



Knuckle Buster



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Annual Spring Seminar

We are having a 2-day seminar on June 4th and 5th. The classes which will be held on the 4th and 5th are; Water pump class by Waterous, Kevin Roberts will be doing a Critical Thinking Skills Class and John Merrifield from Spartan will be doing an Air Brake Class and Foundation Brake Class. The seminar will be held at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center. The annual meeting and officer elections will be held Wednesday night at the Double Tree/Appleton at 6:30. The Double Tree address is 150 South Nicolet Road Appleton, WI 54914. We will again host EVT testing after the close of the seminar on Thursday.

Annual Elections

We will be holding elections during our annual meeting/dinner on June 4th that starts at 6:30 at the Double Tree/ Appleton. The offices up for election this year are the President which is currently held by Brian Toth and the Recording Secretary which is currently held by Kevin Roberts.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will take place on June 4th after the dinner which will begin at 6:30 tentatively in the Menasha Room at the Double Tree/Appleton.

EVT Testing

2025 nationwide spring testing will be on May 17th and the fall testing will be on October 18th. We will be offering EVT testing again as part of the spring seminar on June 5th. For more information and to register visit www.evtcc.org. If you have any questions about the testing or the certification tracks you can contact the board or Mike Meyer or Brian Toth.

WAEVT Logo Items



The new t-shirts are a hit! There has been interest in them at the seminars the last couple of years so we will have a selection of the new style for sale at the spring seminar.

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

2025 Fall Seminar Planning Underway

At this time, the 2025 fall seminar will be a 1 day seminar. If you have any class suggestions, please contact Brian Toth or any of the board members. The seminar will be in September, date and location are yet to be determined.

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.

Facebook F.A.T. Talk Group

F.A.T. Talk is a Facebook group for Fire Apparatus Technicians. It is a great resource to ask for help or lend your knowledge to help another technician that's having trouble with a repair. It is a closed group that must be joined and they do screen to make sure there are only technicians in the group. There are techs from all over North America sharing information. Several WAEVT members are part of the group. If you're on facebook, check it out.

President's Note

We had 2 great seminars last year and it was really nice to be back training and networking! The fall seminar was an indepth look at Cummins Insite. We are thinking of doing the class again in the future during a spring seminar as there was a lot of information and we realized it could have been a full day class. In addition to our seminar we are having our dinner/meeting again this year. There will be a networking time before the dinner for the attendees to meet and talk to other attendees. The

dinner/meeting the last couple of years has been well received. Please think about attending. I hope this finds everyone safe and well and ready for another great WAEVT Spring Seminar!

Thanks,

Brian

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 2025, Appleton WI

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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