

# Tennessee Backflow News

Spring 2016



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM  
April 6, 2016  
Murfreesboro Water Plant  
5528 Sam Jared Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN  
For directions Call:  
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## Upcoming Events

2016 TBPA 20th  
Annual Conference  
October 13 -14, 2016  
Chattanooga, TN

2016

TBPA Board Meetings  
10:00 AM  
April 6th Murfreesboro  
5:30 PM  
October 12th Conference

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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 Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association members! It is my honor to serve as your President for the next two years. I would like to thank the previous Board members for their service and hard work and I would also like to welcome our new officers: Bradley Tomlin with Jackson Energy Authority as Vice President, Kim Pritchett with Tennessee American Water Co. in Chattanooga as Treasurer and David Wright with Memphis Light Gas and Water as West Tennessee Director.

By the time this newsletter goes to the printer, I will have returned from the American Backflow Prevention Association Conference. I hope while I am there to talk to other chapter presidents about their annual conferences and bring back new topics and ideas for ours. As always, we would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for our annual conference. Our contact information is available on our website: [www.tnbackflow.com](http://www.tnbackflow.com).

This year's TBPA Conference will be held October 13th and 14th in Chattanooga with the Board Meeting on the 12th. Members registering before September 1st will be eligible to win a \$200 gift card. The registration deadline is October 5th to avoid a late fee. Again, you can go to the TBPA website or find more information in this newsletter.

Spring brings an increase in irrigation systems being brought back into service and other water needs that water purveyors supply to the public. What better time than now to ask someone you know to join our association.

We would like for you and your friends to join us at our next Board meeting on April 6th at 10:00 AM at Murfreesboro Water Plant.

Wayne Osborne  
TBPA President

# TBPA Board Members



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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 \$85 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$65 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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Tennessee American Water Co.  
Attn: Kim Pritchett  
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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*

# 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: \$275  
*(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*  
 Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

### **Murfreesboro**

Apr. 20-22	June 22-24	Sept. 14-16
May 18-20	Aug. 17-19	Oct. 5-7

### **Alcoa**

Apr. 6-8 Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

### **Chattanooga**

July 13-15

## 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**

Apr.19	May 17	July 8	Aug. 16
May 3	June 21	July 29	Sept. 13

### **Alcoa**

Apr. 5 Aug. 30

### **Kingsport**

July 27

### **Chattanooga**

July 12

## 3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125 **Murfreesboro**  
 May 27 & Sept. 23

### **NOTICE**

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

**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 Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or [ToniaPass@taud.org](mailto:ToniaPass@taud.org).

## Basic Cross Connection Class

<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Chattanooga</b>
July 6-8	Oct. 26-28	July 13-15
Sept. 14-16		
	<b>Kingsport</b>	<b>Knoxville</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	Oct. 12-14	Aug. 30 -Sept. 2
Sept. 28-30		

## Renewal Cross Connection Class

<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Chattanooga</b>
July 5	Oct. 25	July 12
Sept. 13		
	<b>Kingsport</b>	<b>Knoxville</b>
<b>Jackson</b>	Oct. 11	Aug. 30
Sept. 27		

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# Training Information

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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 - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training Classes and Certification Classes for Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007  
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- To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.

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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 6, 2016

## Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$1,371.37 and a savings account balance of \$3,000.07. Total \$4,371.44. The Annual Financial report that will be sent to ABPA was approved.

## Membership

We have not received the 3rd and 4th Quarter 2015 dues money from National. Michael will ask about the refunds.

## 2015 TBPA Conference

The conference was discussed. Especially the low attendance and the money lost on the event. The final balance reflects a loss of \$2,498.99. The Board voted to keep the conference in Middle and East TN due to better attendance.

## TBPA 2016 Conference

The 2016 Conference will be in Chattanooga at the Doubletree Hotel. October 13th & 14th. Board meeting on the 12th. Kitty will pursue working with the Hotel.

## Conference Fees

The Member registration fee will be \$150 and the Vendor fee will be \$300. If members register before September 1, 2016 their names will be put in a drawing for a \$200 gift card. Deadline for registration without a late fee is October 5th.

## Speakers

Conference speakers were discussed and assignments made for contacting

## ABPA Conference

March 14th - 16th Wayne will check on cost to attend and email the Board. He is sending info for the Annual PACE Award.

## New Board Positions

Bradley Tomlin from JEA is the new Vice-President and David Wright from MLGW is the new West TN Director. Kim Pritchett from TN American Water will take over the position of Treasurer. Liba will meet with Kim and transfer all the information to her.

## Next Board meeting:

Murfreesboro April 6th at 10:00 AM

*Not official minutes*

## TBPA Board Changes

We had three changes to the TBPA Board in January. Wayne Osborne moved from Vice-President to the position as President of TBPA.

Bradley Tomlin steps down from the position of West TN Director and takes over as Vice-President.

David Wright is new to the TBPA Board and will be taking over as the West TN Director. He has worked for MLGW for 15 years and is currently the Cross Connection Coordinator in the Engineering Department.

Also, Kim Pritchett has volunteered to take over the position of Treasurer. Kim works in the Cross-Connection field at Tennessee American Water in Chattanooga.

We are so lucky to have these individuals in our association and their willingness to serve. If you would like to serve or help on a committee, please contact any of the Board Members. This is your association!

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