



# MAY 5TH, 2023

# RIRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

Please join us for our second annual conference as the Rhode Island Rural Water Association. We will be providing:

- TCHs for Classes and DOH update
- Lunch
- Trade Show
- Networking Opportunities
- Raffles and Prizes
- Awards
- Best Tasting Water Competition
- Golf Tournament 5/4

**Please Choose up to one from each Session:**

	Session 1	Session 2
Classroom A	Work Zone Safety  2 TCH <input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Response Planning  2 TCH <input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom B	Apprenticeship: A Plan to Fill the Labor Gap  2 TCH <input type="checkbox"/>	Emerging Contaminants  2 TCH <input type="checkbox"/>

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**5/5/2023**

**Quonset "O" Club**

**7AM-5PM**

**200 Lt. James Brown Rd, North Kingstown**

**Training Opportunities with TCHs available!**

**Water Industry Vendors in attendance!**

**Best Tasting Water in RI Competition!**

**Networking Opportunity!**

**Associated Golf Tournament on 5/4!**

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# EVENT AND COMPETITION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## \$150 Registration Fee Per Attendee

### Water Rally Best Tasting Water in Rhode Island Competition

This is an annual competition we hold to determine who has the best tasting water in our state. There are two divisions: Disinfected and Non-Disinfected. The winners of each division will face off at the end and a winner will be crowned. If you are submitting a sample to be tasted by the panel of judges, please be sure to have it collected in a clear glass jar or bottle and to bring at least 4 good size containers worth. This part of the event is offered at no extra cost to you and the winner will have the honor of representing Rhode Island at the National Rural Water Association's National Rural Water Rally for the Great American Water Taste Test held in Washington D.C. in 2024. Not to mention the bragging rights!

### Attendee Registration

Name of System: \_\_\_\_\_  
PWS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Tasting Competition?

Yes

No

If Yes, which division is your system?

Disinfected

Non-Disinfected



Thank you to Pare Corporation for your generous sponsorship of the Taste Test judge's table this year!!!!

### How To Register

Please mail this Registration form back to us with a check made out to Rhode Island Rural Water Association to 70 Romano Vineyard Way, Suite 149 North Kingstown RI 02852. Be sure the check is in the amount of \$150 per Attendee. For more information or if you have any questions please do hesitate to call us at 401-500-5545. We look forward to seeing you!

# **5/5/2023 Conference Agenda**

**7:00am-7:15am – Registration / Check-in**

**7:15am-8:00am – Trade Show and Networking Opportunity**

- Coffee and Danish will be available as you walk around and connect with our extensive selection of exhibitors as well as your fellow Water and Wastewater Industry Professionals.

**8:00am – 9:15am – Training Session #1**

**Classroom A: Work Zone Safety**

**Instructor:** Virginia Bragger

**Summary:** Work Zone Safety is everyone's responsibility. Complacency is our worst enemy. This course covers the many important and potentially life-saving topics associated with excavation safety and work zone safety.

**8:30am – 9:45am – Training Session #1**

**Classroom B: Apprenticeship: A Plan to Fill the Labor Gap**

**Instructor:** Bobby Ray

**Summary:** With a projected majority percentage of our industry within 5-10 years of retirement we are facing a massive labor shortage. This session will be a conversation about where we stand now, what could happen if we do not prepare, and RIRWA's efforts to ensure the impact of this labor gap is not felt by systems or the public that they serve.

**10:00am – 11:15am – Training Session #2**

**Classroom A: Introduction to Emergency Response Planning**

**Instructor:** Matt Young

**Summary:** Safe and reliable drinking water is vital to every community. Emergency response planning is an essential part of managing a drinking water system. Most public water systems have had routine operating emergencies such as pipe breaks, pump malfunctions, coliform contamination, and power outages. These are manageable if the water system has an emergency response plan that can be put into action quickly. More serious non-routine emergencies may result from intentional acts of sabotage, chemical spills, floods, hurricanes, windstorms, or droughts. These can drastically affect the

system and the community that depends on it. Emergency response planning is a process by which water system managers, certified operators and staff explore vulnerabilities, make improvements, and establish procedures to follow in an emergency. It is also a process that encourages people to form partnerships and get to know one another. Preparing a response plan and practicing it can save lives, prevent illness, enhance system security, minimize property damage, and lessen liability.

## **10:30am – 11:45am – Training Session #2**

### **Classroom B: Emerging Contaminants**

**Instructor:** Alex Paille

**Summary:** All drinking water, wastewater and/or water professionals/operators, maintenance and management personnel will benefit from taking this training. This training is planned for those who work in the wastewater and/or water industry. The training covers emerging contaminants which are chemicals or materials characterized by a perceived, potential, or real threat to human health or the environment or by a lack of published health standards. The following topics will be covered: Understanding the complexity and impacts of Emerging Contaminants, Being able to identify the sources of Emerging Contaminants, Learn how chemical development initiated Emerging Contaminants, Identifying potential treatment options for your facilities.

## **11:45am – 1:00pm – Trade Show and Networking Opportunity**

- An extended time frame for you to discuss all the latest our exhibitors have to offer the industry!
- Opportunities to enter raffles and give-a-ways sponsored by RIRWA and visiting exhibitors!

## **1:00pm – 3:00pm – Lunch and Water Rally**

- Lunch:
- Our Yearly Best Tasting Water in Rhode Island Competition will be held during lunch for your enjoyment!

## **3:00pm - 4:00pm - DOH Update (for TCHs) and Raffle Drawings**

- An update from RIDOH officials which everyone will receive TCH credit for attending.

## **4:00pm – 5:00pm – Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

**-We encourage all members attending to stay for the board meeting!!! We want your input!!!**