



# Knuckle Buster



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians

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## Dennis Litchenstine Receives Boyd Cole Award at FRI in Atlanta

Boyd Cole was a pivotal person in the creation of the Apparatus Maintenance Section of the IAFC, The Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Commission, NFPA 1915 and NFPA 1071 committee and their standards, and a long-time member of NFPA 1901 and NFPA 1914. His belief in the need for technician training and certification was absolute. Without the support of educators like Boyd Cole, the level of technician training would not have advanced to where it is today.

In memory of Boyd Cole, the Emergency Vehicle Management Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs presents an award each year at Fire Rescue International (FRI) to recognize an educator, trainer, or facilitator of emergency vehicle technicians' training. This year that award went to Dennis Litchenstine, who was nominated by the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians.

Dennis was an instructor for us several times and many of his ideas and teachings lead to many advances in the electrical systems on emergency apparatus today. Association President Jon Coutts traveled to Atlanta to present the award to Dennis. He was very honored and humbled to receive this award for as he put it "Just doing his job."



Pictured left to right: Jon Coutts, Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians; Dennis Litchenstine, Boyd Cole Award Recipient; Tom Hillenbrand, Underwriter Laboratories

## Spring Seminar is a Major Milestone

Our Spring Seminar in May will be the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, formerly the Wisconsin Fire Equipment Mechanics Association. We are planning several displays and will be inviting former board members to the dinner meeting.

# Fall Seminar Well Attended

On Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Paul Newton of Harrison Hydra-Gen presented a class on sizing, selection, installation and maintenance of Harrison Hydraulic Generators. This class was well attended and the information was very helpful.

## Looking for Info on Former Board Members

We are looking to fill in some of the blanks in our list of Officer's of the Association. If you can fill in any of the blanks in the lists below, contact Jon Coutts.

### PRESIDENT

1967-1971 Richard Rennert  
1972-1986 Neil Rossmassler  
1987-1992 Mike Minash  
1993-2007 Mike Meyer  
2008- Jon Coutts

### VICE PRESIDENT

1967-1971 Jim Dodge  
1972-1975 Jim Maulbetsch  
1975-1983  
1984-1985 Richard Rennert  
1986-1991  
1992-1993 Bob Weissshahn  
1993-1996 Tom Litscher  
1997-1999  
2000-2004 Jim Egeland  
2005-2006 Dan Hill  
2007 Jon Coutts  
2008- Mike Meyer

### RECORDING SECRETARY

1967-1982 Syl Watry  
1983-1987 Rich Yearwood  
1987-1990  
1991-1996 Skip Burg  
1997-2000  
2001-2006 Dave Goyke  
2007- John Roberts

### TREASURER

1967-1978 Ralph Rhodes  
1979-1981  
1982-1988 Robert Huebner  
1989-1991  
1992 Mike Meyer  
1993-1995  
1996-2000 Max Brunner  
2001- Dave Kamps

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1967-1969 Bob Weber  
1970-1975 Tom Litscher  
1976-1981  
1982-1988 Ron Dutter  
1989-1992  
1992-1995 Rich Yearwood  
1996 Richard Rennert  
1997- Mark Evel

## Association Survey

In order to help us plan for future seminars, classes and the future of the association, please take time to complete the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9XP9HJG>. Results will be calculated and shared with the membership in a future issue of the Knucklebuster.

# Elections to be held at Annual Meeting

Elections for three Executive Board positions will be held at the Annual Dinner Meeting Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The three positions that are up for election next year are Vice President, currently held by Mike Meyer; Executive Secretary, currently held by Mark Evel; and Treasurer, currently held by Dave Kamps. Dave has stated that he will not be running for reelection. Please consider joining the board. For more information contact Dave Kamps or Jon Coutts.

## Spring Seminar Dates and Classes

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16-17, 2012 at the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. The classes this year will be Allison Transmission updates, troubleshooting and maintenance with Gary Stroik from Inland Power Group; Brake Maintenance, including disc and s-cam, with Bob Pawluk of Bendix; and Aerial Maintenance sponsored by Pierce Manufacturing. **The Pierce Aerial class will be a TWO DAY class.** This was a request by them to insure that all information is presented.

## Fall Seminar Class Announced

The Fall Seminar will be held Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah. The class will be on Foam Systems with Mark Frieden of Foam Pro instructing. Put it on your calendars now and watch for more information.

## 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. 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](http://www.evta.info/forums).

## E-Mail Addresses

Thank you to all those that provided your e-mail addresses. We would like to utilize e-mail for sending information and newsletters to help keep costs down. If you receive the newsletter by US Mail and have an e-mail address please send it to Jon Coutts at [jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net).

## Training Opportunities

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 16-17, 2012 FVTC Fire Training Center Neenah, WI

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 20, 2012 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, 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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