



Knuckle Buster



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Good Turnout for Spring Seminar

The 57th Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 4th & 5th, 2025 at the Fox Valley Technical College, Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. The classes this year were an Air Brake class with John Merryfield from Spartan Chassis, Waterous Pump class with Chris Wandmacher and a Critical Thinking Class given by Kevin Roberts. We had great reviews for the classes from the 31 people in attendance. Hope to see you back in fall and next year.

Thanks to our Sponsors

We want to thank Spartan Chassis for being the lunch sponsors this year. We want to thank Rennert's Fire Equipment Services for sponsoring the morning refreshments. We also would like to thank Rennert's Fire Equipment Services, Roberts Repair and Reliant Fire Apparatus for sponsoring/donating door prizes. We would also like to thank Spartan Chassis for waiving the travel expenses for John Merrifield.

Elections held at Annual Meeting

Elections for two Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 4, 2025. They were President held by Brian Toth and Recording Secretary held by Kevin Roberts. Brian was nominated for President and Kevin was nominated for Recording Secretary. Both men accepted their nominations and a unanimous ballot for the two men was cast. Thank You Brian and Kevin for your service on the board.

2025 Fall Seminar

The 2025 Fall Seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center. Danny Deetz from Stihl will be giving a class on maintenance on chain saws and cut off saws. EVT testing will be hosted after the seminar. Registration is through the EVT Certification Commission.

WAEVT Logo Items



The new t-shirts are a hit. We had several shirts made and still have some in stock.

We have medium to 3XL along with some tall sizes.

We also have a number of old t-shirts, polo shirts and hats. We will have them at the fall seminar if you are interested.

2026 Spring Seminar Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the May 2026 Spring Seminar. Dates are still to be determined. We are looking for suggestions for classes. Stay tuned for more information as classes are confirmed. If you have any suggestions for classes contact Brian Toth or any of the board members.

EVTA Bulletin Board

Do you have a problem that is causing you trouble and can't figure out? Go to the EVTA Forums and become a member of the site. There is no charge and there are technicians and factory personnel from around the country asking and answering questions on all topics. There are several WAEVT members on the board as well. If you haven't visited the website, it is a very valuable source of information and sharing. You do need to register to post to the site, but there is no cost. Visit the site at www.evta.info/forums.

E-Mail Addresses

If you know of someone that should be receiving our newsletters and information but isn't, please let Brian Toth know so they can be added to our mailing list. Thank you to all those that have provided your e-mail addresses in the past. We would like to utilize e-mail for sending information and newsletters to help keep costs down. Brian can be contacted at waevt.president@hotmail.com

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 17, 2025 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Spring Seminar 2026 TBD FVTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar 2026 TBD, Appleton

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/>

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