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[www.epa.gov/305b/sum1.html](http://www.epa.gov/305b/sum1.html)

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\*\* Backflow incidents and articles:

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# Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2003



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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

By Larry Stinnett

As I am preparing this message, I have thoughts of the TBPA Board of Directors. It's been a very good year for the Association. I believe, however, the best is yet to come. Your Board of Directors has worked diligently during the past year for the association. Many special meetings have been called and not one time has anyone complained or refused to help. I would like to encourage everyone to tell your directors how much you appreciate them.

The revisions to the state manual are going very well. Our goal is to have a completed draft in early fall of this year. I hope every member took time to vote for the national Vice-president. It's not only your obligation but it is an opportunity to have a voice in your national association. The ABPA Conference is in Detroit, Michigan. I plan to take some of our concerns to that meeting. Because we have not received approval of the proposed bylaw changes sent to the national office, I plan to hand deliver the changes and ask for a speedy reply.

Our TBPA Annual Conference is shaping up. I hope everyone can attend and be sure to encourage others to do the same. They will thank you for it later. It will be a good time of year to be in Nashville and good to get together with all our TBPA friends.

## 2003 Conference Nashville

The eight annual Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17, 2003.

The Conference will be held at the Hilton Suites, which is located in the heart of downtown Nashville. The Hilton is a new, upscale, full-service all-suites hotel. The hotel is situated across the street from The Gaylord Entertainment Center, The Nashville Convention Center and The Country Music Hall of Fame.

Each morning guests will enjoy a full cooked-to-order complimentary breakfast buffet and in the evening tickets will be given for the two-hour beverage reception. There are also top-notch dining options, ranging from the casual Market Street and Parkview restaurants to the World-Renown Steak House "The Palm". The business center provides guests with an office away from home. The fitness center and indoor pool are certain to provide guests with plenty of workout opportunities or just a chance to relax. In the heart of "Music City USA" — It Happens at the Hilton!

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Directions: All interstates (I-65, I-40, I-24) connect to the downtown area. Exit on Demonbreun and drive toward the downtown area. Take a left on 4th Avenue. The Hilton is immediately on the left.

Current rate is \$115 per night (That rate may decrease depending on registered guests).

Registration form and other Conference information will arrive in a separate mailing.

## Upcoming Events

- October 16-17, 2003 — TBPA Annual Conference - Hilton Suites Nashville, Downtown - Nashville, TN

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association

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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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## Meet Our New Region 3 Director

Ronnie West, is the new ABPA Director for Region 3, which includes Tennessee. Ronnie has been a member of ABPA for 15 years. He is the immediate past President and current Treasurer of the Carolinas Chapter.

Ronnie has been employed with the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville, NC from 1967 to the present time. In 1985 he took the position as the Cross Connection Control Program Manager where he is responsible for coordinating & administering the cross connection control program in the Water Resources Division.

Ronnie has served on and chaired many committees, worked as an instructor for various groups, served in all areas of water and wastewater and has received many awards.

In his spare time he enjoys fishing, basketball and other sports especially NASCAR. We are proud to have him as our Region 3 Director and look forward to working with him in the future. Congratulations Ronnie!

## New TBPA Members

*The Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association would like to welcome our newest members. We are delighted to have you join us in TBPA!*

**Derek Biba**, Test Gauge Industries (Gilberts, IL)  
**Jim Creswell**, City of Lebanon  
**Larry Gardner**, Second South Cheatham Utility District (Kingston Springs, TN)  
**Steve Warren**, Backflow Sales & Service (Memphis, TN)  
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**Tony Wyatt**, Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (Huntingdon, TN)  
**Michael Russell**, Memphis Light Gas and Water  
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**David Risner**, Murfreesboro Water & Sewer  
**Michael Rucker**, Nashville Machine Company  
**Sam Beck**, Quality Plumbing & Mechanical (Kodak, TN)

## TBPA BOARD MEETING UPDATE APRIL 2, 2003

Progress continues on the Manual Update. The committee will meet again on May 14th. Wayne and Brent reported the Repair Classes are a great success.

The State has made the decision that only facilities that have been training and testing for Backflow Certification in the past will continue to do so in the future. Anyone may hold a training class, but all students must report to the Fleming Training Center, TAUD, JATC, or MLG&W for testing.

Work continues on the 2003 Conference. Wayne Cook will be putting the speakers together and will send out a separate mailing for registration.

The Awards Committee will be evaluating the guidelines for awards and asked for nominations for the awards to be given at the Conference in October.

The Board will work toward having board member and committee duties written and better stated for those serving now and those wanting to serve in the future.

Articles are needed for the Newsletter. Advertisers are needed.

## REPAIR CLASS

The second Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class had 73 people in attendance and was as successful as the first. The class was lead by representatives from Mid-America Marketing, Inc.: Mr. Lloyd Rainey from the West Tennessee area, Keith Stephens from Middle Tennessee and Richard Goodman from East Tennessee. Handout and computer disc information for Watts products along with a Certificate of Completion were provided to those in attendance.

If you have not signed up for the remaining classes there is still time. Each class can accommodate 100 people and all classes have space is available. Use the registration form found in this Newsletter. Remember, continuing education credits will be given for attendance.

## TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**TBPA BOARD MEETINGS**  
JULY 9, 2003 ~ JATC Building, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN  
OCTOBER 15, 2003 ~ Hilton Suites, Nashville, TN (Conference Site)  
All Members Welcome

# Tennessee Training Calendar

## Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation - Cross Connection Control Training Classes

Fleming Training Center  
2022 Blanton Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
615-898-8090  
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dca/fleming.htm>

The classes offered by the Fleming Training Center are free of charge to any person who wishes to attend. Written registration is required, however, a minimum of thirty days in advance of the class. Confirmation letters for all classes/seminars will be sent out to registrants approximately three weeks prior to class and will contain pertinent details regarding exact location, class content, and materials. For information on class content for Cross Connection Control Workshops call Mr. Brent Ogles at 615-898-8090.

**Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC) (4 days)**  
(Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated. *See Schedule Below.*

**Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL) (2 days)**  
(Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated. *See Schedule Below.*

Cross Connection Control Classes	
No.	Course Name
2103	<b>Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC)</b> (3 1/2 or 4 days - dependent upon location) (Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 30 - July 3, 2003 (4 days)</li> <li>• July 15 - 18, 2003 (3 1/2 days)</li> <li>• August 19 - 22, 2003 - Kingsport (3 1/2 days)</li> <li>• September 9 - 12, 2003 - Knoxville (3 1/2 days)</li> <li>• October 6 - 9, 2003 (4 days)</li> <li>• November 17 - 20, 2003 (4 days)</li> </ul>
3102	<b>Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL)</b> (1 1/2 or 2 days - dependent upon location) (Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 14 - 15, 2003 (1 1/2 days)</li> <li>• August 18 - 19, 2003 - Kingsport (1 1/2 days)</li> <li>• September 8 - 9, 2003 - Knoxville (1 1/2 days)</li> <li>• December 15 - 16, 2003 (2 days)</li> </ul>

**New Workshop**

I would like to let everyone know that TBPA and the Great State of Tennessee have been working together to bring you a new workshop class. We have found that the need for some instruction/information on Administration and Survey for a Cross-Connection Control Program is needed. The first class will be May 13, 2004 and the second will be November 9, 2004. Look for more information on this class and other classes in your TBPA Newsletters. — Wayne Cook

- **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. Contact Greg Baker or Melanie Hammon, 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, (615) 893-9022
- **Memphis Light, Gas & Water (MLGW):** Classes are held in the greater Memphis Tennessee area on an annual basis. Contact Barbara Taylor or Paulette Swanson, P.O. Box 430, Memphis, TN 38101-0430, (901) 528-4449
- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Trigg, 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
- *To list or update your training classes contact Eddie O'Neill at [eoconnell@jaxenergy.com](mailto:eoconnell@jaxenergy.com)*

If you would like to see specific information in the newsletter or would like to submit an article, contact Liba Ford at [lford@jaxenergy.com](mailto:lford@jaxenergy.com). Your comments are appreciated.

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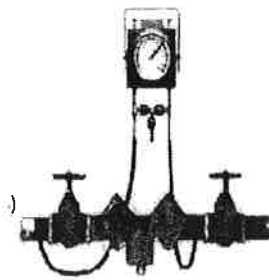
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# Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

**Who:** Joint Effort of Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association and Fleming Training Center  
**What:** 2003 Quarterly Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Classes  
 Each quarter features a different manufacturer's products  
**When:** August 5, 2003 8:30-4:00 Featuring Febco Products  
 November 13, 2003 8:30-4:00 Featuring Ames Products  
**Where:** Fleming Training Center, 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 - (615) 898-8090  
**Contact:** Brent Ogles at (615) 898-8090 or Wayne Cook at (931) 684-5998




## Classes feature the following:

- Double Check Valve Assemblies, Reduced Pressure Principle Assemblies, Vacuum Breakers
- Repair of varying device sizes from 3/4" to 4". All devices on State approved list.
- Drawings and handouts available.
- Explanation of assemblies and parts used in repair
- Complete repair of devices and tools needed
- When to repair and when to replace
- What should be replaced when a device fails
- Other products included in some classes, i.e. Thermal Expansion Chamber, etc.
- Continuing Education Credits will be given

**Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge on these valuable topics regarding Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair.**

**No cost** but class size is limited and **registration is required.**

Please use registration form below, indicating the date (or dates) you wish to attend.

		<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION</b> Training Class / Seminar Registration	
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Register early! Written registration is <u>required</u> for <u>all</u> classes and seminars. Registrants will be mailed specific information as to location, times, etc., approximately three (3) weeks prior to class. Complete the form below and mail or fax at least thirty (30) days prior to class to: <b>Fleming Training Center - 2022 Blanton Drive - Murfreesboro, TN 37129</b> Fax: (615) 898-8064 (All faxes should be printed or type written.)			
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## Test Your Skills

A cross-connection control program is a critical water system protection element. Chapter 6 of the USEPA'S Cross-Connection Control Manual is titled: Administration of a Cross-Connection Program, and Chapter 7 provides ordinance suggestions.

These 15 program administration questions were developed from the information in these two chapters. How well does your water supply match up with the EPA'S manual guidelines? It's time to grab that trusty No. 2 pencil and see if you can answer these with ease. Remember, the answers to these questions will be found in the next Newsletter.

- 1.) A Cross-Connection Control Program should have an aggressive implementation and a:
  - a. computerized pressure monitoring system.
  - b. constant follow up.
  - c. hosted website.
  - d. minimum staff of 3 full-time employees.
  - e. periodic plumbing inspections.
- 2.) Any Cross-Connection Control Program should have a (an):
  - a. administrative assistant.
  - b. data entry clerk.
  - c. legally enforceable document.
  - d. surveyor.
  - e. tester.
- 3.) It is advised that the water authority/supplier have on hand a (an):
  - a. backflow preventer test kit.
  - b. copy of the USEPA Manual.
  - c. copy of the Water, Water Everywhere video.
  - d. hazardous confined space entry equipment.
  - e. stock of replacement parts.
- 4.) Prioritizing the survey "degree of hazard" inspection list can be easily produced from:
  - a. buliding permits.
  - b. city clerk business records.
  - c. existing accounts.
  - d. state records.
  - e. telemarketing surveys.
- 5.) A Residential Backflow Protection Program will insure that new services contain a (an):
  - a. air-gap.
  - b. double check valve assembly.
  - c. dual check.
  - d. reduced pressure principle assembly.
  - e. water meter check valve.
- 6.) If a containment is the program's prime objective, sufficient time must be spent to determine the:
  - a. contact person.
  - b. degree of hazard.
  - c. location of each actual cross connection.
  - d. location of each potential cross-connection.
  - e. location of each service connection.
- 7.) On arrival at a property to survey cross-connection, request to see the owner/manager to:
  - a. assign personnel to the inspection group.
  - b. determine the last "free-flowing tap"
  - c. explain the survey purpose.
  - d. obtain a liability release.
  - e. temporarily terminate water service.
- 8.) During a survey, request to the building's "as-built drawings" to:
  - a. assess elevation differences for pressure drops.
  - b. check building permit compliance.
  - c. determine backflow prevention locations.
  - d. inventory fixtures and appliances.
  - e. trace internal potable lines.
- 9.) During the survey, make a sketch of all area's requiring:
  - a. air-gap separations.
  - b. backflow preventers.
  - c. inspection.
  - d. potable water.
  - e. technician access.
- 10.) When conducting a backflow prevention survey, the survey should be initiated at the:
  - a. hose bib outlet(s)
  - b. last free-flowing tap.
  - c. owner's office.
  - d. potable supply entrance.
  - e. restroom(s).
- 11.) A survey's written report will specifically state the size and type of backflow preventer for each:
  - a. boiler drain.
  - b. cross connection.
  - c. fixture outlet.
  - d. service connection.
  - e. wastewater inlet.
- 12.) The elimination or protection of all cross connections is the responsibility of the:
  - a. building engineer.
  - b. owner.
  - c. plumbing contractor.
  - d. plumbing inspector.
  - e. survey crew.
- 13.) The water authority will issue a cross-connection permit for each:
  - a. actual cross connection.
  - b. backflow outlet.
  - c. fixture outlet.
  - d. potential cross connection.
  - e. service connection.
- 14.) A reduce pressure principle assembly will be tested at lest:
  - a. bi-annually.
  - b. bi-monthly.
  - c. monthly.
  - d. semi-annually.
  - e. weekly.
- 15.) When conducting a cross-connection survey, the survey teams needs to ask about:
  - a. approximate time of heavy flow demand.
  - b. number of employees.
  - c. purpose of potable water usage.
  - d. water consumption.
  - e. water pressure.

**TBPA would like to thank DWBP for permitting us to reprint this article. They may be reached at 1-888-FOR-DWBP. To see a copy of the new EPA Cross-Connection Control Manual - <http://www.dwbp-online.com/EPA03manual.pdf>**