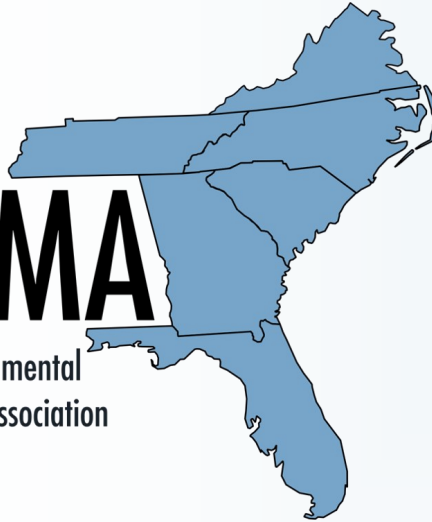


# SGFMA

Southeast Governmental  
Fleet Managers Association



# Fleet Street News

## Message From the President

Greetings everyone and welcome to our 2021 Spring Edition of the SGFMA Newsletter,

The Mission of SGFMA from its beginnings has been to provide training and networking opportunities to our members. One of our specific goals to “promote the professional, social and personal interaction between members of the fleet management profession” illustrates our commitment. Our Association has worked toward this mission and these goals by providing an Annual Conference where we can meet in-person with its Members and Vendors. All of you know, this annual meeting had to be cancelled last year due to the COVID Pandemic.

Having said that, I am just ecstatic to be able to announce to all our Members and Vendors that the SGFMA Annual Conference for this year is an absolute “GO”. The date for the conference is September 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Hotel & Conference Center.

I have just about endured all the staying at the cabin I can handle. The cabin fever is so bad that when our BOD voted unanimously to have an in-person conference this year, I had to proceed immediately to get my purchase orders so I could send in my registration and make my reservation at the hotel. I don’t think I am alone feeling the need to get out and socialize with my fellow colleagues.

From the feedback of our members and vendors thus far, I am looking for this to be one of the best attended conferences ever. Sheila James, our Vice Presi-

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President**

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Wayne Parker,  
SGFMA President

## FOLLOW SGFMA

Keep up with SGFMA by following us on Facebook. You will find up to date information about training sessions, annual meeting information as well as staying connected with other SGFMA members. All the pictures from the 2019 Annual Meeting and Equipment Show can be viewed on Facebook.

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dent, is working very hard to put together very interesting and informative workshops. Karen Hyatt, our Treasure and Chairperson of our Annual Conference Committee, is working with our Vendors as they are eager to sponsor our conference this year. Our new sponsorship levels that we have established seems to be the tool our vendors were needing to help them decide at what level of sponsorship they wish to participate. If you go to the website, you will see that our sponsorships are filling up quickly. Karen is in close contact with the Conference Center as the plans for our conference unfolds. Gene Jordan, our Chairman of the Vendor Relations Committee, is working with our vendors scheduling and registering them for our equipment exhibit on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

What the association needs from you the **Members**, is to first, get your membership updated if you haven't already and secondly, to get your registration sent in for the conference. In addition to registering for the conference you need to make your hotel reservations.

What the association needs from you the **Vendors**, is to first, look over the sponsorship page on the website and get in touch with Karen Hyatt and place your order for your sponsorship as the sponsorships are going fast. Secondly, you need to reach out to Gene Jordan and get your order in to him for the space you will need for the exhibit floor. This too, is going to be on a first come first serve bases.

The Association has reserved a block of rooms at a special discounted price for this conference at the Sher-

aton Myrtle Beach Hotel. These rooms are on a first come first serve bases making it important to get your reservations in early. You will have to secure your reservations with a credit card but the charges won't come out of your credit card account until time for the conference. This will all be explained to you when you register.

You can place your membership reservation and exhibitor reservation on line at [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org) with a credit card. We have conveniently included on the website a link for the hotel reservation as well. I have personally already used these resources and it was quick and easy.

Cordially and yours respectfully,

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# Why Should You Attend The Annual Meeting?

With 2020 in the rear view mirror, 2021 is starting to show signs of normalcy. We are excited to be going back to the beach for the SGFMA Annual Meeting and Equipment Show, September 12 – 15, 2021 at the Myrtle Beach Sheraton and Convention Center.

Why should you attend the Annual Meeting?

*Educational Opportunities:* No matter how experienced you are in the fleet industry; the educational aspect can expose you to new ways for you and your staff to expand your knowledge, find solutions to problems and to be more effective and efficient at work.

*Vendors and Suppliers:* You will have time in the Exhibit Hall and throughout the meeting to connect with some of the best fleet industry suppliers. Discovering innovative products and services for your fleet is necessary to stay up to-date in today's fast-paced world.

*Networking with Peers:* You will be together with a diverse group of people who share a common discipline in the fleet field. Networking can help you uncover ideas and spark inspiration.

Register online now or download a registration form at [www.scgfma.org](http://www.scgfma.org).

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel for the single rate of \$139.00 per night. Last day to book hotel at the special group rate is August 9, 2021. [Click Here for Hotel Reservations](#)



or you can call 1-888-627-8203 or 1-843-918-5000 and mention the group Southeast Governmental Fleet or the SE Fleet Managers group block.

The Annual Meeting & Equipment Show's tentative agenda will be published soon on our website.

## Education



## Vendors



## Networking



## DID YOU KNOW?

Does your agency have a job opening? SGFMA's website can help you with getting the word out! We list governmental fleet employment opportunities on our website under Member/Employment Corner.

For more information or to list your job posting, email [khyatt@sumtercountysc.org](mailto:khyatt@sumtercountysc.org).



### "SGFMA Technical" on Facebook

Join our "SGFMA Technical" Facebook Group. This group is for our members (both technicians and managers) to field any questions they may have. It is a way to pool all of our knowledge together. Perhaps you have run into a unique problem or simply want advice on new equipment or services. This group will be a fantastic way to field these questions and receive feedback from your counterparts.

To find the group, search for [SGFMA Technical on Facebook](#), and request to join the group.

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Region 4	Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, York
Region 5	Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg
Region 6	All counties in the states of Georgia and Florida
Region 7	All counties in the state of North Carolina
Region 8	All counties in the states of Virginia and Tennessee

## Welcome New Members

Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association is rolling out the red carpet to welcome our newest members since the last newsletter. More and more organizations and vendors have come to appreciate the benefits of networking with other fleet professionals through the medium of this excellent organization. Please welcome our newest fleet members. If we miss someone, just let us know, and we will include you in a future newsletter.



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*“Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*  
*Helen Keller*

## SGFMA History

The Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association was established in 1993 and includes the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia.

This organization was founded in recognition of the need for fleet professionals to meet, discuss needs, and share information in order to promote more effective fleet management among governmental agencies.

SGFMA has an annual meeting and equipment show, offers free or minimal cost training throughout the year and provides scholarships to SGFMA members and/or immediate family.

## SGFMA Mission Statement

- *To foster and promote the advancement of the fleet profession through membership, association, and assistance to fellow fleet managers.*
- *To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas, experience, and information related to the fleet management profession.*
- *To develop and promote improved standards and methods for the good management of fleet operations and assets.*
- *To seek the improvement of laws and regulations pertaining to fleet administration.*
- *Provide the exchange of information on procurement, maintenance, operation, and disposition of fleet equipment.*
- *Promote the professional, social, and personal interaction between members of the fleet management profession.*
- *To promote improved intergovernmental profession.*



Applications are now open for the 2021 Leading Fleets award. The award is open to government fleets and recognizes operations that are performing at a high level in fleet innovation and leadership. **Applications are due May 19.**

Government Fleet magazine and the American Public Works Association (APWA) will name 50 Leading Fleets, with the top 20 being ranked. Additionally, winners will be announced for the No. 1 overall fleet, No. 1 small fleet (499 or fewer assets), No. 1 mid-size fleet (500-999 assets), and No. 1 large fleet (1,000 or more assets).

The recipients of these and other awards will be honored at the Government Fleet Expo & Conference during The Honors Celebration either in person or virtually. Winners will be featured in Government Fleet magazine's special awards issue.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#) or visit [www.government-fleet.com](http://www.government-fleet.com).

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