

# Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2022-2023



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 19th,  
2023

Last meetings  
minutes  
attached below  
- January's  
meeting.

## Upcoming Events

Next board  
meeting: April  
19th, 2023 -  
10am in  
Murfreesboro

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## TBPA Mission Statement

Hello members of the TBPA,  
Christmas has come and gone hopefully everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. The new year is here now and it is time to get back in the saddle. 2023 is in full swing, and we are running wide open testing domestic backflows. I hope each of your systems faired well during the hard freeze we had around Christmas. We are still finding leaks daily , especially in vacant properties through meter reading cycles. So far it looks as if the backflow side of things survived pretty well. We had a couple of outside devices bite the dust but nothing major. I look forward to meeting more of you over the next couple years and I encourage each of you to encourage people to become members for the future of our association.

Jared Gowan, TBPA President

## A Note from the Vice President

Hello Members of the TBPA,

I hope that all of you, your families and co-workers had a great holiday season and everyone is healthy to start the new year.

The TBPA would like for all our current members to spread the word about our association and encourage others to join too. We hope that 2023 is the turn around year and we can increase our membership and spread the word about the TBPA.

We are in the process working on the 2023 annual conference to possibly be held in Gatlinburg again this year, as requested by the members at the 2022 event. We are trying to implement some new things and opportunities for our members at the 2023 conference. Stay tuned for more information on our website and social media. Hopefully all of you can join us for this great event in the Fall.

Be sure to check out our website [www.tnbackflow.com](http://www.tnbackflow.com) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/tnbackflow](https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow) for news and information from the TBPA.

REMEMBER: This is your association and the success of it depends on you and your involvement.

Sincerely,  
Bill Jennings  
TBPA Vice President

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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/](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: \$335

January 24-26th

February 14-16th

February 28th - March 2nd

March 14-16th

April 11-13th

## 3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

January 27th

February 10th

March 17th

April 14th

April 28th - City of Alcoa

## Fleming Backflow Repair Workshop #3300 \$125

February 17th

## **Fleming Training Center Notice**

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

## **Memphis Light Gas & Water**

For information and to register for classes contact David Wright 901-528-4449 or [dwright@mlgw.org](mailto:dwright@mlgw.org)

**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 TAUD (615)898-8283.

## Basic Cross Connection Class

Duration: 3 days Class Fee:  
\$350 member \$370 non-member

Chattanooga - February 15th -  
17th 8:30am - 4:00pm

Jackson - March 8, 9, 10th -  
8:00am - 4:00pm

Clarksville - March 22, 23, and  
24th - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Murfreesboro - April 4, 5, and  
6th - 8:30am - 4:00pm

Knoxville - April 12, 13, and  
14th - 8:30am - 4:00pm

## Renewal Cross Connection Class

Duration: 1 day Class Fee:  
\$215 member \$245 non-member

Chattanooga - March 29th  
- 8:30am - 4:00pm

Jackson - March 7th -  
8:30am - 4:00pm

Clarksville - March 21st -  
8:30am - 4:00pm

Murfreesboro - April 3rd  
8:30am - 4:00pm

Knoxville - April 11th  
8:30am - 4:00pm

# 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 Kim Pritchett kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com



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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 4, 2023

- **Treasurer's report:** Account Balance as of December 31, 2022  
\$10,819.42 including savings  
(\$25.30)
- **Roll:** Bill Jennings, David Risner, David Wright, Brent Ogles, Kent Bowman, Michael Robeson, and Kathy Riley.

## Old Business:

Zoom meeting - discussion of post conference surveys.

Possibly changing of food next conference

Day and a half option most enjoyed

Most prefer Gatlinburg for conference location

Adding meet and greet reception time

Treasurer position discussed

Kent Bowman & David Risner recognized for winning respective area elections

## New Business:

Replacement for Ms. Kim

Future elections being held electronically (would mean changing TPBA by laws)

Spoke about not holding election if only one person is running per position.

Repair class will be held by David Wright - at MLGW - March 17, 2023

Changing up things with next years conference.

Adding of renewal class and repair class

Having an on site company that can certify test kits during the conference.

Possibly going back to Gatlinburg

- **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 are being posted to our website. If you would prefer a physical copy, please contact a board member. Please direct any questions regarding changes or adjustments to editor, Kim Pritchett, [kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com](mailto:kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com)
- **Next Board meeting:**  
April 19, 2023

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# East Tennessee News

I hope everyone had a safe Christmas and New Year and go to spend it with family and friends! I know at Christmas the North Pole visited Tennessee and made some peoples holiday like Halloween with all the freezing weather. As always, each year I try t go visit the utilities that I work, and I was telling everyone man I am glad I am not working at a utility anymore and was telling them if they needed anything don't call me because I and staying inside and the very last place I went I told those guys I might have jinked myself and I did! It was like I stayed behind fixing frozen pipes and then when I would get home before I could get my boots off, I would get another call and as I was driving home 1 of those nights, I thought to myself if this is this bad now what in the world is it going to be like when the irrigation systems start getting turned on in a few months! (I went to Lowe's one time to get some fittings and it was worse than going to the grocery store and no milk and bread)

I do have some good news and really a feel-good story to tell. Jim Purzycki owner of BAVCO sent me an email tell me that he had hired someone to replace Mark Canterbury that had been involved in a car accident and had passed away last year as I had put in the newsletter last spring. Mark's family had a celebration of life in Florida this summer and Jim went to it and while he was their Mark's nephew came up to Jim and said he wanting to take Mark's place and Jim hired him! His name is Hunter Smith, and he lives in the Knoxville area and is 21 years old or should I say young, and he gave me a call and I met with him and Carlos who covers the west coast and talked to them both for a couple of hours and I was impressed on Carlos's knowledge about backflow's, Hunter has a great guy to learn from bedside's Jim and the staff. I could see Hunter's enthusiasm about backflows. He told me he is entrepreneur spirited and is looking forward to learning the backflow business as much as he can, he enjoys sports, but basketball is his favorite, and he likes aviation as well. Not sure how many knew this but Mark use to fly airplanes. I believe Hunter will be a great sales rep for BAVCO just as Mark was!

Hunter welcome to the world of Backflow's!

Everyone be safe and hang in there spring will be here soon. I went to Walmart the other night and they had the spring stuff out in the garden section YES !

Thanks,  
Kent Bowman  
East Tn. Director TBPA

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TBPA president Jared Gowan representing TBPA at the TAUD operator expo in Lebanon, TN in May 2022.



Dave Birkholz-from Loudon TN ,Kathy Riley Region 3 Director , Wayne Osborne Shelbyville. Not pictured but was at the conference was Josh Rau and Bennie Yarbrough both from Clarksville. Receiving the 2022 PACE award for TBPA.

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Keith Stephens, & Richard Goodman



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# 2022 TPBA CONFERENCE - GATLINBURG, TN - SPEAKERS



Gatlinburg Utilities - Dale Phelps



Fleming Training Center - Ben Rodriguez



TDEC - Eric Webber



TN811 - Jason Kouba



Mid-America - Nick Azmo



Region 3 Director - Kathy Riley



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*thank you  
so much!*

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