



Knuckle Buster



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Annual Spring Seminar

We are having a 2-day seminar on May 20th and 21st. The classes which will be held on the 20th and 21st are; Allison Maintenance Class by Marge Washburn. Marge is a retired trainer from Allison and also the head of the F6 EVT writing committee. John Merrifield from Spartan and Brian Toth will be doing an F2 prep class. At this time we are also working on having an indepth class on Cummins Insite and the new software product that will be offered in 2027. The seminar will be held at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center. The annual meeting and officer elections will be held Wednesday during the lunch break as was decided at the 2025 annual meeting. We will again host EVT testing after the close of the seminar on Thursday. There will be more information and a signup flyer in April.

Annual Elections

We will be holding elections during our annual meeting on May 20 during our lunch break. The offices up for election this year are the Vice President which is currently held Manny Ortiz, the Treasurer which is currently held by Justin Arndt and the Executive Secretary which is currently held by Chris Igl.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will take place on May 20, 2026 during our lunch break at the Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Training Center.

EVT Testing

2026 nationwide spring testing will be on June 20th and the fall testing will be on October 17th. We will be offering EVT testing again as part of the spring seminar on May 20th. 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.

2026 Fall Seminar Planning Underway

At this time, the 2026 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 including a Stihl maintenance class in September. In addition to our seminars last year, I attended the Fire Truck Training Conference in Lansing Michigan. If you haven't been, it is a great conference with a lot of different class choices and I highly recommend attending. It seems that since covid our jobs as technicians has gotten a lot busier. I am never left wondering what my next repair is going to be as there is always a list of vehicles waiting to get in for pm and/or repairs. It is my hope that everyone is allotted the time for training. Our vehicles are getting more complex to work on and without the proper training we can't make the repairs needed correctly or in a timely fashion. Please think about attending and if you know someone that can benefit, please pass on our information to them. 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 2026, 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/>

Spartan Motors www.spartanchassis.com

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