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FLEET STREET NEWS



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Hello Fellow SGFMA Members and Affiliates,

Hope all are doing well and getting through the winter months okay; I know some like this weather but it is not my favorite season. I want to thank everyone once again on a great past year of events including some great training classes and another record breaking conference. We feel blessed to have such great people in this organization including a board of directors that work so hard and well together in wanting the best for all. I am so thankful for what they all do.

The board and committees have not slowed down as training classes have already started for the year (two classes held last month and one scheduled for next month) with more to follow. A tentative 21st

follow. A tentative 21st annual conference schedule (***Perfecting Your Purchasing & Fleet Management***

Skills in Today's World) is in place and on the www.sgfma.org website. Committees have already brought location and plans to the board for consideration/approval for the 22nd and 23rd annual conferences.

Our association continues to grow as we welcome new members and affiliates. In receiving my renewal for membership for this year last month reminded me that we are still one of, if not the lowest cost, fleet organizations in which to be a member of. I am so thankful that someone told me about the SGFMA and invited me to be a member as I have learned and gained so much.

Please join me in inviting other fleet professionals to be a part of this great organization; more members means more opportunities to network, share, and gain knowledge along with new friendships.

Again; thanks to everyone for what we have learned and for what we will learn by being a part of the SGFMA.

Now; if we could just hurry up and get some of those above 70 degree days again.

Rick

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We're only a click away!

2013 Annual Meeting & Equipment Show September 15-18, 2013

Can you believe it is only six months until our 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 15–18. 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.

The Annual Meeting and Equipment Show 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. Of course there will be the vehicle manufacture presentations by Dodge, General Motors and Ford. You won’t want to miss visiting the exhibitor hall on Monday where you will learn about new technology and product improvements from our fleet suppliers and manufacturers. Tuesday will be filled with workshops and we will cap off Tuesday with our banquet on a Harbor Dinner Cruise.

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 or Marty Burr @ 803-329-5551, mburr@cityofrockhill.com.



2012 Annual Meetings Pictures



2013 SGFMA Nominating Committee Update

SGFMA Nominating Committee Chairperson, Judy Lucas, has formed the Committee for 2013. Such committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three (3) Association members, including the Chairperson.

The Nominating Committee is tasked to propose nominees for all of the offices, which will be vacated at the annual meeting. Please refer to the SGFMA Constitution for the full description of committee responsibilities. The Constitution can be found at www.sgfma.org

It is my goal to seek committee members who represent the make up of our Association. Thus far, I have members from SC and NC who have agreed to serve. If you are from another state and are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Judy Lucas @ jlucas@forestry.state.sc.us or (803) 896-8851. In addition, committee meetings will be conducted electronically, if feasible.

Those currently serving:

- Judy Lucas – SGFMA Nominating Committee Chairperson
- Juan Vega – Town of Cary – Cary, NC
- Blanche "Cookie" Harrison - City of Lenoir, NC
- Jimmy Hunsinger - Renewable Water Resources

Mark Your Calendar

March 21, 2013 "Purchasing Vehicles & Equipment"
@ City of Rock Hill Operations Center Training Room
9:00am—3:00pm ← Free Training

April 17, 2013 Stop by and visit us at the SGFMA booth at
The ODB Spring Equipment Show
Raleigh, NC

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

Safety First...Basic PM Safety Reminder



In today's high technology world of "apps" for everything, QR codes, OBD systems, vehicles that park themselves and know more about their mechanical systems than we ever could, how is it that a small issue such as a bad windshield wiper blade or loose wheel lug could still cost us downtime or worse, be a serious safety issue? The answer is that our e-world, while providing incredible technological power to the tips of our fingers, also has caused us to move too far past some basics. The best way to avoid this is to have it clearly understood exactly what is to be checked, when and who is responsible.

Accountability is not just a buzzword; it is a clear reality today at all levels of employment. Twice lately, there have been seemingly small, but potentially significant safety issues that have arisen on vehicles in our fleet. Both units had made recent trips through our maintenance facility. In each case, it was discovered that personnel involved in the process all thought another had covered the issue. It wasn't a case of "not-my-job", but a simple case of not clearly understanding who the responsible party was.

The person accountable must also be aware and reminded of exactly the steps in the process for which they are responsible. One simple way to accomplish this is posting a checklist in a conspicuous location of the workspace. These might be in a mechanic's bay above the toolbox, in a cleanup bay next to the hose reel or on a clerk's door. A large font sign is a much more effective reminder for basic and easy-to-forget items than a checkbox on a computer screen. Think of how many times we all click the "I Agree" tab, without reading the fine print.

Visible, written checklist reminders and clear communication of accountability are the best methods for making sure no simple oversight turns into a large safety issue.

***Prepare and prevent, don't repair
and repent. ~Author Unknown***

Purchasing Vehicles & Equipment Seminar

This seminar is a continuation of our last two purchasing seminars. It will be a roundtable discussion of Governmental employees involved in the purchasing or specification writing of vehicles and equipment. If you missed the others, don't worry, these are open dialog sessions for everyone. Dealers, manufactures and upfitters are invited to provide additional insight. The morning discussion will cover cars and light trucks. The afternoon discussion will cover heavy trucks and equipment.



March 21, 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:

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A Safety Restraint Training Class was held on November 27, 2012 in Rock Hill, SC. Approximately 30 SGFMA members attended the training session.



On January 10, 2013 a training class on "Understanding Fuel Management, Emissions and Oil Analysis" was held in Hickory, NC.

Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association 2013 Officers

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

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.

Berkeley County Water & Sanitation

Larry Morris

James Island PSD

Steve Aden
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Christie Holderness

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

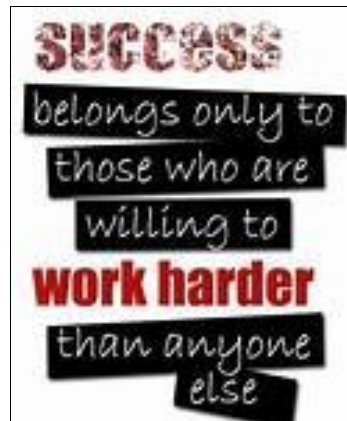


Membership dues have been mailed. If you have not yet renewed your membership or would like to join SGFMA, please send in payment or renew online at www.sgfma.org. If you no longer have your invoice, please email khyatt@sumtercountysc.org to request a copy of your invoice.

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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.

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