets here quicker every year. If you test outside, please protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat and using sunscreen.

This year's TBPA Conference will be held in Chattanooga on October 13th and 14th. Take advantage of the chance to win a \$200 gift card by registering before September 1st. The registration deadline is October 5th to avoid a late fee. This year's conference will be held at the downtown Doubletree by Hilton. Room rates are \$149/night and parking is \$10/night. I hope you all can make it. I think we will have another great conference!

Remember to submit your nominations for Awards this year. We want to be sure to recognize those who have contributed to making our association a success.

David Risner  
Middle Tennessee Director

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Room Reservations  
is September 21st

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Information Contact  
Kitty Vaughn  
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Breakfast Friday are included  
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kitty.banks@amwater.com

Deadline for registration without a late fee is October 5th.

## NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL TBPA AWARDS

Nominations should include a brief explanation stating the qualifications of the person / company being nominated.

1. **Individual Award (Robert Lashlee Award):** Must have excelled over a number of years in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry. Recipient will be given a lifetime membership to TBPA.
2. **Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work within the TBPA organization in the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

Nominations committee members:  
David Risner, Bradley Tomlin, and Chase Layne.

3. **Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

If you know of someone who meets these requirements please nominate them for an award. We are proud of our state and the contributions our members have made to the field of backflow and want to recognize their hard work.

Send nominations to:  
David Risner at drisner@ murfreesborotn.gov or  
phone for mailing instructions: 615-848-3222.  
Please submit nominations before October 1, 2016

## BACKFLOW LINKS

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the American Backflow web site:

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