

Tennessee Backflow News

Spring 2018



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM

April 4th, 2018

Murfreesboro Water Plant

5528 Sam Jared Drive
Murfreesboro, TN For
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Upcoming Events

2018

TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 AM

Murfreesboro Water Plant

April 4th - July 11th

2018 ABPA Conference
Orlando, FL
April 23rd- 25th

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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

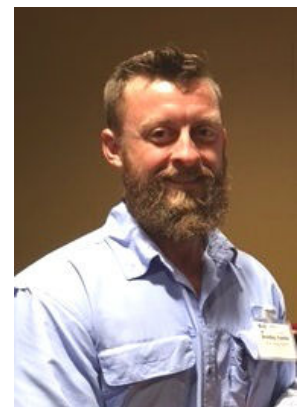
Greetings TBPA members! I hope everyone enjoyed the winter holidays with family & friends. It's been plenty cold for long enough and I, for one, am ready for spring.

As we move into the spring and summer seasons, the board has discussed plans for a 2018 TBPA Conference. There have been discussions on rotating the venue back to the middle Tn area this year for a change; however, nothing has been set in stone yet.

We are still taking suggestions for presentations and speakers and welcome your input. We strive to serve the membership the best we can with assistance and resources and the best way we can do that is by hearing directly from you. Give a board member a call. Drop us an email and now, thanks to our Vice President Bill Jennings, you can find us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow/>

To learn more or get involved, join us at our next board meeting. The board meets April 4th at the Murfreesboro Water Plant. Hope to see you there!

Bradley Tomlin
TBPA President



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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.

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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/. Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

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 or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

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		Alcoa
Mar. 7-9	Apr. 4-6	Apr. 11-13
May 16-18	June 6-8	Aug. 22-24
July 25-27	Aug. 8-10	

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		Alcoa	
Apr. 3	July 24	Apr.10	Aug. 21
May 15	Aug 7	Kingsport	
June 5	Sept. 11	May 22	

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Fee: \$125 - CEU's: 6 hours

Murfreesboro		
Feb. 23	May 25	Sept. 21

Fleming Training Center Notice

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

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro	Kingsport	Jackson
Jan. 10 -12	Mar. 14 - 16	Jan. 31 - Feb. 2
Apr. 4-6	Clarksville	Memphis
Chattanooga	Jan. 24 -26	Feb. 13 - 15
Feb. 21 - 23	Knoxville	
	Apr. 18 - 20	

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro	Kingsport	Jackson
Jan. 9	Mar. 13	Jan. 30
Apr. 3	Clarksville	Memphis
Chattanooga	Jan. 23	Feb. 14
Feb. 20	Knoxville	
Mar. 7	Apr. 17	

TAUD Backflow Troubleshooting & Advanced Testing
 Knoxville - Feb. 28 Chattanooga - Mar. 1
 Jackson - Mar. 28

Memphis Light Gas & Water
 For information and to register for classes contact David Wright at 901-528-4449 or dwright@mlgw.org

Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542
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 or howard@ua17.org - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training and Certification Classes for Mississippi, Alabama & Tennessee. Contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 -262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659

To list or update your training classes contact Kitty Vaughn at kitty.banks@amwater.com.



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 10, 2018

Treasurer's report:

Account Balance \$7,659.49

TBPA 2018 Conference:

Discussion was held about whether to have a conference in 2018. Board did vote to have conference in Sept. if we have one. The board will make a decision at next meeting.

Old Business:

ABPA is sending checks for membership at least 45 days after end of the quarter. Board discussed expired memberships; Michael has reached out to the people on the list that Kent has provided.

New Business:

The Board discussed starting back up repair classes once or twice a year. The fee for members is free and non-members will be \$20.00. We will take turns inviting manufacturers.

Not official minutes

Web site: Ryan is continuing to make updates to the TBPA web site. Everything looks good.

Facebook: Make sure to check out our new facebook page. Thank you to Bill Jennings for setting this up.

<https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow/>

Newsletter: Bryan Betty, with Tennessee American Water, will now take over the newsletter. A big thank you to Bryan for all of his hard work. Any changes/adjustments regarding newsletter please reach out to him @bryan.betty@amwater.com.

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Murfreesboro - April 4th - 10:00 AM



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TBPA West Section News

Here we are again anticipating warmer temperatures. It has been a long, cold winter and I would like to give a small safety tip.

Given the cold winter, many animals, insects and reptiles have found a new home in those nice, cozy backflow enclosures. Always knock before you open and always wear protective gloves. They will protect your skin from bites, stings, and fiberglass insulation.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe season. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming conference.

David Wright
West Director



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Thanks again and we hope to see you at our next conference!

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TBPA East Section News

I would like to start out by saying thank you Frank Maccagnano for your 6 years of service for the TBPA. You did a great job all the way from V.P. to Past President. I would also like to thank Wayne Osborne for his time as V.P. and President. You did a great job as well and I'm sure you will remain active as the new Past President.

As we move to the future, Bradley Tomlin takes over as our new President; I am certain he will continue to make improvements on behalf of TBPA, as he has already made friendships with the Kentucky and Arkansas Chapters. I would like to welcome Bill Jennings as the new V.P. Bill already has some new ideas to make the TBPA better and I am certain he will be a great asset to the association. Thank you to Knoxville Utilities Board for giving me a few minutes to speak about TBPA at the annual tester's meeting in February. I'm hopeful they will become future TBPA members. I encourage all members to incite others to join and make us bigger and better than ever !!

I have included a picture below. How many times have we heard, "Oh No! We don't have anything hooked up to our mop sink!" You then walk around the corner and there it is... the dreaded cut-off water hose !!



Can you find what's wrong with the second picture? Stop and take a look below before you continue reading...



The answer is

Hose bibb on the drain plug on the wye strainer. Are they using it ? Look past the cobra basket as I call them and you can see the water hose. Now that I look closer I'm not sure what was in that cage!?! Frightening to think I was in a grocery store.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun spring. Let's all slow down a bit and enjoy all the blooming and greenery, except of course for the poison ivy !!!

-Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

TBPA Middle TN News

Greetings from the Middle Tennessee Section of TBPA. Spring has arrived and it's time to start getting those irrigation systems up and running again. Hopefully everyone had previously winterized their systems. Spring startups are a good time to educate your customers on the importance of backflow protection.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bill Jennings from Brentwood as our new Vice President and Bradley Tomlin in his new role as President. Thank you for your service to the organization. I hope everyone is making plans to attend this year's conference. Be sure to check the newsletter and the TBPA website for more details.

-David Risener
Middle TN Director

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<https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow/>

ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2017 - 2018 Essay Contest Topic: *Explain the relationship between Lawn Irrigation Systems and Backflow Prevention. How can these irrigation systems be a threat to potable water supplies and how can the water supplies be protected.*

The Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31st and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! It can be used for any type of advanced education.

Essays must be submitted based on the required topic with an official application form and be 700-1200 words. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners of under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. Entries must be received by 11:59 EST on January 1, 2018. Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.



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