

Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2020



NEXT BOARD MEETING

Jan 8, 2020

Murfreesboro

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Upcoming Events

2020

**National
Conference to be
held in Charlotte,
NC in April.**

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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

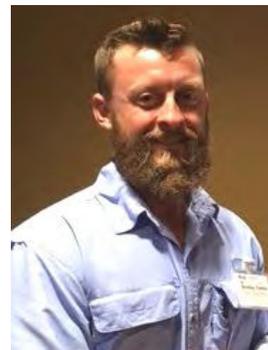
Greetings and Happy Holidays to everyone!

I hope everyone has had a chance to finish up their 2019 Annual Device Testing. Winter months can be a hectic time for one reason or another. Seeing the Holidays pass us by is often a reminder of how time flies. At times I have found myself scrambling to make sure everything is completed. Whether it be deadlines, Holiday travel plans, cooking or Christmas shopping. Not to mention an ever growing industry of Cross Connection Control... I mean, who's doing less with more these days?!?! There always seems to be more to do and less time to do it.

However, It's also a good time to take a moment to reflect during the Holidays and on the true meaning of Christmas. Let's all be thankful for our Blessings. That in itself will help us keep things on track and life in perspective.

To all our members and vendors on behalf of the TBPA Board, thank you for all you do that makes this Association great. I hope everyone has had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Note: To salute Kitty Banks-Vaughn and her exceptional service, this year's membership renewal will include private fishing lessons by Director Kent Bowman



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

Dec. 18-20 May 20-22

May 13-15

Jan. 15-17 Jun. 17-19

Sep. 2-4

Feb. 12-14 Jul. 8-10

Mar. 25-27 Aug. 12-14

Apr. 15-17 Sep. 23-25

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

Dec. 17 May 19

May 12

Jan. 14 Jun 16

Sep. 1

Feb. 11 Jul. 7

Mar. 24 Aug. 11

Apr. 14 Sep. 22

Fleming Training Center Notice

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

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

Memphis

Kingsport

Jan. 8

Feb. 5

Mar. 18

Mar. 30

Clarksville

Jackson

Jan. 15

Chattanooga

Jan. 29

Knoxville

Feb 14

Apr. 5

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

Memphis

Kingsport

Jan. 7

Feb. 4

Mar. 17

Apr. 3

Clarksville

Jan. 14

Jackson

Knoxville

Chattanooga

Jan. 28

Apr. 14

Feb. 18

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 - Oct. 10, 2019

- **Treasurer's report:**

Account Balance \$9,667.37

- **National Conference:**

Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC in April.

Old Business:

The 2019 TBPA Conference was a success! Thank you to all who came out to learn and share ideas. We look forward to next year's conference!

We will no longer have a print version of the newsletter. All future editions will be posted to our website.

New Business:

Elections for Vice President and East Director are upcoming. If you would like to nominate someone for either role, please contact a board member.

TDEC is in the process of revising their rules and updating their manual. More details to come.

The National Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC in April 2020.

Not official minutes

- **Web site:** Ryan and Michael are continuing to make updates to the TBPA web site. Thank you Ryan and Michael for all of your hard work.

- **Facebook:** Make sure to stay up to date with our Facebook page! Thank you to Bill Jennings for acting as our social media ambassador.

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

- **Newsletter:** All newsletters will now be posted to our website. Please direct any questions regarding changes or adjustments to editor, Abbie Woodson, at abbie.woodson@amwater.com.

- **Next Board meeting:**
Murfreesboro - Jan. 8, 2020

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East Tennessee News

Hello Everyone!

It is hard to believe that 2019 has come to a close! Through the difficulties and the blessings of the past year, we remain thankful. Now that 2020 is upon us, we will see some changes in the TBPA. Over the past 6 years, Wayne Osborne has served as both Vice President and President of the TBPA. Wayne has done a phenomenal job in both of these positions by attending national conferences as the representative of the Tennessee chapter and bringing back useful information to incorporate in Tennessee operations. Thank you, Wayne, for everything that you have done for the TBPA! Our current President, Bradley, transitioned into a new role at JEA over the past year while valiantly leading our chapter. All of us at the TBPA thank you for your service and dedication! I am looking forward to working with our new President Bill Jennings and as he keeps the TBPA pushing forward over the next year.

While I have been handling some life circumstances over the past three years, I have been unable to attend the annual conferences until this past October. It was good to see everyone at this last conference in Murfreesboro! We had a good turn out this year among the members, vendors and speakers. Thank you to all who came out! Unfortunately, one of our speakers, Derringer Backflow, was unable to attend due to a change in company ownership and representative territory. Their DCDA testing is a little different from all the other DCDA testing that we see, so we are hopeful for the 2020 conference that they will be able to demonstrate how they test the DCDA.

This was the first year that we held a 1-day conference, in lieu of a 2-day conference. We would like your feedback! We want the best conferences for our members and we value your input. Feel free to email me your thoughts! All feedback will be discussed with the board at the next meeting on January 8th. As always, it will be an open meeting for those who are interested to attend.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year !

-Kent Bowman
East TN Director, TBPA

THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS

We would like to say a special "Thank You" to the Vendors that participated in our Annual Conference. The success of our conference depends on you and we want you to know how much you are appreciated.

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

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West Tennessee News

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! As we enter the New Year, I would like to focus on the importance and benefit of sharing information. Attending our conferences and meeting the people that share this industry has been very helpful to me. For those of you who were able to join us at the conference in October, you can attest that they are very informative and the people in our industry are always willing to help. I'm very thankful for that!

There have been many situations pertaining to water in our country lately. With this attention, the public is becoming better educated and ready to reinforce safe-guarding our drinking water. To the great people in our industry, I thank you. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call!

David Wright
West TN Director, TBPA

Middle Tennessee News

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual conference this year in Murfreesboro! My hope is that everyone who attended came away with knowledge that they didn't have when they arrived. Thank you to all our vendors that attended as well. Please contact any board member for future topics you would like to see covered at upcoming conferences.

As we move into a new year, I encourage all members to spread the word about the association. We also would like to invite any of our members to come to the board meetings as well.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-David P. Risner
Middle TN Director, TBPA

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ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2019 - 2020 Essay Contest Topic: *Explain backflow prevention and why it is important in protecting potable water supplies. Discuss some of the hazards that could be a threat to our drinking water, and the types of backflow prevention to protect against them.*

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 \$1,500 scholarship. Winners of under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. Entries must be received by 11:59 EST on January 31, 2020. Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.



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