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The WWOA Southern Section is holding a training event and Section Business meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the North East Community Center, Chesapeake Beach, MD. We will offer two classes as described below. 50/50 tickets will be on sale to benefit the Southern Section. Come out to support the Section and enhance your knowledge!

## **AGENDA**

**8:00 - 8:30:** Registration (coffee, juice, donuts)

**8:30 - 12:00:** **Excavation Trenching and Shoring Safety** (Part 1) \*. TRE 7857-24-09: All Operators, (Non-Process), 7 hours (1.5X): Instructor, Terry Bradley, MRWA

**Class Description:** Excavation and trenching are among the most hazardous construction operations. Students will be introduced to the requirements of the OSHA Excavation Standard, 29 CFR 1926 (Subpart P). The subjects covered will be the causes of trench failure, soil classification, trench protection systems, hazardous atmospheres and conditions, inspection techniques, and competent person responsibilities. Additional instruction will be given on: tests used to classify soil types in the field, the different methods of cave-in protection; selecting proper shoring methods using the provided OSHA tables; and the methodology used to minimize these and other hazards.

**NOTE:** There are two options for this class. You may register for the **training only** at no cost. However, if you would like morning refreshments and catered lunch, there will be a \$45 fee.

**8:30 -12:00:** **Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control** (Part 1) \*. TRE Pending: Instructor: Carroll "Chip" Matthews, WSSC

**Class Description:** *This course is designed to provide the participant with a basic understanding of cross-connection control and backflow prevention. The course covers terminology, methods & mechanisms for preventing backflow, backflow prevention theory, Utility methods of on-property and water distribution system protection, cross-connection control program organization and operation, inspecting for cross-connections, fire sprinkler systems, backflow assembly testing (theory only, no wet lab included), dual check valves, thermal expansion, water distribution system vulnerability, and an overview of security and fire hydrants.*

**12:00 - 1:00:** Lunch, if purchased (Catered by Randy's Ribs)/Business Meeting

**1:00 - 4:30:** **Excavation Trenching and Shoring** (Part 2) \*

**1:00 - 4:30:** **Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control** (Part 2) \*

**4:30:** Issue Class Certificates - Adjourn

**\*NOTE: You must attend both sessions of the class to obtain your training certificate.**

Register On-Line at [www.wwoa.net](http://www.wwoa.net). (We Accept Credit/Debit Cards Only) You must register no later than Wednesday, **August 8, 2025**.