



American Water Works  
Association

**Virginia**Section

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Water Distribution Seminar and Utility Rodeo



*Hosted by the Distribution  
Systems Committee*



*Seminar and Rodeo Preview*

# LOGISTICS

Monday, October 3 thru  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

*\*\*See program for a detailed list of event times\*\**

DoubleTree by Hilton  
1021 Koger Center Blvd  
Richmond, VA 23235

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>



6 Water Operator CPE Credits  
Approved

11:00 am **Registration**

1:00 pm



#### **Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention**

Protecting the water system is priority number one for any utility and that means having a solid cross-connection control (CCC) program. We'll discuss the essential elements in a CCC program, including the proper use of backflow prevention devices for various hazards, new testing requirements, and changes to the regulations concerning cross-connection. Anyone involved with the water distribution systems, inspections, or running a cross-connection control program is encouraged to attend.  
*Wade Hill, Wade In Cross Connection*

2:00 pm



#### **Overview of PVC Pipe for Water and Wastewater**

This class will give you an overview of the use of PVC pipe as it pertains to water and wastewater systems. We'll cover all types of PVC, connections to existing infrastructure, tapping and all other aspects of PVC as it is used in our infrastructure projects.

*Dave Burns, Core & Main*

3:00 pm



#### **Vendor Sessions**

Learn from our vendors about their products: why they are needed, how they are used, and how they benefit your customer. Our thanks to these vendors for sharing their expertise:

*Andy Reel, U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company*

*Vince McCaffrey, HYMAX /Mueller*

*Hunter Dance, Veolia Advanced Solutions-Utility Service Co., Inc.*

4:00 pm **Explore the Exhibit Hall**

5:00 pm **Taste Test Sample Deadline**

5:00 pm **Meet and Greet** *(located in the exhibit hall)*  
- 7:00 pm

## QUESTIONS

Brian Whitenack, Chair

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## Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am **Registration**

8:00 am **Miss Utility Damage Prevention Education**



This short class reviews your responsibilities in preventing unintentional damage to underground utilities by excavators, builders, and almost any other person who is digging in the ground.

*L.C. Campbell, City of Lynchburg Water Resources Department.*

9:00 am **Planning and Funding Lead Service Line Replacement**



The USEPA's Final Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Revisions add a requirement to inventory all service lines and replace those which contain lead. Learn how the City of Chesapeake has been tackling this big project.

*Paul Wilson- Hazen and Sawyer, Jen Peterman-City of Chesapeake, and Madeleine Brouse-Hazen and Sawyer*

10:00 am **Networking Break** *(located in the exhibit hall)*

**People's Choice Taste Test**

**Meter Challenge Meter Breakdown**

10:30 am **Best of Virginia Taste Test** *(competition based on panel of judges)*

10:30 am **Hydrant Operation and Maintenance**



Explore the history and uses of fire hydrants with a focus on maintenance and troubleshooting. Volunteers will work hands-on as we take apart a cutaway hydrant and discuss how to safely and effectively inspect and repair hydrants in the field.

*Jeff Marr, Mueller Company*

12:00 pm **Lunch** *(located in the exhibit hall)*

1:00 pm **Meter Challenge Competition** *(located in the exhibit hall)*

3:30 pm **Hydrant Hysteria Competition** *(located in the exhibit hall)*

6:00 pm **Cocktail Reception and Banquet**

## Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

*Wednesday's competitions will take place at the  
Chesterfield County Fairgrounds*

7:45 am **Buried Treasure Competition**

**Rapid Tappin' Competition**

12:00 pm **BBQ Cookout** *(provided by Core & Main)*

**Splish Splash Competition**



# COMPETITIONS

## Best In Virginia Taste Test

Tap water samples will be judged on four categories (clarity, odor, flavor, and after-taste) in a blind taste test by a panel of local officials. There will also be a people's choice taste test by seminar participants. Each contestant will need to submit 3 liters of water to the registration table by 5:00 pm on October 3rd to be entered. Maximum one entry per utility.



## Hydrant Hysteria

Three-person teams will assemble a dismantled fire hydrant in this timed event. National contest rules and regulations, as well as industry safety standards, will be followed. All equipment and tools will be furnished. Teams are required to furnish their own safety equipment.



## Meter Challenge

Contestants will begin this competition simultaneously. Each contestant will be furnished a bucket containing a disassembled 5/8" meter along with numerous unrelated items such as nuts, bolts, etc. Each bucket will contain the same contents. At the signal, "go", contestants will empty the buckets and begin assembling their meter. Proper assembly and operation of the meters will be determined by the judges with penalties given for leaks and improper assembly. This competition begins with a preliminary round followed by semi-finals and finals. The contestant that successfully assembles their meter in the fastest time (including penalties) is the winner of the event. Entry limited to first twenty-four registered contestants. Maximum three entries per utility.



## Splish Splash

A timed event that has contestants starting with a previously crimped 3/4" copper service line under pressure. At the "go" signal the contestant will cut and flare the pipe. The contestant will then install a 3/4" curb stop on the end of the pipe. The event is complete, and the clock will be stopped when the opened curb stop is closed. The contestant with the fastest time (including penalties) is declared the winner.



## Buried Treasure

Using traditional locating equipment, each contestant will have 5 minutes to trace a conductive conduit, mark the facility with flags, then measure and record the location of the facility. The contestant with the most accurate locate is declared the winner. Locating equipment shall be furnished by the contestant. Entry is limited to the first sixteen registered contestants. Maximum one entry per utility.



## Rapid Tappin'

Four-person tapping teams will tap a ductile iron water pipe in this timed event. National tapping contest rules and regulations, as well as industry safety standards, will be followed. All tapping machines and tools will be furnished. Teams are required to furnish their own tapping bits and safety equipment.

The winners of each competition will be provided travel money to represent the Virginia Section AWWA at the National-level competition. All contestants are required to sign a waiver in order to compete in any event. For full competition rules and details, see our website at: <https://vaawwa.org/page/distribution-systems>

# PRICING

Member	\$175	Exhibit Table - 6'	\$350	Rodeo BBQ	\$15
Non-member	\$224	Exhibit Table - 10'	\$700		
Retiree	\$70	Additional Exhibitor	\$100		
Spouse	\$100				

# REGISTRATION

## Online *(preferred method)*

<https://vaawwa.org/events/2022distributionrodeo/>

- Please register online regardless of payment type (check or credit card)
- Credit card payments accepted online only.
- No Faxed or emailed registrations will be accepted.

## Mail

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ AWWA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle registration type/rate from pricing above

Circle t-shirt size:    **Med**    **Large**    **XL**    **2XL**    **3XL**    **4XL**

Registration must  
be received by  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
receive a t-shirt.

- Form can be mailed into VA AWWA if unable to register online.
- All mailed registrations must pay by check
- Make check payable to VA AWWA
- Mail form and check to:  
VA AWWA, Attn: Geneva Hudgins, PO Box 11992, Lynchburg, VA 24506

# HOTEL INFORMATION

### Contact hotel directly for all hotel reservations:

Phone: 804-379-3800.

Hotel Rates: \$96 per night/plus taxes and hotel fees.

**All attendees are responsible for their own lodging arrangements.**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ricksdt-www-aaa788c0-c652-4311-885e-b55a67722534/>

All hotel rules and regulations apply, contact hotel for full details. A block of rooms has been reserved at special rates. Reservations should be made prior to **September 19, 2022**. After that time, room rate price and availability are subject to change.