



## Classes & Events

### BOISE

**JANUARY 4**

Forklift Certification

**JANUARY 4**

Associates Meeting

**JANUARY 5**

First Aid/CPR/AED

**JANUARY 19**

CLC Mixer @ Rudy's

### EASTERN IDAHO

**JANUARY 18**

Associates Meeting

**JANUARY 30**

First Aid/CPR/AED

**JANUARY 31**

Forklift Certification

### SOUTHERN IDAHO

**JANUARY 10**

First Aid/CPR/AED

**JANUARY 11/12**

OSHA 10 HOUR

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## Idaho AGC News

**JANUARY 2012**

**2012 DIRECTORY:** The Idaho AGC will be submitting it's 2012 Member Directory for print. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so immediately to assure your company listing in the directory. If you have had any company changes in the past year; Address, phone, key contacts, please contact Molly Conein to submit those changes. [mconein@idahoagc.org](mailto:mconein@idahoagc.org)

### **2012 Idaho AGC Education Foundation Scholarship Applications now available**

The mission of the Idaho AGC Education Foundation (IAEF) is to attract and retain quality workers in the construction industry. IAEF serves Idaho by providing direction and support to educate and train Idaho's existing and future construction workforce. The annual award of student scholarships is one of the major ways in which IAEF achieves its mission.

Scholarships are available to:

- Students of career, technical and apprenticeship education programs that result in a skilled crafts certification.
- College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors pursuing, or planning to pursue a two, four, or five-year degree program in an Idaho construction and/or civil engineering program.
- Graduating High School Students entering post-secondary Construction Education.

All scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic performance, skill craft training and aptitude, extracurricular activities, employment experience, financial need, and a demonstrated interest in a construction industry career. **Schools must be located in Idaho.** Applications are reviewed by the IAEF. Applications are now available and have a **May 11, 2012** submission deadline. Applications can be requested by emailing [safety@idahoagc.org](mailto:safety@idahoagc.org)

**The Idaho AGC would like to give a special thank you to the individuals and companies that provided an extra donation for our scholarship fund:**

Adam Roe Painting	B&B Steel Erectors
Grant Green, Ash Grove Cement	Wayne Meuleman, Meuleman Mollerup
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## Safety News

### **Safety Fest 2012 Links- FREE Safety Training**

[www.safetyfest-boise.org](http://www.safetyfest-boise.org)  
[www.safetyfest-northernidaho.org](http://www.safetyfest-northernidaho.org)  
<http://www.safetyfest-southernidaho.org/>  
<http://www.safetyfest-easternidaho.org/>

Idaho Transportation Department Winter Stormwater Newsletter can be found here:

[http://itd.idaho.gov/enviro/storm%20water/Newsletters/documents/Winter\\_11.pdf](http://itd.idaho.gov/enviro/storm%20water/Newsletters/documents/Winter_11.pdf)

## AGC Featured Product

The featured product for January is 25% off **Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**. This can be redeemed in the AGC Store using coupon code **WeeklyFeature**. Visit our website; [www.idahoagc.org](http://www.idahoagc.org) and click the red 'AGC Store' button across the top.



## Idaho DEQ News

### Featured Member

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An illegal cross connection of a public drinking water system in Northern Idaho by a contractor provides an excellent opportunity to address appropriate back flow protection in accordance with the Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems.

**Q: What is a cross connection?**

**A:** A cross connection is any connection between a drinking water supply and any source or system containing non-potable water or other substances. Because of the potential for direct contamination of the drinking water and threat to the public health, inadequately protected cross connections are unlawful in the State of Idaho. *For example, connecting a hose to a fire hydrant of a public drinking water system without a purveyor approved backflow assembly is an illegal connection.*

**Q: How do cross connections pose a threat to safe drinking water supplies?**

**A:** Cross connection contamination may occur through **backsiphonage** or **backpressure**.

All water systems are prone to pressure transients generated by routine pump start up and shut down, line breaks and depressurization. Pressure transients may result in a loss of or negative pressure. Under this condition, **backsiphonage** from cross connections with non-potable substances provides the opportunity for contaminants to be drawn into the potable supply. **Backpressure** occurs when the potable supply is connected to a non-potable source functioning at a higher pressure and may also introduce contamination.

**Q: How as utility contractors can we safely connect to a potable water supply?**

**A:** Before connecting to any public drinking water supply, contact the water system purveyor. Idaho Statute Title 54 Chapter 24 and Idaho Code 58.01.08 assigns the responsibility of ensuring drinking water systems are protected from cross connections to the water system purveyor. To accomplish this, the purveyor will require an adequate air gap, reduced pressure principle or double check assembly at the contractor's connection to the water supply. The Purveyor may also require additional criteria to ensure the potable supply remains protected.

*As a contractor, you should have a representative from the drinking water system witness your connection to the hydrant.*

**Q: Where do I go to get more information on this?**

**A:** Please contact the local water system purveyor or Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office for additional information.

Respectfully,  
Mike Galante, District Manager, North Kootenai Water District  
Suzanne Scheidt, Regional Drinking Water Manager, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

### New AGC Members

WELCOME !

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