

# Tennessee Backflow News

**Fall 2009**



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

**5:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday**  
**October 28, 2009**  
Harrah's Veranda  
Resort  
Robinsonville, MS  
(For info call  
615-893-7275)

## Upcoming Events

### TBPA 13th Annual Conference

October 29 & 30, 2009

Harrah's Veranda Resort

Group Code Number - S10TBP9

Last Date for \$69 rate - September 28th

### 2010 TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 a.m.

Consolidated Utility - Murfreesboro

January 6th - April 7th - July 7th

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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

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. Wow, it's amazing how fast time goes by. Just yesterday it was the first of the year. This is my favorite time of the year. The weather is great!

I hope every one of you is planning on attending the Annual Conference in Robinsonville, MS in October. We promise you an informative and educational conference with a good slate of speakers and topics. The conference committee is presently working very hard to assure a successful event. As always it will be good to see old friends and make new ones. Register and make your room reservations as soon as possible.

The TBPA Board members would like to have more membership participation at the board meetings. Please check the agenda in this issue for the time and place of the meetings and make plans to attend. Everyone is invited!

Just a word to the Conference committee, TBPA Board and all Committee members - Thank You so much for your dedicated work. Without all of you guys TBPA would not exist. Enjoy this great weather, and I will see you in October.

Remember to tell someone today you care.

Larry Stinnett  
President TBPA

## Call for Nominations Vice President and West TN Director

If you are interested in one of these positions or have someone you want to nominate please contact Kent Bowman at 865-966-9741 or [jbowman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbowman@bellsouth.net).

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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 \$80 annually**, and are payable to the TBPA Treasurer. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

The TBPA Treasurer address is:

**Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association**  
**Liba Ford, TBPA Treasurer**  
**c/o JEA, P.O. Box 68, Jackson, TN 38302**

For newsletter advertisements contact:

**Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association**  
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## TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 bership 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 (3 days)

### Knoxville:

September 22-25, 2009

### Murfreesboro:

October 20-23, 2009

November 17-20, 2009

## 3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop (1 day)

### Knoxville:

September 21-22, 2009

### Memphis:

October 7-8, 2009

### Murfreesboro:

October 19-20, 2009

November 16-17, 2009

• **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. For information on Classes and Cost you can visit the training section on their web site at [www.taud.org](http://www.taud.org) or contact either Brent Ogles at [brentogles@taud.org](mailto:brentogles@taud.org) - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at [gregbaker@taud.org](mailto:gregbaker@taud.org) - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

## BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASS

### TAUD - Murfreesboro:

Sept. 16th-18th - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

### MLGW - Memphis

Nov. 18th-20th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Jackson:

Oct. 14th-16th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

## RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS

### TAUD - Murfreesboro:

Sept. 14th-15th - 4:00-8:00 pm

Sept. 15th - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

### MLGW - Memphis:

Nov. 17th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Jackson:

Oct. 13th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572,** Nashville, Tennessee: Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Rucker, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207, (615) 227-5542
- **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](mailto: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 the State of Mississippi. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 - 262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
- *To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at [lford@jaxenergy.com](mailto:lford@jaxenergy.com).*

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## New TBPA Members

Welcome to TBPA's newest members. We hope to see you at this year's conference.

Troy S. Watkins HB & TS Utility District Franklin, TN  
Dale Oechsel HB & TS Utility District Franklin, TN

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### Lloyd Rainey

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# Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class & Administration and Survey Classes

**Who:** Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
**What:** 2009 Repair Classes & Administration and Survey Classes  
**When:** November 18, 2009 8:30-4:00 Repair Class - Watts  
**Where:** KUB - Knoxville, TN  
**Contact:** Kitty Banks at (423) 755-7605 or Kent Bowman at (865) 966-9741



## Some of the information presented:

- Double Check Valve Assemblies, Reduced Pressure Principle Assemblies, Vacuum Breakers
- Repair of varying device sizes from 3/4" to 4".
- Drawings and handouts available.
- Explanation of assemblies and parts used in repair
- Complete repair of devices and tools needed
- When to repair and when and what to replace
- Starting a Cross Connection Control Program
- Forms and documents for program administration
- Survey instructions and advice
- CD with all covered information
- Continuing Education Credits will be given

**Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge on these valuable topics regarding CCC Programs and Assembly Repair.**

Classes are **FREE to TBPA Members**. Non-member cost is \$20 (non refundable). Class size may be limited therefore **registration is required**. Lunch will be provided for all Repair classes only. You may call or use the registration form below, indicating the class, section location and date you wish to attend.



## Administration & Survey Class and Repair Class REGISTRATION REQUIRED Only One Person and One Class per Registration Form

Written registration is required for all classes. Complete the form below (printed or type written) and mail or fax to:  
 Kitty Banks - TN American Water - 1101 Broad Street - Chattanooga, TN 37401  
 Fax: (423) 267-9384 For Questions Call: (423) 755-7605

Administration & Survey Class  Repair Class  Section: West  Middle  East  Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - April 1, 2009

## Treasurer's report

Balance \$12,776.14. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,200.00.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

TBPA will present a one time Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert Lashlee at the Annual Conference. The individual award will be renamed and in the future will bear his name. Brent will check on making the presentation to Mr. Lashlee before the conference and possibly video taping.

## TBPA Annual Conference 2009

Everything is moving forward. Vendors will be able to set up on Oct. 28th. Speakers were discussed and finalized. Kitty will have 250 extra flyers printed and mailed to Kent to hand out at the TAUD Expo in August.

## ABPA National Conference

Larry updated the Board on the conference activities. Curtiss Davis received the Director of the Year Award (Region 3). Isaac Bourne from Cedar Hill, TN won the Scholarship Award.

Larry also expressed how dissatisfied he and other members are with the way ABPA is being run. Some points of concern were: Only one regional director prepared a report for the Board Meeting, no hard copies of the Treasurer's Report were handed out, ABPA wants the states to pay for the cost of taking credit cards, etc. Larry spoke with Bruce Rathburn about his concerns.

## Fire Service

Brent discussed the definition of Fire Service to take effect on July 14, 2009. Anyone who holds a State of Tennessee Certificate for the Evaluation and Testing of Backflow Assemblies can test fire system devices.

## TAUD

TAUD Business Conference is August 6th and 7th. Larry and Kent will attend and man the TBPA Display. Liba will take care of the registration fee.

## CCC Training and Testing Fees

New Fees will be implemented July 1, 2009. Water systems are exempt from the training fees. Everyone must pay testing fee.

Basic - \$275

Renewal - \$110

Testing (Basic and Renewal) - \$60

Other testing and renewal fees are increasing also.

## State CCC Rules

Wayne presented info on the updated State CCC Rules. The language and inconsistent enforcement were discussed. Wayne will compose a list of questions and email everyone. The Board will look at them and consider sending them to the State.

Next meeting – Annual Conference - October 28th at 5:00 PM - The Veranda Hotel.

Not official minutes.

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### TBPA West Section News

As many of you know, the TBPA Annual Conference location rotates. The West Section is proud to be host to this year's lucky 13th Annual Conference. This year's conference is being held in Robinsonville, MS at the request of many of our members. Robinsonville is a short 15 minute drive from Tunica. Also, the state of Mississippi does not have a backflow chapter. This will be an opportunity for us to work with them and show them the importance of establishing their own association.

Preparations are being finalized and we hope each of you will make a special effort to attend. Information and ideas are exchanged, not only through the speakers and with the vendors but also through conversations with others in the backflow field.

A registration form is in this newsletter or visit our web site at [www.tnbackflow.com](http://www.tnbackflow.com). Feel free to make copies and give to others you think might be interested in attending. Join us at this year's conference on October 29th and 30th for a day and a half of information and education. Please register ASAP to receive the room rate of \$69. The hotel will extend that rate to Friday night for the first 10 requests.

Remember we would be glad to have you come early and attend the Board Meeting on the 28th at 5:00 PM at the Hotel. See you there!.

Lloyd Rainey  
West Section Director

### TBPA East Section News

On August 6th TAUD held its annual "Business of Running a Utility" conference in Gatlinburg, TN. This was the second year that TBPA participated as an exhibitor at the event. Once again, we had a large number of people stop by our booth to look at the

backflow preventers. Several people had questions about the different models and questions about TBPA. Flyers with information about our Conference in Tunica in October were distributed.

I would like to say Thank You to Joey Smith with Pro Marketing from Spartanburg, S.C. for providing the Apollo RP device and the cut away Double Check for Fire Systems for us to display. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and they were helpful when answering questions. We also had devices from Watts, Febco and Wilkins. Thanks guys!

Thanks especially to Larry Stinnett for helping me with the exhibit this year. Larry presented a talk on Backflow devices and gave information about TBPA in one of the conference sessions. Great job Larry!

### Watts Repair Class

November 18, 2009 – 8:30 – 4:00 –

Lunch Provided by Watts

KUB Operations Building –

4505 Middlebrook Pike

Watts will be the featured manufacturer at this Repair Class. The Instructors will be Lloyd Rainey and Richard Goodman from Mid-America Marketing. Lloyd is from Memphis and Richard is from Knoxville. They will cover different sizes of RP and DC devices, along with repair kits and much more.

Continuing Education Credits will be given for up to 6 hours for both Distribution and Collections. This class is free to TBPA Members but there will be a \$20 Non-TBPA Member fee. Class size is limited to 50 so sign up early. If anyone has any questions give me a call at (865) 966-9741 or email me at [jbowman@fudknox.org](mailto:jbowman@fudknox.org)

Kent Bowman  
East Tennessee Director



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Early Registration Form  
**TBPA CONFERENCE 2009**

Thursday, Oct. 29th - 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 30th - 8:30 am to Noon

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Breakfast and Luncheon Thursday included • Guest for Luncheon \$20 per person

## *Nominations for Awards*

The TBPA Board has updated the requirements to be nominated for one of the awards given annually for outstanding work in the organization and in the field of backflow. Hopefully, this will help in better understanding what persons would be eligible to receive one of these awards.

For all awards the nominee must be a member in good standing with TBPA as well as the following requirements:

1. **Individual Award:** Must have excelled in the last 12 months in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry.

2. **Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work with the TBPA organization in the last 12 months.

3. **Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months.

If you know someone who meets these requirements

please contact Kent Bowman before September 26th to nominate them for an award. (1-865-966-9741 or [kbowman@fudknox.org](mailto:kbowman@fudknox.org). Help us recognize our outstanding members!

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