



Knuckle Buster



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Good Turnout for Spring Seminar

The 58th Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20th & 21st, 2026 at the Fox Valley Technical College, Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. The classes this year were an F2 EVT Prep Class with Brian Toth and John Merrifield from Spartan Chassis, and a Ford Powerstroke class given by Kevin Roberts. We had great reviews for the classes from the 35 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 three Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2026. They were Vice President held by Manny Ortiz, Treasurer held by Justin Arndt and Executive Secretary held by Chris Igl. Manny was nominated for Vice President, Justin was nominated for Treasurer and Chris was nominated for Executive Secretary. All three men accepted their nominations and a unanimous ballot for the three men was cast. Thank You Manny, Justin and Chris for your service on the board.

2026 Fall Seminar

The 2026 Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, October 29th at the North Shore Fire Dept Station 82. The class will be Liquid Spring Suspension familiarization and maintenance. There will be a classroom portion and a shop portion. EVT testing will be hosted after the seminar. Registration is through the EVT Certification Commission. Thank you to NSFD Chief Whitaker for allowing the association to hold the seminar at the station.

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.

2027 Spring Seminar Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the May 2027 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 October 29, 2026 NSFD Station 82, Glendale

WAEVT Spring Seminar 2027 TBD FVTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar 2027 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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