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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that 2018 has started off well. The SGFMA board has been working hard already to prepare a great agenda for the annual conference planned for Sept. 16th- 19th at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in North Charleston. We have everything set up to register on the web page. You can click on the "2018 Annual Meeting" tab just below the SGFMA logo and fill out the attached forms to register. There is also a link to the hotel for registration. We have a block of rooms reserved at \$129 per night so register early.

We reviewed the critique sheets and saw a desire to have more heavy duty training. The program committee has been working diligently to make that happen. We are planning a Round Table discussion

about Emission and Regen Issues with trucks that are used as most municipal associations and state agencies use them. We hope to get answers to some of the questions that you may have. We are planning to have representatives from Cummins and Detroit Diesel present to speak and answer questions.

The Big Three, GM, Ford, and Fiat Chrysler will be present once again to present information on new vehicles and features that they have coming out and to answer questions. We will have a class on DOT/CDL, a class on Spec Writing for Truck Beds, and other topics that we are still working on.

The exhibit hall is always a highlight of the conference. We have great vendors that support us and some have been coming to the conference for many years. We also have new vendors each year and we welcome each one of them. Without the vendors our conference wouldn't be possible, so make sure you visit each

of them at the exhibit hall to show your appreciation.

We are trying hard to reach out to potential new members so if there is a governmental organization that you have contact with and they aren't already a member, reach out to them and let them know the benefits of SGFMA.

We are trying to schedule more training classes in different areas to make it more convenient to attend. We would love to have a class in Western North Carolina so that we can reach that area and Eastern Tennessee. We will be glad to have training classes in any area if we can get the member numbers up so help us out in your area and lets make SGFMA even bigger and better than it already is.

Sincerely,

Gene Jordan

Gene Jordan
City of Rock Hill



Workshop Held for Diesel Engine Applications

Thank you to the City of Greenville Public Works Facility for hosting a SGFMA free training class on February 6, 2018. The topics covered consisted of 2.8L Duramax diesel engine applications, diesel particulate filter operation and diagnosis, a/c replacement and diagnosing/servicing electric in-tank fuel pump modules. Bryan Blackwelder, General Motors Customer Care and Aftersales Market Area Product Specialist, presented the training to 30 SGFMA members.

If your organization would like to host a training class or if you have any specific training topics, contact our Professional Development Committee Chairman, Jimmy Brown at jfbrown96@gmail.com.





2018 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show September 16—19, 2018

Can you believe it is only seven months until our 26th Annual Meeting and Equipment Show? This year we will be back in North Charleston at the North Charleston Convention Center and Embassy Suites Hotel September 16th—19th. The Conference Committee has been working tirelessly to bring you a great Annual Meeting and Equipment Show of some great products and services as well as invaluable training.

At this meeting, numerous fleet professionals will gather to network and expand their knowledge on this ever changing profession. Attending the Annual Meetings is a great way to “network” with fellow Fleet Managers, Technicians and Vendors. You can find an answer to just about any vehicle and equipment issue you may have. There is a wealth of knowledge and Information not to mention the years of Government Fleet Experience in attendance.

Visit our website at <http://sgfma.org/AnnualMeeting/> for a tentative agenda, registration and hotel information. Or contact Karen Hyatt @ 803-436-2242, khyatt@sumtercountysc.org.

2017 Annual Meetings Pictures



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.

*Our members
are the fuel
that power
our
organization!*

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In Memory of Mike Horne

February 12, 1946—February 13, 2018



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mike Horne. Mike was the 3rd President of SGFMA and was retired from the City of Greenville as Fleet and Safety Service Administrator after 28 years of services.

In the early years of our organization, Mike's leadership and guidance paved the road for where we are today. He was a visionary who was innovative and creative. He generously gave us his knowledge, his expertise, and his skills. Albert Einstein said, "The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive." In one word, Mike was a man who gave. His dedication to SGFMA never faded throughout the years.

We will miss you Mike Horne! Rest in peace.

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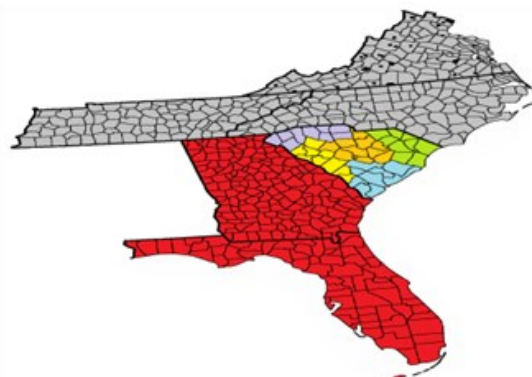
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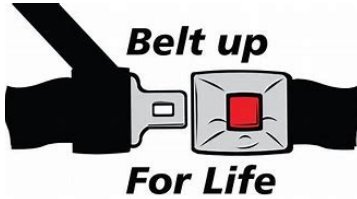
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SAFETY FIRST



Why Safety Belts?

Whether you are driving to work or driving a powered industrial truck at work, safety belt use is important each and every time you get behind the wheel. To understand the value of safety belt use, it's important to understand some of the dynamics of a crash. Every motor vehicle crash is actually comprised of three collisions.

The Car's Collision

The first collision is known as the car's collision, which causes the car to buckle and bend as it hits something and comes to an abrupt stop. This occurs in approximately one-tenth of a second. The crushing of the front end absorbs some of the force of the crash and cushions the rest of the car. As a result, the passenger compartment comes to a more gradual stop than the front of the car.

The Human Collision

The second collision occurs as the car's occupants hit some part of the vehicle. At the moment of impact, unbelted occupants are still traveling at the vehicle's original speed. Just after the vehicle comes to a complete stop, these unbelted occupants will slam into the steering wheel, the windshield, or some other part of the vehicle interior. This is the human collision.

Another form of human collision is the person-to-person impact. Many serious injuries are caused by unbelted occupants colliding with each other. In a crash, occupants tend to move toward the point of impact, not away from it. People in the front seat are often struck by unbelted rear-seat passengers who have become high-speed projectiles.

The Internal Collision

Even after the occupant's body comes to a complete stop, the internal organs are still moving forward. Suddenly, these organs hit other organs or the skeletal system. This third collision is the internal collision and often causes serious or fatal injuries.

So, Why Safety Belts? During a crash, properly fastened safety belts distribute the forces of rapid deceleration over larger and stronger parts of the person's body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. The safety belt stretches slightly to slow your body down and to increase its stopping distance.

The difference between the belted person's stopping distance and the unbelted person's stopping distance is significant. It's often the difference between life and death.

Information Courtesy of the National Safety Belt Coalition

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SGFMA Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement is:

- **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.**

