

Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2018



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
July 11th, 2018
Murfreesboro Water Plant
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Murfreesboro, TN For
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Upcoming Events

2018
TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
Murfreesboro Water Plant
July 11th

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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.

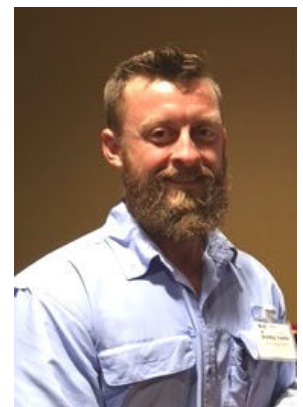
President's Message

Greetings friends! It's been a wet year so far and lately it has gotten really HOT and HUMID. It's that time of year to keep a look out on our personnel working out in the extreme heat. Summer is here and our bodies can get overheated. If you're one of the fortunate souls whose work takes you outdoors, remember to stay safe and be aware of the signs of heat stroke.....

- dizziness, weakness, headache, high fever, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps- While you're out there remember to stay hydrated and take frequent breaks to avoid over-doing it.

As the summer season leads into fall, the board has elected not to have our annual conference this October. In lieu of the conference, we are supporting Cross Connection Awareness Day, which is a free event hosted by MLGW in Memphis, TN. on September 21, 2018. I would like to thank David Wright, from MLGW, for organizing the event and encourage everyone to attend for an informative & educational day on Cross Connection Control. This will be a great opportunity to brush up on current news and latest backflow manufacturer products. If you are a vendor interested in show casing your product, there is still space available. To reserve space, contact a TBPA Board Member or David Wright at 901-528-7757. Hope you can make plans to attend this FREE EVENT!

Bradley Tomlin
TBPA President



HAPPY SUMMER

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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
July 25-27 Aug. 8-10	Aug. 22-24
Sept. 12-14 Oct. 3-5	
Nov. 7-9 Dec. 5-7	

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	Kingsport
July 24 Aug 7	Aug. 21	
Sept. 11 Oct. 2		
Nov. 6 Dec. 4	May 22	

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

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

Murfreesboro 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
Sept. 12 -14	Oct. 10 - 12	Sept. 26 - 28
Apr. 4-6		Memphis
Chattanooga		Nov. 7 - 9
Jul. 11-13	Knoxville	
	Aug. 29 - 31	

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro	Kingsport	Jackson
Sept. 11	Oct. 9	Sept. 25
		Memphis
Chattanooga		Nov. 6
Jul. 10	Knoxville	
	Aug. 28	

TAUD Backflow Troubleshooting & Advanced Testing
 Dates TBD

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 - April 14, 2018

- **Treasurer's report:**
Account Balance \$7,820.36
- **TBPA 2018 Conference:**
Board has voted to not have a conference this year.
- **Web site:** Ryan is continuing to make updates to the TBPA web site. Thank you Ryan for all of your hard work.
- **Facebook:** Make sure to check out our new facebook page. Thank you to Bill Jennings for setting this up.

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

Old Business:

Treasurer Kim Pritchett discussed the 2017 conference expenses. We made \$2,741.23 on the conference even with lower attendance. Election results were David Wright as West Director and Bill Jennings as Vice President. ABPA is sending checks for membership at least 45 days after end of quarter. Board discussed expired memberships; Michael has reached out to the people on the list that Kent has provided.

- **Newsletter:** Any changes/adjustments regarding newsletter please reach out to Bryan @bryan.betty@amwater.com.
- **Next Board meeting:**
Murfreesboro - July 11th - 10:00 AM

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 are asking for input as to where and when to have the classes. Please contact a member of the Board for suggestions. Local representatives would be asked to show up along with someone from S. California. CEUs from the state will be given for attendance. Any input will be greatly appreciated!

The Board discussed David Wright's mandatory one day class in Memphis for his testers; it is a requirement to be able to test. He is planning on having vendors, food trucks, and classes. Board discussed attending and promoting TBPA.

Board also discussed creating a video and showcasing it on our website on how to test devices.

Board voted to have post cards printed with information about TPBA to hand-out at events with an application for people to join. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Not official minutes



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Cross Connection Awareness Day

MLGW would like to invite you and members of your maintenance staff to our Cross Connection Awareness Day. We all share the responsibility to protect our drinking water for ourselves and for future generations. This FREE EVENT will offer opportunities to learn how to protect our public drinking water. Free back flow repair classes will be held for individuals with State of Tennessee Back Flow Certification. Additionally, representatives from MLGW's Cross Connection Section will be onsite to share information about our program.

We will also have manufacturing representatives present and demonstrate new products. If you'd like to conduct a training session on maintaining your existing equipment, classrooms are available. Contact us at the number below to reserve your space.

Continuing education credits will be available for classes where identified.

This event will be held on September 21, 2018, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at MLGW University, 4949 Raleigh LaGrange, Memphis, TN 38128.

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

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TBPA East Section News

Well, you know it's summer when you step outside; that means everyone is busy! That's a great thing!

So, let's think about this: We all know TDEC states that all the Utilities are to test the containment backflow assembly and it is the responsibility of the business to have the isolation (internal) backflows tested. I agree 100% with TDEC by keeping the public's drinking water safe; however, have you ever stopped to think about all those businesses that have internal backflows and wondered, "Do they ever *really* have them tested??" I visited a utility in Knoxville, TN where I knew they had internal backflows. While there I made certain to inform the utility of the possible dangers to their employees if anything were to happen. I offered to keep copies of their test report in a folder for them if they preferred. To my surprise, I never received 1 test report from the utility. Now, I'm not saying they never tested their internal backflows; I just tried to stress the importance of clean drinking water even after the containment backflow. In light of this, I discovered last month Covenant Health Systems do in fact test all their internal backflows in every building they own. I hope that everyone will follow what Covenant Health System is doing!

I spoke to Mark Canterbury, with BAVCO, a few weeks ago and informed him that I am trying to get a repair class set-up this coming fall. He stated that Jim Purzycki, owner of BAVCO, and himself will be more than gracious to come here and lead a class for the TBPA. Jim travels all over the states hosting classes; at this time, all I know is the class will be held on November 5th, 2018. Please be sure to visit our website as well as our Facebook page for more details. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 865-258-2800 or send me an email at kentbowman@comcast.net.

I hope everyone has a great, safe summer!

-Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director



NEW TBPA MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest TBPA Members. We are delighted to have you working with us in TBPA. If you would like to serve on the Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

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TBPA Annual Awards

TBPA Past President Wayne Osborne presented the TBPA Awards at the Annual Conference in Gatlinburg.



Bradley Tomlin accepting the TBPA Individual Award

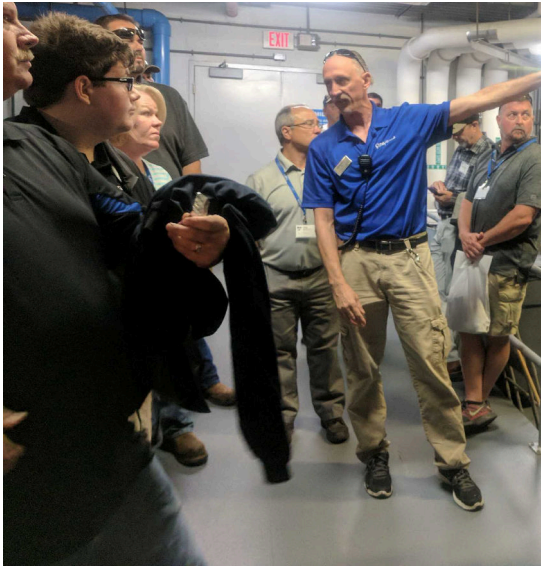


Lloyd Rainey accepting the TBPA Water Purveyor Award on behalf of Memphis Light Gas & Water

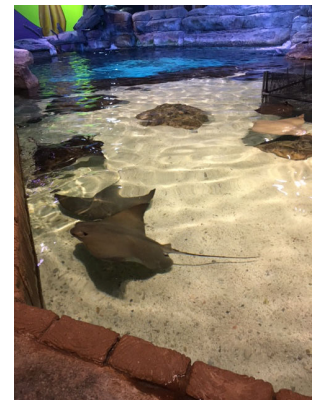
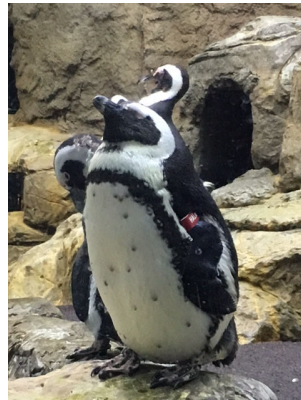
Roger Crane accepting the Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award



TBPA 21st Annual Conference



Behind the scene tour of the Aquarium



Craig Ingram with TN One Call



Kathy Riley ABPA Region Director



Catherine Weaver with TN Environmental Health Assoc.



Bill Jennings with Brentwood Utilities

Stephen Bitely with Arkansas Automatic Sprinklers



Ben Rodriguez with TDEC



Kim Pritchett and Kitty Vaughn

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Your Association working for safe drinking water in Tennessee

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ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2018 - 2019 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, 2019. Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.



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