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Southeast Governmental
Fleet Managers Association



Fleet Street News



Sheila James
SGFMA President

Message From the President

Greetings everyone and welcome to our 2022 Spring Edition of the SGFMA Newsletter!

It seems like we are finally finding our “new normal” through this pandemic. In-person meetings are returning and social distancing is slowly becoming a term of the past. But we have found new ways to conduct business “virtually” and I believe those

ways are here to stay.

The Board of Directors and I have been working hard since our Annual Conference on the content of this year’s Annual Conference. We are excited about some of the training opportunities that we hope to be able to offer this year. Please be sure to be on the lookout for our tentative agenda in the next few months.

Annual Membership Dues invoices were sent out in February. Our Association is dependent upon this funding to be able to provide low cost to no cost training to you. Please be sure to renew your membership so we can continue to provide this service to you. Also, if you need to update your membership listing, please contact me to do that. It is important for us to have current information in our records.

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One of the important things that we do at the Annual Conference is hold our Annual Business Meeting. This is when we share the state of the Association and give updates to what we are doing as an Association. We also vote on the Board of Director positions that are available that year. Please consider serving on the Board of Directors. If you would like more information on this, please feel free to reach out to me or Brian Wood, who is the Committee Chair for our Nominating Committee. You can find our contact information on our website.

If you haven't visited our website in a while, please go take a look. There are links there to register for the Annual Conference as well as a link to register for your hotel stay for the conference. We reserved a block of rooms at a special discounted price with the Sheraton Myrtle Beach. These rooms are on a first come, first serve basis, so it's important to get your reservations in early to get the discount rate.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Beach in September!

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In 2018, Director Robert Gordon proposed a Fleet Management Apprenticeship Program to Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson. A partnership be-



tween DeKalb County Fleet Management and Georgia Piedmont Technical College was forged. The program came to fruition and was launched on September 4, 2018.

Currently, there are six apprentices (pictured above) participating in the 2-year program, working 40 hours per week, while remaining enrolled in a full-time automotive program at a 2-year technical college. Upon completion of the program, apprentices can apply for open Technician III positions.



On December 9, 2021, Imaan Lawton-Edwards (pictured left) became the first female in DeKalb County Fleet Management to be assigned to the automotive shop as a technician. Imaan is one of six technicians currently participating in the **Fleet Management Apprenticeship Program**.

Let us know if you have a program or employee that you would like us to feature in "the spotlight" Email the information to jamesd@scdot.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Development Committee

To date we have offered one online course presented through our A/C Delco vendor on proper fuel pump replacement. We are hoping to offer more as they become available. We are also looking at a class on Code 3 programming. If we can pull this together this will be an online class that you can login to view. More to come on this but the goal is April 2022.

As things begin to get better we hope to look into the training classes at physical locations as we did in the past but we will for sure be continuing with online classes as they become available to us.

Anyone interested in being a part of the professional development committee or any ideas on training this upcoming year, please let a board member know.

Website Committee

Upon opening SGFMA.org, you are presented with the latest information available for our organization. The most current newsletter, annual report, and access to our committee contacts are just a click away. The website has been updated to use drop down menus to make it more user friendly to find what you are looking for. The Facebook page is accessible from the website and a new Facebook page "SGFMA Technical" is active to ask any technical problems or questions you may be experiencing with your fleet.

Awards Committee

The best way to perpetuate our profession is to develop leadership for tomorrow. SGFMA proudly embraces this belief by actively supporting a scholarship program directed towards graduating High School Seniors and current College/University Students. The SGFMA scholarship awards are funded by the association each year to assist those are pursuing higher education in a certified degree program in an accredited institution.

Tell us about a new improvement or innovative practice that your fleet is using. Nominate your organization for the SGFMA Award for Quality Fleet Management. Awards will be presented to one city, one county and one state agency.

An award's application or scholarship application may be downloaded online at <https://scgfma.org> or contact Sheila James at jamessd@scdot.org. The deadline for submission is August 15, 2022.

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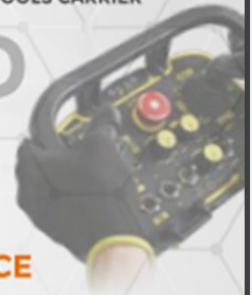


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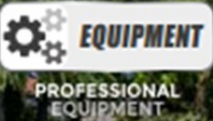
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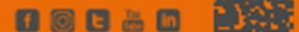
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ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Annual Meeting Committee

Join us back at the beach for the 2022 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show.

September 11–14, 2022

Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel
2101 North Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, SC

Register online now or download a registration form [here](#)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel for the single rate of \$143 per night. Last day to book hotel at the special group rate is August 8, 2022. [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.



Vendor Relations Committee

We really appreciate the support we receive from all of our vendors and realize we could not have our Conference and Exhibit Show without your help. Silver sponsors donated at least \$5,000 and Bronze sponsors donated at least \$3,000. We also have a Gold \$10,000 sponsorship that went unfilled this past year, but we are hoping someone will take that top donor spot this year. We would especially like to recognize the following as they were our Silver and Bronze sponsors for the year.

Silver

Michelin
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Bronze

Amick Equipment Co.
Fleet Talk by Rock Communications

This year we are having a contest for the Vendor company that recruits the most NEW government members to join SGFMA and attend our Exhibit show this year. All of you visit local and state agencies and know many of these people well. What better way to get people to come to our conference and show up at the Exhibit Hall than by word of mouth from someone they know and trust. If each vendor recruited only 1 new member, that would be a tremendous number of NEW members seeing your products. Imagine what our exhibit hall would look like this year if everyone recruited more than that. We are going to give a FREE 10x10 booth or the price equivalent off of a larger area to the Best Recruiter. Make sure when you recruit someone that you tell them to put your company name on the registration as being the one that recruited them so we know who to give credit to.

Happy Recruiting!

Annual Meeting Program Committee

Here's a sneak peak of the workshops for the 2022 Annual Meeting:

- Tire Repair Certification - presented by Michelin (This class will require a small fee and sign up prior to the conference. We will send the information out as soon as we have all the details worked out.)
- Heavy Truck Electrification
- Shop Safety
- A/C Delco training classes
- Updates from The Big Three
- Round Table Discussion
- Plus Many More

Don't forget about the EXPO that always steals the show.

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2022 SGFMA Officers & Board of Directors

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 jamesd@scdot.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 7: | All counties in the states 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.



“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”
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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.*



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