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FLEET STREET NEWS



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Greetings Everyone,

Hope all had a happy fourth as we celebrated the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our nation along with honoring our past and present service men and women that have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

We have a lot going on right now as final plans and schedules are in place for our SGFMA 20th Annual meeting and Equipment show in September. Thanks to all those who have already registered. For those have not yet, please register online at www.sgfma.org. Don't forget to register with the Myrtle Beach Sheraton Convention Center Hotel and give the promo code SGFMA to get our special rate (\$97.00 per night).

Thanks go to the board

members and committees for their work on the SGFMA Annual Meeting and Show and guidance in keeping this Organization growing.

Organization growing.

Thanks in advance also go to all the Presenters and Educators that will be leading our classes at the meeting. Thanks to all the Exhibitors for your support in the meetings and Expo. And lastly, thanks to all members for your support and attendance in the workshops and meetings. Please continue to invite colleagues and others in the Fleet profession to visit and/or join us as we grow and learn together.

Also we want to remind you that we will have a booth at this year's Police Fleet Expo in Charlotte, NC. next month. Please come by and visit with us. Below is some information on their meeting.

The Police Fleet Expo will be held in Charlotte, NC from August 13 to 16, 2012. There will be over

15 hours of timely and valuable educational sessions, plus an exhibit hall that's open for 8.5 hours, offering the most up-to-date equipment, technology and services providing you the tools for doing your very best at your job.

SGFMA will have a booth at this show, and the Expo is free to all Government Employees with valid ID. For more information visit www.PoliceFleetExpo.com.

Thanks & Take Care,

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No Fueling Around!
SGFMA Annual Meeting

Register Now Online

www.sgfma.org



The theme for this year's Annual Meeting and Equipment Show is "No Fueling Around, What Alternative Fuel Works For You and Is Funding Available". There will be workshops to learn more about CNG, LNG, E85, B20, electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles. Other workshops include spec writing, hydraulic generator information, stress management and of course the vehicle manufacture presentations by Dodge, General Motors and Ford. There are workshops for everybody from the front-line mechanic to the Fleet Manager that will benefit you and your organization. We will also have several motivational speakers including Merikay Tillman and Rose Rock.

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year, we will be recognizing our Past Presidents at the Sunday Night Vendor Reception and Anniversary Party. On Monday, the vendors will display equipment, products and literature for viewing and discussion by conference attendees. At the Business Luncheon on Tuesday, we will be recognizing award winners and awarding scholarships. (See below for more info on awards and scholarships.)

To view the tentative schedule or to register online, visit <http://sgfma.org/AnnualMeeting/index.html>.

Come join us September 23–26, 2012, as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary!!

Get The Recognition Your Fleet Department Deserves



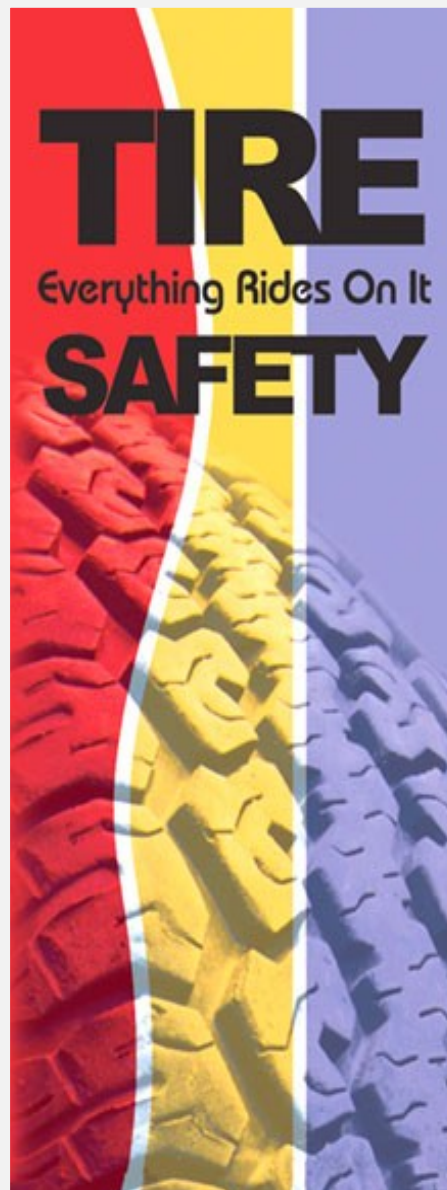
The best way to help raise the level of our profession is by sharing our success stories. Tell us about a new improvement or innovative practice that your fleet is using. I encourage you to nominate your organization for an award to be presented at the *South East Governmental Fleet Managers Conference*. Available awards are the Jan Smoak Memorial Award for Quality Fleet Management and the Presidents Award for Individual Innovative Practices in Fleet Repair and/or Maintenance. Both award applications may be downloaded online at <http://www.sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=awards.html>. (The deadline for submission is August 15, 2012.)



A New Generation of Fleet Managers

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. An application for the scholarship award may be downloaded online at <http://www.sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=scholarship.html>. (The deadline for submission is August 15, 2012.)

Safety First... Roll With the Heat



Picture courtesy of NHTSA

The recent wave of extreme heat in our part of the country should remind us as fleet managers that there are many ways that weather extremes affect the performance, functionality and safety of vehicles and equipment. One of the most important of these is the effect of excessive heat and temperature fluctuation on tires.

Tires are one of the most important and costly items we depend on to keep our fleets functional. A tire failure causes not only downtime, but additional repair expense and the possibility of safety situation. Depending on the tire's position and type of failure, you could incur damage in addition to the tire itself to components such as the vehicle body, air/brake lines, wiring, lights and installed equipment. Additionally, if the tire is in the steering position, the possibility of an accident and a life safety issue come into play.

The most common cause of tire failure is under inflation. Many times this is due to a slow leak caused from an unnoticed puncture by some type of foreign object. It can also, however, be caused by under inflation simply due to extreme fluctuation in ambient air temperatures. On June 27, 2012, we recorded a temperature of 58 degrees at 6am. By June 29, 2012, at 4pm we recorded a temperature of 105 degrees. This type of temperature swing in a short time period can cause changes in tire pressure. While this is addressed in many of our newer fleet vehicles which employ on-board tire pressure monitoring systems, there are still many units in service that do not have these systems.

In order to manage fleet costs and safety by limiting tire failures consider the following:

- Always gauge check tire pressure during PM services and pre-trip inspections, the "bump" test is inaccurate at best
- Cover the importance of regular tire monitoring with technicians and mechanics at regular safety meetings, TPM's do fail
- Replace worn tires at the appropriate tread depth and condition, getting that "one more" trip may cost you money not save it

So, please use these few days of extreme heat to serve as a reminder of how important proper tire management is to the performance and safety of our fleets.

Board Nominations for 2013

The nominating committee is currently accepting nominees for elections at the upcoming conference. The positions up for election at this time are as follows:

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Region 1 Director: (Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Sumter)

Region 3 Director: (Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda)

Director at Large 4

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions or would like to make a nomination, please contact Judy Lucas, SGFMA Nominating Committee Chairperson, at jlucas@forestry.state.sc.us or (803) 896-8851.

As of July 9, 2012, the following nominations have been received:

Vice President: Doug Ingle, City of Hickory, NC

Secretary: Judy Lucas, SC Forestry Commission

Treasurer: Karen Hyatt, Sumter County, SC

Director at Large 4: Johnny Reed, SC DHEC & Sheila James, SC DOT



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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

Region 7: All counties in the states of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee



SGFMA Training Class

“Understand Fuel Management, Emissions, & Oil Analysis”



Thank you to Jimmy Brown for coordinating this training class and the City of Rock Hill for hosting. If you have any ideas for a training class or workshop, contact Jimmy at (cell 864-377-2284) or email jbrown@greenwoodsc.gov

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Welcome New Members

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SGFMA GOALS:

- 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.