

The VA AWWA Distribution Systems Committee  
proudly presents the

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Water Distribution  
Seminar &  
Utility Rodeo**

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Norfolk, VA*





# Virginia Section AWWA 2019 Water Distribution Seminar & Utility Rodeo

The VA AWWA Distribution Systems Committee proudly announces the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Distribution Seminar and Utility Rodeo to be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Norfolk, Virginia. This traditional "hands-on" seminar is designed to provide distribution system personnel with practical information on relevant subjects. The ever-popular Utility Rodeo provides various utility-related competitive events in which participants compete against fellow utility personnel in a demonstration of skills, speed and safety.

To ensure your exhibits receive the greatest exposure, we offer incentives to attendees to visit each of the exhibits. Approximately 180 members from cities and towns throughout Virginia visit each year. This seminar attracts the level of supervisors that are the most familiar with your products and have authority to purchase them, making this likely the most cost-effective promotional opportunity for your company!

## Equipment & Vendor Exhibits

An Equipment and Vendor Show will be a main feature of the seminar. The Exhibit Show will include displays of water distribution products, equipment, tools, and related items. The exhibit room will be open throughout the seminar. Manufacturers interested in sharing information on their products are invited to participate in the show. For information on display booths contact: Ronnie Baker, Spotsylvania County Utilities (phone: 540-507-7325 or e-mail: [rbaker@spotsylvania.va.us](mailto:rbaker@spotsylvania.va.us))

## Program and Rodeo Schedule

### MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

11:00 am	<b>Registration/Equip/Exhibitor Setup</b>
1:00 – 2:00pm	<b>OSHA/VOSH Inspections</b> (1CPE) <i>Jonathan Wright - City of Chesapeake</i>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Meter Testing &amp; Selection</b> (1CPE) <i>Dave Miller – Core &amp; Main</i>
3:00 – 4:00pm	<b>Concurrent Contestant Meetings</b> (required for all Rodeo participants)
5:00 pm	<b>Taste Test Sample Deadline</b>
4:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Meet and Greet</b>

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

7:30 – 8:00 am	<b>Seminar Registration</b>
8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Trench Safety</b> (1CPE) <i>Doug Riseden - Krausz</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Motivation</b> (1CPE) <i>Doug Riseden - Krausz</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Best of Virginia Taste Test</b>
10:00 – 10:30 am	<b>People's Choice Taste Test</b>
10:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Wet Taps, Line Stop &amp; Valve Insertion</b>
	<b>Overview &amp; Concerns</b> (1CPE) <i>Dave Burns- Core &amp; Main</i>
11:30 – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm - completion	<b>Meter Madness</b>
3:30 pm - completion	<b>Buried Treasure</b>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Cocktails Exhibit Area</b>
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Banquet</b>

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

7:00 am – completion	<b>Rapid Tappin</b>
	<b>Splish Splash</b>
12:00 pm	<b>BBQ Cookout</b> – sponsored by Core & Main
After Lunch	<b>Hydrant Hysteria</b>

**All contestants are required  
to sign a waiver to compete in  
any event.**

# Rodeo Guidelines

## Buried Treasure

Using traditional locating equipment, the contestant will have five 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. The Buried Treasure winner will also receive financial assistance up to \$1000 to go to Arlington, Texas to compete in the International Utility Locate Rodeo. **Entry is limited to the first sixteen registered contestants. Maximum one entry per utility.**

## Meter Madness

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. All bolts must be snugly secured. Proper assembly and operation of the meters will be determined by the judges. Leaks and improper assembly will be penalized. The four fastest times in the preliminary event will advance to the finals. The contestant that successfully assembles their meter in the fastest time (including penalties) is the winner of the event. The meter to be used at this year's event is the Master Meter BLMJ Meter. To obtain practice meters go <https://water.mastermeter.com/meter-madness-ace19>. The Meter Madness winner also will receive financial assistance (up to a maximum of \$1000) to go to ACE19 in Denver, Colorado to compete in the national competition. **Entry limited to first twenty-four registered contestants. Maximum three entries per utility.**

## Tap Water Taste Test

Tap water samples will be judged on four categories (clarity, odor, flavor, and aftertaste) in a blind taste test by a panel of local officials. The Taste Test winner will receive financial assistance (up to a maximum of \$1000) to go to ACE19 in Denver, Colorado to compete in the national competition. There will also be a people's choice taste test by seminar participants. Please submit 3 Liters of water to the registration table by 5:00 pm on April 22nd to be entered.

**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.** All equipment and tools will be as specified in the AWWA national rules. The winner of the 2019 VA AWWA Rapid Tappin contest will have the opportunity to go to ACE19 in Denver, Colorado to compete in the national competition as the official VA AWWA tapping team! Be sure your utility is represented in this exciting contest. VA AWWA will provide financial assistance for the winning team to participate at the nationals (including round trip transportation up to a maximum of \$4,000).

**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. The Splish Splash winner will also receive financial assistance up to \$1000 to go to ACE19 in Denver, Colorado. **Entry is limited to the first twenty-five registered contestants.**

**Hydrant Hysteria** - Two-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.** All equipment and tools will be as specified in the AWWA national rules. The winner of the 2019 VA AWWA Utility Rodeo Hydrant Hysteria contest will have the opportunity to go to ACE19 in Denver, Colorado to compete in the national competition as the official VA AWWA team! VA AWWA will provide financial assistance for the winning team to participate at the nationals (including round trip transportation up to a maximum of \$3,000).

**All contestants are required to attend a mandatory contestants' meeting at the hotel at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22.** For rules, visit website at [www.regonline.com/2019distributionrodeo](http://www.regonline.com/2019distributionrodeo) or contact Dicky Fenner (phone: 804-751-4974 or email: [fennerr@chesterfield.gov](mailto:fennerr@chesterfield.gov)).

The number of Rodeo participants may be limited. **ENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**  
**No walk-up entries will be allowed on the day of the event.**

# Register Online

[www.regonline.com/2019DistributionRodeo](http://www.regonline.com/2019DistributionRodeo)

Credit card registration accepted online only

## Registration Form

(form can be mailed in to VA AWWA if unable to register online – all registrations by mail must pay by check)

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

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AWWA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts will be included in each registration package.

Register by **April 1** to guarantee T-shirt

Indicate shirt size here (check one):

Adult Sizes: M \_\_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Rates** (Fees include admission to the Meet & Greet reception, Vendor Exhibits, Seminar, coffee breaks, Lunch and Banquet dinner on Wednesday, Cocktail Hour, Utility Rodeo, and Rodeo BBQ cook-out.)

- ☐ \$150.00 Members of AWWA, Employees of AWWA Utility
- ☐ \$199.00 Non-Members
- ☐ \$45.00 AWWA Retirees
- ☐ \$75.00 Spouse package (Meet & Greet, Banquet Dinner and Rodeo BBQ)
- ☐ \$350.00 Vendor/Exhibitor Package (\$100.00 each extra exhibitor)

If mailing a check, make payable to VA AWWA and send to: VA AWWA, Attn: Geneva Hudgins, PO. Box 11992, Lynchburg, VA 24506. No emailed registrations will be accepted.

## Rodeo Contest Registration

Check the appropriate box for the event(s) you are registering. The number of participants in some areas may be limited. Return registration form as soon as possible.

- ☐ Splish-Splash
- ☐ Buried Treasure
- ☐ Meter Madness
- ☐ Water Taste Test
- ☐ Hydrant Hysteria
- ☐ Rapid Tappin (list names below)

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## Hotel Registration Information

Contact Hotel Directly: **Wyndham Garden Norfolk Downtown**

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/va-american-waterworks-rodeo>

Address: 700 Monticello Ave.

Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757)627-5555

Group Name: VA Section AWWA Distribution Seminar

### Accommodations Rates:

Single/Double rate: \$99.00

16% State and local taxes apply

All hotel rules and regulations apply, contact hotel for full details. ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN LODGING ARRANGEMENTS. A block of rooms has been reserved at special rates. Reservations should be made prior to April 1, 2019. After that time, room rate price and availability are subject to change.