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FLEET STREET NEWS



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Happy Summer of 2013 where stock in raingear and trees have gone through the roof. I hope this note finds you all well, cool, and dry; okay, at least well. One

of the things we all can look forward to is the 21st Annual Meeting in North Charleston; in less than six weeks

we will have the opportunity to gather with our friends and associates in broadening our knowledge, seeing the latest and greatest, and having a good time. I am sure fellow board mem-

ber Jerry Glass of North Charleston will work to bring us some good (dry) weather for the conference.

Our Conference and Membership continues to grow each year with this year being no exception. The major vehicle manufacturers and top vendors will be there to share and demonstrate their newest products and also address any concerns we have in the

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DON'T FORGET

Register for the 21st Annual Meeting & Equipment Show

September 15—18, 2013

North Charleston Convention Center & Embassy Suites Hotel

Tentative Schedule located on Page 8 & 9

Nominees for the 2014 SGFMA Board of Directors

Elections will be held at our upcoming annual meeting. The positions up for election and nominees are as follows:

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| President: | Doug Ingle, Fleet Manager, City of Hickory |
| Vice President: | Garland Veasey, Clemson University |
| Secretary: | Judy Lucas, Senior Consultant, SC Forestry Commission |
| Treasurer: | Karen Hyatt, Sumter County |
| Region 2: | Mark Kostos, Shop Supervisor, Charleston County |
| Region 4: | Michael Clardy, Fleet Manager, Spartanburg Water Charles Garren, Director of Public Works, City of West Columbia |
| Region 6: | Jerry Glass, Fleet Manager, City of North Charleston |
| Director at Large: | Jimmy Brown, Fleet Garage Supervisor, Greenwood County M.L. Garrett, Charleston County Blanche "Cookie" Harrison, Vehicle Services Superintendent, City of Lenoir Jimmy Hunsinger, Maintenance Manager, ReWa Charlie McNair, Fleet Director, Robeson County Rick Smith, Fleet Manager, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department |

Only (1) party will be elected for each of these positions except the Director at Large where (3) will be elected.

Bio excerpts for each nominee are included below for your reference:

Doug Ingle

- NC native and Graduate of Nashville Auto Diesel College
- Previously employed with Carolina Freight Carriers in Cherryville, NC for 23 years. Started as a mechanic, worked into a supervisory position then served as Parts Manager. Also, served as Chairman of Quality Improvement Team, Safety Committee and Product Reliability Committee. In 1991, he was one of four individuals in the United States to receive The Excellence in Supervision Award from The Maintenance Council of The American Trucking Association.
- In March 2003, he began his career as Fleet Manager for The City of Hickory where he manages 11 employees, a CNG fill station, a fleet wash system, and a fleet of 700 vehicles and equipment. Received several merit awards from The City of Hickory for implementing various methods of saving money. While working for The City of Hickory, he has served on the Equipment Services Board of The North Carolina American Public Works Association as Director and served as President in 2006.
- Member of SGFMA since 2007 and currently serving on the Board of Directors as Vice President. In 2009, recipient of the Presidents Award.
- Member of Elizabeth Baptist Church for 38 years serving as Deacon and former Chairman of Transportation Committee, Chief Usher, and Chief Teller.

Garland Veasey

- Director, Research Farm Services - Clemson University
- BS and MS degrees from Clemson and have been with Clemson's farms division for 19 years
- Served as the Facility Supervisor for our SC State Certified Maintenance Facility for 15 years.

BIO—VEASEY

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- Our facility received the “Outstanding State Maintenance Facility Award” in 2000
- Our fleet of rolling stock totals over 250 units
- Member of SGFMA for 15 years and have served two terms on the Board of Directors
Region 4 Director and Membership Committee Chair 2003-2005
Director at Large and Information and Publicity Committee Chair 2011 – Present

Judy Lucas

- SC native and Graduate of Columbia College with a degree in Accounting
- Employed with the State of South Carolina for over 25 years. Previously employed with the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, SC Department of Transportation, and the SC Department of Public Safety. Currently employed as a Senior Consultant with the SC Forestry Commission.
- She is knowledgeable with the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria and led her agency through a self-assessment; the SC Forestry Commission was the first state-agency to undergo such a process.
- Assisted in the development of the SC Forestry Commission's Strategic Plan and Annual Accountability Reports. Prepares Strategic Plan Progress Reports and presents them at the Commission Meetings.
- In 2009, she received the Certified Public Manager Credential.
- Previously served on the Executive Committee for the SC State Government Improvement Network and the Board of Directors for the SC State Internal Auditors Association.
- Member of the SC Public Records Association and currently serving on the Board of Directors as Membership Chairperson. In 2010, recipient of the Lindy Smith Distinguished Service Award. Such award is presented to a member in recognition for the performance of distinguished service that contributed directly to the success and well-being of the Association. Judy has also been a previous recipient of the Member of the Year Award.
- Member of SGFMA and currently serving on the Board of Directors as Secretary and elected to this position in 2010.
- Member of Trinity Baptist Church in Cayce, SC for 19 years where she serves in both the preschool and children's departments.

Karen Hyatt

- Assistant Public Works Director – Sumter County. Oversees the fleet maintenance division, sanitation division, landfill and county roads.
- Employed with Sumter County 28 years
- BA in Human Resource Administration and BS in Computer Science.
- Member of SGFMA for 21 years. Currently serving on the Board as Treasurer and has served in previous board positions throughout the years including President, Vice President, and Region Director.
- Member of American Public Works Association (SC Chapter), Carolina Recycling Association, and Keep America Beautiful. Graduate of Leadership Sumter.

Mark Kostos

- Resident of SC since 1985. Graduate of Lincoln Technical Institute, Illinois where he earned his degree in Automotive and Diesel Technology.
- Some of his previous employers include: Precision Tune, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, and Toyota Motor Company.
- He has 35 years of experience in the vehicle service industry and is currently employed as Shop Supervisor for Charleston County Fleet Operations. He supervises 20 Automotive, Heavy Truck and Equipment Technicians. The fleet is comprised of 1,150 light and heavy duty vehicles. He has been employed with Charles-

BIO-KOSTOS

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ton County for 20 years where his outstanding performance has been recognized as he has been named both the employee of the quarter and employee of the year and received several promotions.

- Certified as a ASE Master Certified Automotive Technician and ASE Certified Medium/Heavy Truck Technician. Certified with The Ford Motor Company and AC Delco. Mark is currently preparing for his C.A.F.M.

Michael Clardy

- Native of Spartanburg, SC and Graduate of Spartanburg Community College
- Employed with Spartanburg Water for 30 years serving in key roles in the operation and improvement of the procurement, inventory management and fleet operations. Clardy was credited early in his career for the successful reorganization and automation of the on hand inventory stores and warehouse operations. He has since received a number of promotions. He was also instrumental in reorganizing the Fleet Services area and assuming managerial responsibility for the area. Noteworthy achievements in Fleet Services include: implementation of automated preventive maintenance forecasting, installation of a fuel management system, and establishment of key performance indicators. Clardy has also implemented best practices management tactics to serve as a guide for continuous improvement and competitiveness of the shop. Recently worked on installing a bar code system for streamlining inventory management in both Fleet Services and the Inventory Control warehouse, and is currently overseeing the installation of new fleet management software.
- Obtained the designation of Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) from the Institute for Supply Management.
- Clardy is a high energy, results oriented problem solver, with a flair for creative thinking. Known for his leadership influence and ability to enlist the cooperation of others.
- Recognized as a mentor within the community as he and his wife serve as "surrogate parents" to over 60 students of Wofford College as they provide guidance and support regarding the challenges of academic life on campus.

Charles Garren

- Employed with the City of West Columbia where he has served as the Director of Public Works for over 6 years. Garren's duties include managing the city's fleet of over 200 vehicles and specialized equipment which are both medium and large in size.
- Garren has served with the Vehicle Committee of the SC Procurement Office for the past 4 years. Such Committee advises the procurement office in the preparation of bid requests for State Contract Vehicles.
- Member of SGFMA for approximately 4 years and currently serving on the Board of Directors for Region 4. In 2013, became Chair of the Awards Committee. It has been an honor for him to serve on the SGFMA Board and he looks forward to continued service with the SGFMA.

Jerry Glass

- Native of LA moved to SC in 1961 and began his career at the Charleston Naval Shipyard as an apprentice electrician.
- In 1969, he graduated from a four-year formal apprentice program and was promoted to journeyman electrician. In 1972, he was promoted to electrical inspector in the Crane Maintenance Program. In 1975, he was promoted to Mechanical Engineering Technician and relocated to Washington, DC where he worked with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Transportation Management Branch. He later returned to the Shipyard as a Structural Engineering Technician. In 1987, he was promoted to Electrician Supervisor responsible for all weight handling equipment maintenance, overhaul and repair. With the closure of the Shipyard, he accepted a position as an Electrical Engineering Technician at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, SC. His position title was later changed to Equipment Specialist and he was assigned responsibility for the Weight Handling Equipment Maintenance Management Program. In 2003, he was promoted to General Services Manager and assigned to serve as the Transportation Division Head. He retired from Civil Service with a combined length of service exceeding forty years.

BIO-GLASS

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- In 2005, he accepted an offer and opportunity to serve as the Fleet Manager for the City of North Charleston, SC.
- Glass currently resides in Goose Creek, SC where he has voluntarily served in his community for over 30 years coaching baseball, softball and soccer teams.
- Current member, appointed by the Governor, as a Commissioner of the Goose Creek Recreation Commission where he serves as present Chairman of the Commission.
- Member and former chairman of the Goose Creek City Planning Commission.
- Received numerous outstanding service awards throughout his career both for his civil service performance and his community service including being named volunteer of the year and Commissioner Emeritus by the Mayor and City Council of Goose Creek, SC.

Jimmy Brown

- Employed with Greenwood County for 27 years as Fleet Garage Supervisor where he manages the staff of 9 and all aspects of maintenance and repairs on approximately 430 vehicles and equipment. Some examples of items maintained and repaired include: Sheriff cars, ambulances, fire equipment, road department trucks, tractors, backhoes, motor graders, mowing machines and Parks and Recreation Department machines and equipment.
- Prior to his employment with Greenwood County, Brown owned/operated his own business, Brown's Garage.
- Longtime member of SGFMA and has served on the Board of Directors in various capacities i.e. Regional Director, Director at Large, Vice President, and President. Currently serving as Chair of the Professional Development Committee.
- Longtime member of Ninety Six PH Church in Ninety Six, SC and serves as Deacon and Board Member.

Melvin (M. L.) Garrett

- Assistant Fleet Director for Charleston County -23 years
- Past At Large Director for SCGFMA
- Past Region 2 Director for SCGFMA
- Past Conference Committee member for SCGFMA
- Past NAFA Program Chair for Carolinas Chapter
- Past NAFA Treasurer for Carolina Chapter
- Past NAFA Audit Committee Chair for Carolinas Chapter
- Obtained NAFA CAFM certification 1993

Blanche "Cookie" Harrison

- Employed with the City of Lenoir for 15 years and has 9 years service in current position of Vehicle Services Superintendent. Seeks opportunities to learn daily.
- Harrison is responsible for budget preparation and for the purchasing of new vehicles and equipment. Oversees all work performed in the garage and processes applicable paperwork. Maintains all warranties. Performs the hiring, evaluations, and dismissals of technicians. Schedules applicable technician training.
- Involved with SGFMA for 7 years and enjoys being a part of the SGFMA family and looks forward to the future.

Jimmy Hunsinger

- Resides in Gray Court, SC.
- Employed for 15 years with Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) as Maintenance Manager. ReWa treats 40 million gallons of waste water daily at 8 treatment plants and owns 350 miles of trunk sewer lines. As Maintenance Manager, Hunsinger, oversees the use of 4 computerized maintenance programs that assist

BIO-HUNSINGER

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with planned projects, preventative maintenance, and repairs on approximately 5,000 pieces of equipment. Shop staff consists of 20 dedicated employees. Work environment promotes safety, trust, teamwork, and quality in everything done.

Charlie McNair

- Graduate of Swansboro High School in Swansboro, NC.
- Joined the USAF and served for 21 years.
- Employed with Robeson County as Fleet Director.
- Innovative in implementing various approaches resulting in cost-savings to Robeson County. One of the first fleets in NC to integrate the Ford V-10 Gas Ambulance chassis. Developed a supervise EMS remounting system resulting in approximately \$30,000 in savings per unit. Revamped fuel system and monitoring procedures saving thousands.

Rick Smith

- Employed for over 16 years with Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department as Fleet Manager.
- Previously employed for 6 years with the City Radio Network Technology Services Department and the City IT Department.
- Serves on the City Fleet Management Advisory Team, the City Radio Communications Council and the Ford Police Advisory Board.
- Member of SGFMA and has been serving on the Board of Directors as President for the past 2 years. Smith has previously served in the positions of Vice President, Awards Committee Chairman, and Nominating Committee Chairman.
- Smith's hobbies include antique and muscle cars as he is active in the Hornet's Nest Region and Mid Carolinas Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.
- Longtime member of Lake Norman Baptist Church.

During the annual business meeting additional nominations will be accepted from the floor provided the nominee is present and agrees to serve and/or has given prior consent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson,

Nominate Your Organization for the Jan Smoak Memorial Award for Quality Fleet Management

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. Nominate your organization for the Jan Smoak Memorial Award for Quality Fleet Management to be presented at the *South East Governmental Fleet Managers Conference*. Award application may be downloaded online at <http://sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=awards.html>, or contact Charles Garren at cgarren@westcolumbiasc.gov.

(The deadline for submission is August 15, 2013.)



Proper Tire Applications and Maintenance Training Class

This class will cover proper application, proper tire positioning, inflation data, statistics, instruction, and maintenance procedures necessary for correctly choosing every tire and justifying the application in which tires will be used to save money while promoting safety for your Technicians working with any phase of tire changing, tire repairs, proper handling, and/or maintenance.



August 14, 2013
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
City of Rock Hill
Operations Training Center
Room 132
757 S. Anderson Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730



Lunch will be provided by SGFMA.

This is a free training class, don't miss this opportunity!

To register, please contact:

Jimmy Brown at jbrown@greenwoodsc.gov or 864-377-2284



Apply for a SGFMA Scholarship Now

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 who 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://sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=awards.html>, or contact Charles Garren at cgarren@westcolumbiasc.gov.

(The deadline for submission is August 15, 2012.)

SGFMA 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA & SCHEDULE - TENTATIVE
SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2013
NORTH CHARLESTON CONVENTION CENTER, NORTH CHARLESTON, SC
“Perfecting Your Purchasing & Fleet Management
Skills in Today’s World

Sunday, September 15, 2013

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| 10:45 am. to 3:00 pm. | Golf Tournament @ Patriots Point Links. This challenging 7,000 yard course looks over Charleston Harbor and Fort Sumter. |
| 1:00 pm. to 5:00 pm. | Vendor set up – Exhibit Halls A&B |
| 1:00 pm. to 5:00 pm. | Registration - Exhibit Hall Foyer |
| 4:00 pm. to 5:15 pm. | Workshop: Chrysler product review James McCoy - Meeting Room 1 |
| 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. | Vendor Reception: Great Food and Fun with Old and New Friends, Ballroom B |
| 10:00 pm. to Until | Hospitality Room Presidential Suite (Top Floor) |

Monday, September 16, 2013

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| 6:30 am. to 8:00 am. | Breakfast – Included with Hotel Stay |
| 8:00 am. to 2:00 pm. | Registration - Exhibit Hall Foyer |
| 8:00 am. to 8:45 am. | Opening Session – Rick Smith, SGFMA President – Introduction of Vendors Ball Room C1 & C2 |
| 8:45 am. to 10:00 am. | Transport Police – All you need to know about keeping your trucks legal. - Room Ballroom C1 & C2 |
| 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm. | Exhibit Hall Opens with over 75 vendors in Exhibit Hall A&B (Lunch will be provided in Exhibit Hall) |
| 3:00 pm. to 3:15 pm. | Break |
| 3:15 pm. to 4:30 pm. | Alternative Fuel Panel Discussion - Which Alternative Fuel is right for your Fleet. Roush Cleantech (Propane) Steve Whaley, Piedmont Natural Gas (CNG) Greg Johnson, Joe Gordon, Electric Vehicle, SC Energy Office - Jennifer Taraskiewicz, AmeriGas - David Rigney. Moderator – Edgar Heustess - Ball Room C1 & C2 |
| Evening | Dinner on your own |
| 8:00 pm. to Until | Hospitality Room Presidential Suite (Top Floor) |

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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| 6:30 am. to 8:30 am. | Breakfast Included with Hotel Stay |
| 7:30 am. to 8:30 am. | Prayer Meeting Breakfast Cooper Room, alongside breakfast area. – Jimmy Brown |
| 8:30 am. to 11:00 am. | Registration Exhibit Area H |
| 8:45 am. to 10:00 am. | Ford Presentation – Product review – Tracy Smith - Ball Room C1& C2 |
| 10:00 am. to 10:15 am. | Break, outside Ball Room C2 |

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| 10:15 am. to 11:30 am. | General Motors Presentation – Product Review – Jim Mellon - Ball Room C1 & C2 |
| 11:30 am. to 12:45 pm. | Luncheon, Awards & Business Meeting Ball Room C4 |
| 12:45 pm. to 1:45 pm. | Fleet Rightsizing CST Fleet Solutions, Ron Hall. Meeting Room 11 |
| 12:45 pm. to 1:45 pm. | Spark Ignite Direct Injection System - AC Delco – Bryan Blackwelder - Meeting Room 12 |
| 2:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. | Performance Benchmarking your Fleet – Randy Owen – Mercury Associates - Meeting Room 11 |
| 2:00 pm. to 3:00 pm. | Multi-Plex Systems - Bryan Blackwelder – AC Delco - Meeting Room 12 |
| 3:00 pm. to 3:15 PM. | Break outside Meeting Rooms 11 & 12 |
| 3:15 pm. to 4:15 pm. | New Technology (4-way) Antennas - Dwight Motley, Mats Lindquest - Workshop Room 11 |
| 3:15 pm. to 4:15 pm. | Tier IV Engines (Construction Equipment) Harry Johnson – New Holland - Meeting Room 12 |
| 6:00 pm. to 10:00 pm. | Special Night: Harbor Dinner Cruise (included with you registration) Buses Load at Flag Poles in front of Convention Center@ 6:00 PM sharp! |
| 9:00 pm. to Until | Hospitality Room Presidential Suite (Top Floor) |

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

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| 6:30 am. to 8:00 am. | Breakfast Included with Hotel Stay |
| 8:30 am. to 10:00 am. | Combined Roundtable for all governmental agencies. - Room Ball-room C1 & C2 Moderator, Charlie McNair |
| 10:15 am. to Noon | Motivational Speaker – Terry Barbee – “The Value of You” - Closing Remarks and Door Prizes Ball Room C1 & C2 |

For more information on the Annual Meeting:

Visit our website, <http://sgfma.org/AnnualMeeting/> to register and for hotel information or contact Karen Hyatt @ 803-436-2242, khyatt@sumtercountysc.org or Marty Burr @ 803-329-5551, Marty.Burr@cityofrockhill.com.

REGISTER NOW!
Click here

Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association 2013 Officers

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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

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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.

Accurate Design Specialties, Inc.

Dee Gordon
 Joe Gordon
 Shane Caroway

Gasboy

Scott Fischer
 Bob Leo

Parrish Tire

Steve Lunt
 Scott Smith
 Steve Williard

AssetWorks

Allan Richardson
 Carl Bruce

Hills Machinery Company

Jimmy Hicklin
 Jim Hills
 Adam Hills
 Stephen Davis

South Carolina Electric & Gas

Jonathan Mayer
 Joel Reese
 Jimmy Nicholson

City of Waynesboro, VA

Timothy Bennett

Mark Your Calendar

August 14, 2013 Proper Tire Application & Maintenance Training
 City of Rock Hill Training Center

Free Training ←

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... Hot Cars Can Quickly Become Deadly for Children

Hot summer days across the country contributed to more than 20 child deaths this year from heatstroke when children were left unattended in vehicles. Safe Kids York county reminds caregivers to never leave children alone in cars. “The inside of a vehicle is an extremely dangerous place for a child in hot weather,” said Paramedic Robert White, Safe Kids York County. “Even on a mild day, the inside of a car can quickly become very hot. This is a place no child should be alone, and because children’s bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults’, they are much susceptible to heatstroke.”

Although most would assume this would never happen to them, there is no common description of the caregiver that has experienced this tragedy. It has happened to the rich and poor, educated and less educated, women and men, city dwellers and suburbanites, and in all but one state.

“Heatstroke can happen anytime, anywhere,” said White. “We don’t want to see this happen to any family. That’s why Safe Kids is asking everyone to help protect kids from this very preventable tragedy by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.”

Together, we can cut down the number of deaths and near misses by remembering to **ACT**.

- A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you’re not in it so children don’t get in on their own.
- C:** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you’re not following your normal routine.
- T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel wants you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Help the children in your life to have a healthy and safe summer.

Information courtesy of the City of Rock Hill Newsletter



**Southeast Governmental
Fleet Managers Association
P.O. Box 7824
Columbia, SC 29202**

*“...Thank you for your
membership,
participation and
dedication...”*

PRESIDENT

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always changing fleet industry. The meeting classes are in place with some great subjects to gain new information from. And don't forget the Harbor Dinner Cruise set for that Tuesday evening.

Please join me in thanking our Board and Committee members for putting this conference all together; their hard work, dedication, and planning shows in the great conference we are about to participate in. Also remember to thank our Associates and Exhibitors for their hard work and support in helping it all happen. And Thank You for your membership, participation, and dedication in making the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association what it is today. With your continued support we can all look forward in continuing to grow and prosper.

Please note: We will have a SGFMA booth set up again at this year's Police Fleet Expo in Charlotte, NC August 21st and 22nd; be sure and stop by if you are at the show; invite others to come see what we are all about.

Lastly; I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve as your president the past two years; with you putting the board members you have in place; it has been a great honor to serve with them and I am sure to miss the position. I know and see the talent of your elected SGFMA board members and look forward to seeing the great leadership and growth that lies ahead.

Thanks again, Take Care and Be Safe,
Rick Smith
rsmith1@cmpd.org

Contributors for this newsletter:

- Rick Smith
- Garland Veasey
- Marty Burr
- Karen Hyatt
- Judy Lucas
- Jimmy Brown

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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.