

Calendar of Events

April 23, 2026

Training: Identifying & Ordering Door Hardware

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

The goal of this course is to provide the foundations necessary to correctly identify door hardware and generate the part numbers required for ordering that hardware from the relevant supplier. During the presentation, attendees will be shown which details are essential to ordering hardware that will fit and function properly for their specific application. After covering these basics, students will be guided through select manufacturer catalogs and shown how to utilize those catalogs' how-to-order sections. Building on this, students will then have the opportunity to generate part numbers for multiple example items that they are likely to see in the field.

Presenter:

Tommy Baze, CAI, AFL

Tommy has been a locksmith with Cothron's Security Professionals since February of 2020 and previously worked in education. During his time at Cothron's, he became a certified ALOA instructor and provides training courses for his fellow technicians. When he's not at work, he enjoys reading, gaming, and weekends with no plans.

April 28, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

Meeting locations will vary between in-person & online

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

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May 8, 2026

33rd Annual Chili Slam

Austin Association of Facility & Maintenance Engrs

P O Box 203173

Austin, TX 78720

All Day

May 12, 2026

Committee: Training

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May 13, 2026

Luncheon: Under Pressure: Identifying, Testing & Preventing High-Pressure Failures in Commercial Buildings

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Items to review:

High pressure code

Signs of high pressure

Types of pressure control and reduction devices

Commercial vs residential common issues

Testing

Common repairs

Commercial Repair/ Replacement possibilities

Average lifespan

The Cost of failure

Presented by:

Michael Price

Vice President

Rock Solid Paving & Coatings

Michael Price, a Texas native from Round Rock, began his career in 2007 as a plumbing apprentice and has since earned his master plumbing license. With nearly two decades of experience in residential and commercial service, maintenance, and repair, he is known for his logical, precision-driven approach to problem solving. As Vice President of Rock Solid Paving & Coatings and Rock Solid Plumbing, Michael combines field expertise with strong leadership, embracing new tools and technologies to advance the trade. His journey from apprentice to executive reflects his commitment to quality, growth, and excellence in the construction industry.

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May 14, 2026

Committee: Community Services

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May 21, 2026

Training: Understanding the Niagara Framework in Building Automation Systems

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

This course is designed for building & facilities engineers to understand the basics of Tridium's Niagara Framework as well as an update to the current technologies that are supported. We will cover the following items:

*Niagara Basics
Hardware, Software
System Architectures
Integrated Applications
Cyber Security
Cloud Applications
Future Roadmap
Resources*

The course will allow ample time for Q&A at all technical levels.

Presenter:

Ed Merwin has over 50 years of experience in the building automation industry in field operations, sales, marketing, and management. Ed is the Director of Strategic Business working with Tridium marketing, engineering, and sales teams to support Tridium's long term business strategy in various markets. He also works with end users, owners, consultants, and system integrators daily to help understand the technology needs and solutions required for these valued customers.

June 2, 2026

Committee: EXPO

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

PJ Guarino,
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June 4, 2026

Committee: Membership

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June 9, 2026

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June 10, 2026

Luncheon: Managing Vertical Transportation From A Consulting Point Of View

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Define Elevator/Escalator Maintenance

Overview of Preventive Maintenance Contracts

When and Why You Should Modernize

Consultant Products & Services Overview

Equipment Evaluation Consulting

Maintenance Management

Inspection Services

Modernization Design & Services

Presenter:

Steve Broom is a vertical transportation professional with 27 years of experience in the elevator industry, including 25 years as an elevator contractor. Starting his career in the elevator industry in the late 90's, Steve worked his way up to an executive role with a major international elevator company, gaining deep technical, operational, and leadership expertise. He now brings this experience to VDA Elevator & Escalator Consulting & Inspections, where he has spent the past two years partnering with clients to effectively manage their vertical transportation assets. His work includes equipment assessments, maintenance contract consulting, modernization planning, and helping organizations reduce risk, control costs, and improve system performance.

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June 17, 2026

Committee: Holiday

Westech

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Wendy Richey,

wendy@austinhitech.com

June 18, 2026

Professional Series: Lead for Impact

1836 San Jacinto

9th Floor

Austin, TX 78701

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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How the Best Leaders Lead for Impact, Not Validation

Too often, leaders lead for validation instead of impact. (And most don't even realize it!). Many leaders unknowingly prioritize validation over impact which results in hesitancy, reliance on heroic efforts, and doubts about their team's capabilities. This approach leads to increased workload, decreased productivity, and unrealized potential.

The impact-driven leader, on the other hand, knows how to make meaning out of their sacrifice to regain personal engagement, determine their direction to sharpen focus and renew relationships to grow from every frustration. In this interactive session we'll explore the three pillars of Impact Leadership:

Impact

Discover how mindfulness goes beyond stress relief, evolving into a powerful tool to upgrade your mindset. Learn to be present, engaged, and leverage circumstances to nurture other leaders.

Right Action

Move beyond empathy and embrace the art of serving others. Learn to take appropriate actions that alleviate suffering without resorting to rescuing, fostering a culture of empowerment.

Right Motive

Understand that the motive behind your actions is as crucial as the actions themselves. Honest self-reflection allows you to demand more without compromising respect.

Whether you're a parent, business owner, CEO, team leader, or member of a team if you find yourself dreading the responsibility of work, feeling increasing frustration with your team or family, or growing bitter in your closest relationships, the Lead for Impact framework offers a solution.

Presenter:

Reagan Pugh is a sought-after keynote speaker and workshop leader, engaging thousands each year with insights on storytelling and culture. He has worked with major organizations like Facebook, Pepsi, Whirlpool, and the U.S. Military.

Previously, he served as Chief Storyteller for a global consulting firm, guiding programs at Nike, Western Digital, and Kimberly-Clark. A former Teach for America educator, he launched an award-winning theater program on the Rosebud Reservation.

Reagan has taught at Texas State, Trinity, and Angelo State University and has spoken at over 50 college campuses. A TEDx speaker and frequent podcast guest, he also secretly publishes poetry—ask him about it!

He lives in Nashville, with his wife, Elle, and new baby along with furry labrador.

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June 25, 2026

Training: From Plant to Zone - How Commercial HVAC Systems Really Work

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Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Join us for a comprehensive overview of commercial HVAC systems, designed to give building engineers a clear understanding of how major components work together to support building operations. This session will cover central plants, air handling units, self-contained and rooftop units, VAV and fan-powered boxes, outside air systems, fan coil units, and VRF systems. Attendees will gain insight into system design, functionality, and common failure points across each component, along with key considerations for performance, efficiency, and maintenance. Whether you're new to the field or looking to strengthen your knowledge, this session provides practical, real-world insights you can apply immediately.

Click here for detailed agenda.

PRESENTED BY:

Holden Shamburger
HVACTIME | Chiller Academy
ChillerAcademy.com | HVACTime.shop

With over a decade in the HVAC industry, Holden Shamburger specializes in chillers and VRF systems. Starting in residential and light commercial work, he transitioned to heavy commercial service while in trade school. Passionate about training the next generation, he founded Chiller Academy, an online platform dedicated to HVAC education, and HVACTIME, providing industry insights and resources.

July 9, 2026

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August 11, 2026

Committee: Training

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August 25, 2026

23rd Annual Vendor EXPO Tradeshow

Palmer Event Center

Barton Springs

Austin, TX 78704

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

More details coming soon!

September 8, 2026

Committee: Training

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September 17, 2026

Professional Series: TBD

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- September 24, 2026 **Training: Intro to Structural Drying**
Norris Conference Center
2525 W. Anderson Lane
Austin, TX 78759
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
More details coming soon
- October 8, 2026 **Committee: Membership**
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- October 22, 2026 **Training: VRF Deep Dive**
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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
More details coming soon

October 27, 2026

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October 28, 2026

Professional Series: TBD

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November 4, 2026

Luncheon: Pending Topic

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 7, 2026

Volunteer: Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Austin

07:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

David Fowler,
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AAFAME will be assisting with the parade staging. More details coming soon.

Learn more about the parade [here](#).

November 10, 2026

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Training: Smart Building / Networking 201

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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