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FLEET STREET NEWS



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Hello Everyone,
 Spring and the warmer weather are finally here. I hope all is well as we celebrated Memorial Day and remembered our fallen heroes who have

died in our Nations service so we may enjoy our freedom to worship and live as we see fit.

This seems to be a very busy year for everyone, with your SGFMA being no exception. With the events we have had and are working on, it will be a full year of education and learning for those who wish to grow

in the Fleet Management Profession. We are so lucky to be able to be a part of the SGFMA Organization where we have opportunities to network and learn so much at such a minimal cost.

Along with the three workshops we have had, and the opportunity to attend the ODB show again this year in Raleigh, we are staying busy but also learning and meeting some nice

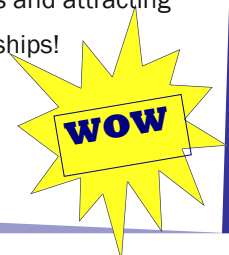
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SGFMA TRAINING STATS

In the past year, SGFMA has offered 11 training sessions at 5 different locations across North and South Carolina. The sessions covered 7 different topics and were sponsored by 6 different entities. This provided 347 Member

and 70 vendor attendees access to 52.5 hours of training at no cost. The attendees represented 49 separate member governmental entities and 24 vendor companies from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Great Job Jimmy Brown and thanks to all who helped these important trainings a reality by providing access to training facilities, recruiting speakers and attracting sponsorships!



*Spotlight
On
Fleet*

**NORTH CHARLESTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The North Charleston Fire Department vehicles make up 9.3 percent of the city's fleet of 763 pieces of automobiles, light trucks and heavy trucks. The department is made up of 226 employees and responds to an average of about 28 calls per day.

In order to meet this demand, the vehicles are maintained at a very high state of readiness and is staffed and equipped with the most highly qualified personnel and state of the art accessories available.

SGFMA would like to recognize this group of dedicated employees for their commitment to excellence and for being one of the most valuable assets of the City of North Charleston.



The City of North Charleston Fire Department

We know you are doing great things! Nominate your fleet or fleet personnel to be featured in the "Spotlight on Fleet". Send a short write up and picture to gveasey@clemsun.edu.

Attend the Best Governmental Fleet Event in the Southeast—Sep. 15-18, 2013

Come join us at the SGFMA Annual Meeting and Equipment Show, in North Charleston, SC, September 15–18, 2013. This is the best governmental fleet education event in the southeast for all fleet personnel, and fleet vendors. You will have the opportunity to network with others in the fleet industry and learn from some of the best.

When budgeting for training and you and your staff are limited to attend one conference this year, make sure it's SGFMA. Make the most of

your training investments. Gain practical insights, learn about the latest trends, and hear success stories from your peers, and other industry mentors and leaders. The theme for this year is "Perfecting Your Purchasing & Fleet Management Skills in Today's World". There will be workshops for everybody from the front-line mechanic to the Fleet Manager that will benefit you and your organization.

Visit our website, <http://sgfma.org/AnnualMeeting/> for a tentative agenda, registration and ho-

tel information or contact Karen Hyatt @ 803-436-2242, khyatt@sumtercountysc.org or Marty Burr @ 803-329-5551, Marty.Burr@cityofrockhill.com.



Mark Your Calendar

July 4, 2013 Independence Day *Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!!!*

August 21–22, 2013 Stop by and visit the SGFMA booth at:
Police Fleet Expo—Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, NC

September 2, 2013 Labor Day

September 15–18, 2013 *SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show*
North Charleston Convention Center & Embassy Suites

Safety First... Fatigued Driving and its Links to Sleep Apnea

Whether it's a public safety vehicle, commercial truck or a piece of heavy machinery; the danger of a unit being in operation with a fatigued operator presents serious concern for fleet managers. Over the past few years the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has begun to look at another causative area for accidents, after new Hours of Service (HOS) and Electronic Log Book (ELB) regulations failed to make significant changes in the numbers on incidents resulting from fatigued driving. The FMCSA now focuses on the driver's overall wellness and specifically areas of a driver's health that might not come to light in routine DOT health screenings. One of the specific items they have looked into is sleep apnea's roll in fatigued driving.

Sleep apnea is a major contributor to daytime drowsiness—a condition that could prove deadly for commercial truck drivers and everyone sharing the road with them. It is a condition where, during sleep, a narrowing or closure of the up-

per airway causes repeated sleep disturbances leading to poor sleep quality and excessive daytime sleepiness. Since excessive sleepiness can impact a driver's ability to safely operate the commercial vehicle, it is important that drivers with sleep apnea are aware of the warning signs.

The FMCSA estimates that almost one-third of commercial drivers suffer from sleep apnea. Sleep apnea is a potentially life-threatening sleep disorder that can be treated. Do you have any of these symptoms?

- Loud snoring
- Gasping or choking while sleeping
- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Disturbed sleep
- Frequent nighttime urination
- Morning headaches and nausea
- Loss of sex drive/impotence
- Irritability and/or feelings of depression
- Concentration and memory problems

If so, you should consult

your doctor or medical professional. For your family's sake—and your own—don't wait to get on the road to better health!

For more information, go to:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sleep-apnea

www.DrowsyDriving.Org

Information courtesy of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



Training Updates

Below: On April 11, 2013 a training class on "Direct Injection Drivability" was held at the SC Department of Corrections in Columbia, SC. Fifty SGFMA members attended this class.



Below: On April 18, 2013 a training class on "Federal Regulations on Heavy Duty Brakes" was held at the Michael Waltrip Race Shop in Cornelius, NC. Eighteen SGFMA members attended this class.



*Thank you to NAPA
For sponsoring the above trainings!*



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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 states of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee

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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.

Air Components & Systems, LTD

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Mohawk Southeast, Inc.

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Tracy Hopper
Crystal Myers

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

Nominating Committee Update

The Committee is currently seeking nominations for the upcoming elections. Elections will be held during the business meeting at our annual meeting and equipment show in September.

Below is a listing of the positions we are seeking to fill:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Region 2

Region 4

Region 6

Director at Large 1

Director at Large 3

Director at Large 5



If you would like to make a nomination or volunteer to serve in any of these capacities, please contact Judy Lucas, SGFMA Nominating Committee Chairperson, @ (803) 896-8851 or @ jlucas@forestry.state.sc.us. Per the SGFMA Constitution, the listing of nominees will be provided to the membership at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

DON'T FORGET

Register Now for the 21st Annual
Meeting & Equipment Show

September 15—18, 2013

North Charleston Convention Center
& Embassy Suites Hotel

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PRESIDENT

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folks. Just to let you know, we are not slowing down; Jimmy Brown and his committee continue to work on future events; and we will be working a booth at the Police Fleet Expo Show in Charlotte this August, where we met and gained some membership from, last year.

As in each newsletter, I want to Thank Everyone of you who have been a part of this great association and ask again that you invite others to view our website www.sgfma.org and to join with us. Your membership and involvement is helping us all in continuing to grow and to be the best we can be. Please join also in welcoming our newest members and exhibitors and thank them for joining.

Please do not forget to register for this year’s SGFMA (21st) Annual Meeting/Conference and Expo. All the Committees are making sure

we all will have a great time. Remember; you can register now and pay any time before the conference. Also; please continue to register for the workshops as they come available to further learn and support each other.

Lastly, I want to Thank You All for allowing me to serve as your president the past two years; it has been a great opportunity that I will not forget. You have a great group of people that you have put on the board that have been dedicated and continued to work hard in support of this association; we are so lucky to have them here. I know, with your continued support, they will do some great work in helping the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association to work and grow in the best interest of all its members.

Thanks,
Take care, and Stay safe
Rick Smith rsmith1@cmpd.org

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- 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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