



# Knuckle Buster



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, Inc  
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## Happy New Year to Everyone

Happy New Year to all of you in EVT land. Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, it is time to again turn our attention to all things we do to keep our equipment running and our communities safe.

## 2019 Spring Seminar Classes

The 2019 Spring Seminar will be held May 22-23, 2019 at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center. We have lined up Mike O'Neil of Spartan Motors with a Datalink Diagnostics class, John Merrifield of Spartan to do a Brake Systems class, and 3 of our board members, Randy Klaybor, Brian Toth and Jon Coutts for a class on NFPA Pump Testing, including a hands on pump test at the pit. Registration this year will be \$175 for both days and \$100 for a one day registration for either Wednesday or Thursday. All registrations include your choice of one class each day, lunch and door prizes. Information and registration forms will be sent by e-mail and will be available on the website in early February.

The conference hotel will be the La Quinta Inn and Suites on College Avenue in Appleton. More info will be on the seminar flyer. Please do not call for reservations until the information is received in the flyer.

## WAEVT Logo Items

The new t-shirts are a hit! If you didn't have a chance to order one, NOW is the time. In order to keep the prices where they are, we need a minimum order of approximately 25 shirts. The order form is available on the website or by e-mailing Jon Coutts. We would like to get enough orders to be able to have them at the Spring Seminar. Deadline for ordering is April 1<sup>st</sup>. **THE ORDERS MUST BE PAID WHEN ORDERING SHIRTS. Order forms can be found on the website.**

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Medium to XL - \$22    XXL and XXXL - \$30

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



# Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12:15 PM at Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Training Center, N6400 County Road BB, Appleton, WI 54914. For more information contact Jon Coutts at [jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net) or 262-385-7378.

## Elections at Spring Seminar

Elections for two Executive Board positions will be held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019. The two positions that are up for election this year are President, currently held by Jon Coutts, and Recording Secretary, currently held by Skip Burg. Both have stated they will not be running for another term. Please consider stepping up to keep **YOUR** association going strong.

## Non Profit/Tax Exempt Completed

We are now the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, Inc. We are officially incorporated in the State of Wisconsin and a 501 (c) 3 charity under IRS regulations. What does this mean? It means that do not need to pay sales tax for food and other items purchased for our seminars and for our supplies. It also means that any donations to the organization are tax deductible. This was a lengthy process, but in the long run will save us quite a bit of money over the years.

## 2019 Fall Seminar

The 2019 Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the FVTC PSTC. Classes are yet to be determined. Please forward any ideas you have to one 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](http://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 Jon Coutts 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. Jon can be contacted at [jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net).

# Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 26, 2019 FVTC PSTC, Appleton [www.waevt.com](http://www.waevt.com)

Hale Pump Schools <http://www.haleproducts.com/Main/Content,30,10.aspx>

Pierce Factory Training <http://www.piercemfg.com/service/maintenance-training>

EVT Certification Commission <http://www.evtcc.org/>

Spartan Motors [www.spartanchassis.com](http://www.spartanchassis.com)

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