



Knuckle Buster



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians

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2008 Fall Seminar Wrap up

The 2008 WAEVT Fall Seminar was held September 18 at the Fox Valley Technical College Fire Training Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. Classes scheduled were TFT nozzle maintenance and Duo Safety Ground Ladder testing.

Mike from TFT was forced to cancel due to an accident, so Duo Safety presented their class on Ground Ladder Testing.

The class was very well received by those attending.

We are always looking at ways to increase attendance and to continue the networking and fellowship aspect of the association. If you have any ideas, please let a board member know. If someone you know would be interested in receiving information about the seminars, please contact Jon Coutts

Spring Seminar May 13-14

The Annual Spring Seminar will be held May 13-14, 2009 at the Fox Valley Technical College Fire Training Center in Neenah. Classes to be held are Husky Foam Systems, sponsored by Pierce; Air Brake Systems, sponsored by Spartan Chassis, and Class 1 Electronics. We will be using a new hotel this year. We

will be at the Holiday Inn Appleton. It is located at Hwy 41 and College Ave. Room rate is \$75 and we will have the banquet and annual meeting at this hotel. The phone number for reservations is 920-735-9955. You must tell them you are with the WAEVT. Reservations must be made by April 13, 2009.

Elections to be held at Annual Meeting

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting May 13, 2009. Two positions are up for election this year. They are President, currently held by Jon Coutts, and Recording Secretary, currently held by

John Roberts. If you are interested in being on the board of directors, or have ideas for, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

EVT Certification Testing to held at Spring Seminar

We will again be holding EVT Certification testing on Thursday afternoon at our spring seminar. Register

with the EVTCC at www.evtcc.org. Registrations must be received at least 21 days prior to the test date.

Looking for Spring Seminar Sponsors

We are always looking for sponsors to support the organization and assist with classes. If you know of any manufacturers,

suppliers or vendors that would be interested in supporting the association, please contact Jon Coutts.

Fall Seminar Date Set

The Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 17th the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI.

We are still looking for class ideas. Please forward any ideas to an Executive Board Member.

EVTA News

The Emergency Vehicle Technicians Association (EVTA) has disbanded and the remaining funds dispersed per the bylaws of the organization. The bulletin board at <http://www.evta.info/forums/> will remain operating. They are seeking sponsorship from state organizations to keep the forum up and running. Jon Coutts has received information on sponsorship. State organizations that help sponsor the board are recognized

with a logo on the top of the page, and are listed as sponsors. The cost is \$75 per year. This might come before the membership at the annual meeting. There are over 473 technicians and factory representatives that are members of the forums with over 2500 posts in the last two years. To check out the bulletin board go to <http://www.evta.info/forums/>

E-Mail Addresses

We have had some problems with our database of e-mail addresses. We are having a large amount of e-mails returned to us with an invalid address. Please send your e-mail address to Jon Coutts at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. We are trying to cut down on expenses by doing more with e-

mail. If you know the e-mail address of another member of the association, or someone who you think would be interested in receiving it, please forward them to Jon at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. Thank you

WAEVT History

I have received several items from the first recording secretary of the organization, including a picture of the first Board of Directors, pictured below. Left to right are Fred Wetterau, Neenah FD; Ralph Rhodes, Treasurer, Neenah FD; Jim Dodge, Vice President, West Milwaukee FD; Dick Rennert, President, Oshkosh FD; Syl Watry, Recording Secretary, West Bend FD; Bob Weber, Executive Secretary, Brookfield FD. We are working on compiling a history of the association to be used in a brochure. If anyone has information or pictures, please contact Jon Coutts.

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Website News

We are now posting past issues of the Knucklebuster on the website. We will be posting information on upcoming events and training. In the future we hope to post registration

forms for our seminars. This is a work in progress, so please bear with us. If you would like to have something posted or would like to help with the website, contact Jon Coutts or John Roberts

EVT Bulletin Boards

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

<http://www.evta.info/forums/>

EVT Association Websites

Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.waevt.com

Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.oevt.org

Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics Association www.ifama.net

Colorado Fire Mechanics Association www.co-fma.com

Florida Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.faevt.com

Heartland Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.heatevt.com

Texas Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.taevt.org

Oklahoma Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.okevt.org

Long Island Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.lievt.org

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 13-14, 2009 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, WI

Spartan Chassis Fire Truck Training August 2-6, 2009 Lansing, MI www.spartanchassis.com

Hale Pump Schools <http://www.haleproducts.com/Main/Content,30,10.aspx>

Pierce Factory Training <http://www.piercemfg.com/company/training.cfm>

EVT Certification Commission <http://www.evtcc.org/>

Fox Valley Tech EVTCC Classes <http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?siteID=365&eventDisp=EVTC>

Fire Chief Magazine In Service Maintenance Section <http://firechief.com/in-service/shopcal>

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