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Greetings to all SGFMA members.

It is hard to believe we are only six months away from our conference. I know we all have had a very busy winter and spring is here. Before you know it we will all be together again at our 23rd annual conference in Myrtle Beach. We have already begun to start putting together a schedule of events that you will not want to miss. Garland Veasey our Vice President/Program Chair and his committee is hard at work getting speakers and training arranged to best fit your training needs. Also Marty Burr and the Vendor relations committee are working hard to put together the vendor show that everyone always seems to enjoy. Also behind the scenes are all your committees, board members, and volunteers that always do a great job with their support to make our conference better each year.

I would like to welcome all our new members and vendors to this elite organization. I am sure you will be pleased with what SGFMA has to offer with training, networking, and good fellowship with each other. All these things add up to making all our jobs easier and saving our government organizations money. Please continue to remember our membership drive to earn some extra cash. See our website at [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org) for details and other information about SGFMA.

Also it's not too early to register for our upcoming conference October 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Conference registration and hotel rates are very reasonable considering the amount of training and networking you get with our time together.

I want to give a special thank you to all our vendors for their dedication to this organization. I know many of them have been supportive to us for many years. They contribute much of the funds that allow us to promote and grow as we have in the last 23 years.

Thank you for being part of SGFMA.

Sincerely,  
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<http://sgfma.org/>

We're only a click away!

# 2015 Annual Meeting & Equipment Show

## Member and Non-member guests

**The Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Annual Meeting & Equipment Show will be held on October 11-14, 2015**

**At The Myrtle Beach Sheraton Convention Center.**

**Go to the web site and complete the registration form.**

**[www.SGFMA.com](http://www.SGFMA.com)**

**We have a block of rooms reserved at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center with a special group rate.**

**Go to our website [www.SGFMA.org](http://www.SGFMA.org) Use the special link and register online or call (843) 918-5000 use special promo code SGFMA**

**Hurry before registration is full**

## Exhibitors and Venders

**Sponsorships are still available!**

**Reserve your spot now!**

**Spaces and floor areas are filling up quickly**

**Vendor set-up will be on Monday, October 12**

**Exhibit Hall will open on Tuesday, October 13.**

**Contact : Marty Burr, Vendor Chair**

**(803) 329-5551 or [mburr@cityofrockhill.com](mailto:mburr@cityofrockhill.com)**

**\*\*Don't forget to register for the SGFMA Golf Tournament\*\***

**Check out the web site  
Register at  
[www.SGFMA.org](http://www.SGFMA.org)**



## Charleston County's Fleet Operation Adds National Accreditation



*County Council recognizes Fleet Operations at Feb. 3 meeting.*

*Charleston County is one of 22 nationwide agencies to secure the certification*

Charleston County's Fleet Operation is now recognized as a Certified Fleet Management Operation (CFMO). Staff received the designation after completing the accreditation process conducted by the Government Fleet Management Alliance (GFMA).

**For more information on [GFMA](http://www.gfmalliance.com/), visit <http://www.gfmalliance.com/>**

"We set the bar very high here at Charleston County and I'm proud to see our staff achieve this success," said Fleet Operations Director Robert Gannon. "This certification serves as proof that Fleet Operations is cost effective, well-managed, and employs high caliber people. Charleston County Administrator Kurt Taylor called on all county departments to strive for excellence on a national level and our staff stepped up to answer that call."

"I am proud that another one of our departments has received national recognition," said Charleston County Administrator Kurt Taylor. "Our citizens deserve no less than to be served with excellence, and that is what we all strive to achieve."

The CFMO certification process covers 120 specific criteria points and participating departments must meet 15 performance standards. Charleston County Fleet Operations completed the accreditation review in 14 months and the certification lasts for two years.

Fleet Operations:

- Provide vehicles and equipment for county departments
- Repair and maintain Charleston County's vehicles, including 24-hour service for Emergency First Responders
- Research, develop and assist agencies with specifications for vehicles and heavy equipment purchases made by Charleston County

Maintain automated and manual fueling sites throughout the county

If you would like to see your Fleet Shop "In The Spotlight", tell us your story!  
Please e-mail me at [mkostos@Charlestoncounty.org](mailto:mkostos@Charlestoncounty.org)

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



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.

## 2015 SGFMA Membership Committee

SGFMA Membership Committee Chairperson, Judy Lucas, is currently seeking committee members for 2015. Such committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three (3) Association members, including the Chairperson.

The Membership Committee is directly responsible for organizing an effective recruiting program and preparing materials for distribution to potential members to help familiarize them with the Association. For 2015, the groundwork has already been laid for us with the current membership drive contest underway.

Please refer to the SGFMA Constitution for the full description of committee responsibilities. The Constitution can be found at [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org). Information regarding the membership drive is also available on the website.

It is my goal to seek committee members who represent the full make up of our Association. Given this, I would like to have representation from each of the 7 regions. The 7 regions and their respective areas are as follows:

- Region 1: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Sumter
- Region 2: Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg
- Region 3: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda
- Region 4: Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union and York
- Region 5: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and 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

If you are interesting in serving on the committee, please contact Judy Lucas @ [jlucas@scfc.gov](mailto:jlucas@scfc.gov) or (803) 896-8851. In addition, committee meetings will be conducted electronically or by conference call when feasible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome and recognize our newest SGFMA members,

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Christopher Facente

NC DOT

Douglass B. Leonard

AAA Car Care Centers

Matt Ruff

City of Loris

Billy Wright

Jerry Hardee

Robert Turner

City of Monroe

Ricky Austin

Doug Guffey

Barker Products

Roy Minor

Bob Wyman

Jeff Barker

Town of Southern Pines

William Stanley

Wendell Jones

Paul Miracle

*Written & Submitted By: Judy Lucas, SGFMA Membership Committee Chairperson*

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS SGFMA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn a little extra cash for promoting the Association and the benefits of membership to potential members.

- The 2014-2015 Membership Drive begins on September 17, 2014 thru October 1, 2015.
- Only current members in good standing of SGFMA may participate.
- Current members will receive (1) point for each new member recruited (either individual or venter member)
- To receive credit for a new member, the new member must fill out the “Referred By” section on the membership application.
- If the new member attends the 2015 conference (5) additional points will be awarded
- The member with the most recruiting points accumulated will be awarded the prize of \$500 at our 2015 Annual Conference.
- In case of a tie, the prize will be equally divided among the winners. We strongly encourage all members to participate in this effort. A monetary prize is an excellent incentive. Please visit our website at [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org) to learn more about our Association. Potential members can apply on-line or submit an application in writing! Prompting new members to join SGFMA will help us remain a strong organization by continually increasing our membership numbers. “Strength in Numbers” will assure the widest opportunities to share the Association’s mission and core objectives. **DISCLAIMER:** SGFMA is not responsible for the failure to receive proper recognition of a member’s recruiting efforts. All submissions must be legibly written or typed and submitted as provided in these contest rules. Interpretation of these rules and their applications are the sole discretion of SGFMA.

## SGFMA Membership Drive

CLICK HERE



WIN \$500!





The best way to help raise the level of our profession is by sharing our success stories. Tell us about a new improvement or innovative practice that your fleet is using. We encourage you to nominate your organization for an award to be presented at the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Annual Meeting. The *Jan Smoak Memorial Award for Quality Fleet Management* will recognize Individual Innovative Practices in Fleet Repair and/or Maintenance in three different categories – city, county and state government. Award application may be downloaded online at <http://sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=awards.html>.



## SGFMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 *Darrell E. Floyd 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. Scholarship application may be downloaded online at <http://sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=awards.html>.12qw



## Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association 2015 Officers

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### DIRECTORS AT LARGE

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### REGIONS INCLUDE:

Region 1: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Sumter

Region 2: Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg

Region 3: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda

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

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# Training Opportunity Ideas

There are many training opportunities available for us as a Government Fleet Operation. We are rewarded with the fact that we have a captive audience made up of a large number of manufactured vehicles that fit a certain demographic. Yes, Public Works Services as a whole. Whether it is Public Safety, Construction, Maintenance, or Administrative Services, in the long run we all serve the same Customer. That's right, the Tax Payer. We have the responsibility to see that we keep our selves and our personnel up-to-date and trained on the latest Vehicle Technology and Maintenances services along with continuing education in professional development.

I know what you are all saying, training is expensive and I don't have the budget for it, or we don't have the time to be away from work. Well, I can't help you with your budget shortfalls or your work flow scheduling but, I can give you some ideas to try and help you out. There are three main ideas we can use for free training.

First idea, use the resources immediately available to you. Draw from in-house knowledge and skills. Cross train with other employees that have different knowledge and skills, task them as teacher. Have them hold a training classes on the special areas they are knowledgeable in. They will enjoy the comradely and the chance to do something different for a change. To pass on your knowledge and skills to another gives you sense of pride. This costs nothing but is limited to skills and knowledge presently accumulated,

Second, there is something we do every day whether we realize we are doing it or not, we network! The Theme of The [SGFMA](#). If you don't know the answer to the question call someone, get on line, e-mail a friend. Ask others in Government Fleets what they are doing for training classes. The [SGFMA](#) annual Meeting and Equipment Show is a perfect Showcase to Network with other Government Fleet organizations. You can obtain a wealth of information and get to know your fellow counter parts in other organizations. You can get phone numbers and e-mail addresses from other attendee's and share your knowledge with each other anytime... not just when you need it. We all have the same problems and issues. We all can help each other find the answers together. [SGFMA](#) has organized training classes to include multiple agencies through networking from all over the area thanks to Mr. Jimmy Brown, SGFMA Professional Development Committee Chair. The classes are free to SGFMA Members. Check out the web site at [www.SGFMA.org](http://www.SGFMA.org) for upcoming and past training classes... Remember Network,,,, Network,,,,, Network! It's FREE!

Thirdly, we can ask our venders for help. Most venders are willing to give free training on New products and services. Take all you can get even if your are just looking. You can also get free training when purchasing new tools and equipment. Make sure that you tell the vender to include training with the purchase. Vehicle manufactures will often offer free detailed training on New Vehicle Operations and technology take advantage of it. We have networked with other Government Fleet Organizations to get detailed free in house hands-on-training with vehicle and equipment manufactures. Vendors are more willing to offer free training when the demand is high and includes multiple organizations. Get together with other Counties, cities, towns, and various Government orignations in your areas and organize classes to include attendees from multiple entities, venders will jump at the chance to come and train your employees for free.. I have accomplished this many times over the years. You can also take advantage of the [SGFMA](#) Equipment Show every year. There are hundreds of Vendor's at the show every year and the number is growing each year as the SGFMA Organization grows. Most of the Vendors are willing to help us out and many of them offer free training. Many parts vendors have ties to product manufactures that offer free training through your local parts provider. Just ask your parts provider for help.

Continuing education is a must for our industries Technology is moving faster than ever before in the Automotive, Medium/Heavy truck and Equipment Industries. We had mechanics, now we have technicians. computer programmers and electronics specialists.

Professional Development should be a key priority in the machine that runs your fleet operations. Not only in technology and maintenance but, in Customer Service, Diversity Awareness, Strategies for Successful Fleet Management, Safety and Risk Management, Civility, Ethics and values so as to improve personal and Professional Effectiveness.



# 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.*

All our board members are actively working to achieve each of these goals to promote our profession as a top quality Fleet Manager Association. We are also working hard to keep our association dues, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education and training needs.

*Doug Ingle*  
President, SGFMA

## 2015 Committee Chairs

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