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# Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2012



**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
 5:00 PM  
 Wednesday  
**October 24, 2012**  
 Double Tree Hotel  
 Jackson, TN

**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

As I was canning tomatoes this past weekend, a process that requires a lot of water, I thought how lucky we are to be able to turn the tap and get fresh safe drinking water. As Americans we are in the minority of the world's population having that advantage. As a protector of this resource from unintentional contamination we play a critical role. But, even further, it is important that we are responsible with our water use. As many areas of the Midwest are in severe drought, as we see our own areas here in Tennessee go without rain for weeks, and as millions of people fight a daily battle for enough water to survive, it is our responsibility to be

**Upcoming Events**  
**TBPA 14th Annual Conference**  
 October 25th - 26th  
 DoubleTree Hotel - Jackson  


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**2013**  
**TBPA Board Meetings**  
 10:00 AM  
 Murfreesboro Water Plant  
 January 9<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup> - July 10<sup>th</sup>

prudent users. Take a moment when you turn on the tap to consider how you will use the water, how you can limit the amount of water you dispense, how you can reuse the water. Use a rain barrel to water outside plants, reuse water that vegetables are steamed in to water plants. Think about not turning the tap on full stream when half way will do. When we all use discretion and conserve where we can, it can make a big difference.

Make your plans now to attend our Annual Conference in Jackson, Tennessee in October. We have an exciting and diverse panel of speakers this year. Representatives from IAPMO and the University of Southern California will be speaking, along with our annual Utility CCC Program presentation. There are many other great topics that you will not want to miss. I would like to thank Liba Ford and Bradley Tomlin for all their hard work getting ready for this year's Conference.

We are taking nominations for the Middle and East TN Directors positions this year. The nominations are due before October 25th. Here's looking forward to seeing all of you in Jackson on Oct. 24th for our quarterly Board Meeting and the 25th & 26th for our Annual Conference!

Donna Maloy  
 President TBPA

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 Liba Ford  
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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**MIDDLE TN and EAST 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 [kbowman@fudknox.org](mailto:kbowman@fudknox.org)

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| Ken Kerr<br>ABPA President                        | Brunswick, OH                                  | 330-225-1420<br>Kerr-marketing@att.net            |              |



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. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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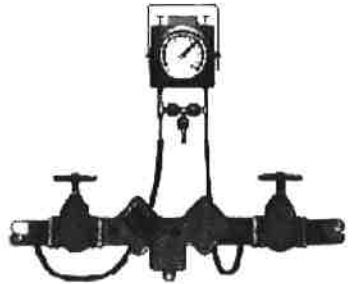
Jackson Energy Authority  
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For newsletter advertisements contact:

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
Attn: Kitty Banks  
P.O. Box 6338  
Chattanooga, TN 37401

## Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Classes

**Who:** Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
**What:** Wilkins Repair Class  
**When:** November 14, 2012 - 7:30 - 3:00  
**Where:** KUB, 4505 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN  
**Contact:** Kent Bowman at (865) 966-9741

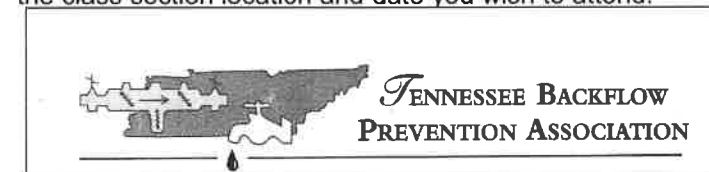


### Some of the information presented:

- 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 & 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 Assembly Repair.**

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



**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 fax to:  
Kent Bowman - TBPA East TN Director  
FAX: (865) 675-4955 For Question call: (865) 966-9741

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
American Backflow Prevention Association



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK ONE: RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

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ABPA DUES: \$60.00  
TBPA DUES: 20.00  
ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$80.00

*Please remit total to:*  
Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
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Attn: Liba Ford  
P.O. Box 68  
Jackson, TN 38302

*Includes bi-monthly ABPA News Magazine and quarterly Tennessee Backflow News  
Pre-payment of dues required to process application.  
Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA membership required for state TBPA membership*

## New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA Members. We look forward to meeting you and working with you. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

|                |                           |                 |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Jerry Baker    | O'Conner Utility District | Sparta, TN      |
| Chase Layne    | TN American Water Co.     | Chattanooga, TN |
| Kenneth Brewer | City of Adamsville        | Adamsville, TN  |
| Brad Furline   | City of Franklin          | Franklin, TN    |

*Welcome to these new TBPA members. We hope to see you at this year's Conference.*

### Notice to all Members

*If you have not given TBPA a current email address please do so. This is a quick and cost effective way of keeping our membership informed. Not sure if we have your email?*

*Contact Michael Robeson at [mrobeson@musfiber.net](mailto:mrobeson@musfiber.net).*

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## TBPA Board Meeting Update - July 18, 2012

### Treasurer's report

Balance \$10,548.92. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00. The Checking account balance is \$5,048.92.

### Membership

Liba has not received the 1st and 2nd Quarter dues payments from National.

### Give-A-Ways

Liba gave all the Board Members a flashlight that will be used as speaker gifts and door prizes if needed.

### ABPA National Conference

Donna updated the Board on the conference activities. One of the most impressive presentations was given by a speaker from Joplin, MO who spoke about problems during last year's tornado.

Apparently the ABPA budget passed with a deficit. We did not win a PACE award because our information was not submitted in a three-ring binder. Both of these items were a disappointment to the Board. 2013 Conference is set to be held in Phoenix, AZ.

### TAUD Expo

David Risner reported several people visited the booth and the testing station to try and win a prize. Everything went well. The board voted to not participate in the TAUD Business Conference this year.

### KYTN AWWA Conference

Donna and Frank reported on our booth at the KYTN Water Professionals Conference. Several people inquired about membership. This event did not seem to be worth our money. They recommended not participating in the future.

### TBPA Annual Conference 2012

The information will be given to Kitty so she can get the registration forms out this month. Deadline is October 3rd for room discount. If discounts are requested for Friday they will be the same as last year.

Speakers were discussed and finalized. Bradley will contact the speakers a couple of weeks before to confirm their commitment. He will obtain cell numbers in case they need to be reached at the last minute. The Board voted to ask the USC representative to speak at the

Conference. We will pay \$500 and two night lodging and he will speak on two topics.

Bradley will contact Leesa Head about a list of systems in West TN to send them a registration for the conference.

Board voted to buy Short sleeve T-shirts with a pocket in red with white writing.

### Annual Awards and Nominations

Kent has received a couple of nominations for awards and Directors.

### Directors-at-Large

The Board recognized Wayne Cook's resignation as a Directors-at-Large. We appreciate all his hard work over the past years.

### Web Site

Donna will ask Kitty to add the Fleming Training Center to the "Training" tab on the web site.

*Next meeting – Annual Conference - October 24th at 5:00 PM - The DoubleTree Hotel, Jackson.*

Not official minutes.

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## TBPA East Section News

The TBPA will be holding a Wilkins Repair Class on November 14th at Knoxville Utilities Board at 4505 Middlebrook Pike from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. The class will be lead by Mr. Pat Ahearn from NC and Mr. Yancey Quitt from Maryville. Pat is the Sales Manager for Fire and Waterworks and Yancey is the East Tennessee area Sales Rep. for Wilkins with the Ben O'Neal Company. Registration by November 7th is required!

The Nominations for Middle and East TN Director positions on the TBPA Board must be submitted before October 25th to Bradley Tomlin or Kent Bowman.

Don't forget to mail in your registration for the TBPA Annual Conference October 25th-26th. Also, everyone is welcome at the Board meeting the 24th. We have some great speakers this year so please make your plans now to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

If you have any questions or need directions you can reach me at (865)966-9741 or at kbowman@fudknox.org

Kent Bowman  
East Tennessee Director

## TBPA West Section News

Hopefully, by now you have received your registration form for the TBPA Annual Conference to be held in Jackson. If you have not registered, I encourage you to do so ASAP by mail or on the web site by Paypal. The deadline for the Hotel discount room rate is October 3rd. Remember to mention TBPA.

Make your plans to attend and pass the word. We have a great group of speakers presenting a wide range of new topics. Come early and join us at the Board meeting on Wednesday night! Hope to see you there.

Bradley Tomlin  
West Section Director

### 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 lu102jact@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.

# Tennessee Training Calendar

gregbaker@taud.org - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

### Basic Cross Connection Class

TAUD - Murfreesboro  
November 14 - 16

JEA Training Center -  
Jackson  
October 10 - 12

### Renewal Cross Connection Classes

TAUD - Murfreesboro  
November 13

JEA Training Center -  
Jackson  
October 9

- **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: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

#### Murfreesboro

November 14-16

January 16-18

March 6-8

Alcoa:

April 24-26

#### Kingsport

May 22-24

Jackson

April 10-12

### 3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

#### Murfreesboro

November 13

January 15

March 5

Alcoa:

April 23

#### Kingsport

May 21

Jackson

April 9

### 3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$125

Murfreesboro March 14

- **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

- **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal classes and Repair classes are offered. For reservation and fee information contact Barbara Taylor, Cross Connection Coordinator at (901) 528-4449 or (901) 528-7757.

### Cross Connection Renewal Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab  
488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN

November 15

### Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab  
488 North Dunlap

Memphis, TN 38105

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

October 12: 12:00 - 1:45 & 2:00 - 4:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

December 6: 12:00 - 1:45 & 2:00 - 4:00



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