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FLEET STREET NEWS



each of you for your attendance and participation in making this a great organization.

Please mark your calendars early for our conference at The Kingston Plantation for September 14th - 17th, 2014 in Myrtle Beach.

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One of the best things about the conferences

We will be sending out registrations soon after the first of the year. We are offering early registration for a reduced conference price again this year. You don't need to send your registration fee in at that time; we just need you to get registered early to take advantage of that great savings.

Hello fellow SGFMA members. As we look back on this past year, time has really flown by. They say the older we get the faster time goes by. I guess that means I am getting much older.

is the networking opportunities with each other. It is good to learn how other fleet professionals operate and we can learn from each other in how to make our own fleet operations more successful. Also our vendors are a wealth of information when it comes to help solving some of those problems. I would like to encourage each of you to reach out to your neighboring fleet organizations around you and invite them to check into SGFMA to see what they are missing. The reason we have had many successful years is by words from each of you telling about SGFMA and what it has done to make your jobs easier.

We wish all of you a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Sincerely,

Doug Ingle

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2014 Annual Meeting & Equipment Show



Catch the wave as we move back to the beach for the 22nd Annual Meeting and Equipment Show, September 14-17, 2014. This year's event will be held oceanfront at the Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, SC.

In today's challenging times, you need to stay informed and on top of your game. The SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show will provide you with information and connect you with the people and programs that will help you achieve your fleet objectives.

Our Program Committee Chair -Garland Veasey has been hard at work lining up speakers and workshops that will benefit all facets of fleet services from the technicians , supervisors, fleet managers to purchasing managers.

Contributors for this newsletter:

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Karen Hyatt
Judy Lucas
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Meeting registration is now open online at www.sgfma.org. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Myrtle Beach, Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites with a special group rate of \$99.00 per night. [Click here](#) to register for the Embassy Suites or call (800) 876-0010. Use special promo code SEG. Breakfast is included along with managers reception each day. A resort/parking fee of \$8.99 per day will be added to your hotel bill at check out.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please feel free to contact :

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We look forward to seeing you in September at Myrtle Beach.

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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

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2014 SGFMA Nominating Committee Update

SGFMA Nominating Committee Chairperson, Judy Lucas, has formed the Committee for 2014. 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@scfc.gov 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
*SGFMAMeeting and Equipment Show,
September 14-17, 2014.*

LOOK ...TechniciansASE Testing Begins ...Winter 2014 -
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Safety First..... Hang Up and Drive!



Almost every car I see while driving seems like the drivers are on the their cell phones, some talking and some texting.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released distraction guidelines that encourage automobile manufacturers to limit the distraction risk connected to electronic devices built into their vehicles, such as communications, entertainment and navigation devices.

"Distracted driving is a deadly epidemic that has devastating consequences on our nation's roadways," said Secretary LaHood. "These guidelines recognize that today's drivers appreciate technology, while providing automakers with a way to balance the innovation consumers want with the safety we all need.

Combined with good laws, good enforcement and good education, these guidelines can save lives."

Issued by the Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the voluntary guidelines establish specific recommended criteria for electronic devices installed in vehicles at the time they are manufactured that require drivers to take their hands off the wheel or eyes of the road to use them.

The guidelines include recommendations to limit the time a driver must take his eyes off the road to perform any task to two seconds at a time and twelve seconds total. The guidelines also recommend disabling several operations unless the vehicle is stopped and in park, such as:

- Manual text entry for the purposes of text messaging and internet browsing;
- Video-based entertainment and communications like video phoning or video conferencing;
- Display of certain types of text, including text messages, web pages, social media content.

The recommendations outlined in the guidelines are consistent with the findings of a new NHTSA naturalistic driving study, *The Impact of Hand-Held and Hands-Free Cell Phone Use on Driving Performance and Safety Critical Event Risk*. The study showed that visual-manual tasks associated with hand-held phones and other portable devices increased the risk of getting into a crash by three times.

"The new study strongly suggests that visual-manual tasks can degrade a driver's focus and increase the risk of getting into a crash up to three times," said David L. Strickland, NHTSA Administrator. "The new guidelines and our ongoing work with our state partners across the country will help us put an end to the dangerous practice of distracted driving by limiting the amount of time drivers take their eyes off the road, hands off the wheel and their attention away from the task of driving."

The study found text messaging, browsing, and dialing resulted in the longest duration of driver's taking their eyes-off-road. Text messaging increased the risk of a crash or near-crash by two times and resulted in the driver's eyes off the road for an average of 23.3 seconds total. Visual-manual activities performed when completing a phone call – such as reaching for a phone, looking up a contact and dialing the number – increased the risk by three times.

The study did not find a direct increased crash risk from the specific act of talking on a cell phone. However, the manual-visual interactions involved with using a hand-held phone made its overall use 1.73 times more risky, since the use of these devices involve visual-manual tasks 100 percent of the time. Even portable hands-free and in-vehicle hands-free cell phone use was found to involve visual-manual tasks at least 50 percent of the time, which are associated with higher risk.

2013 Annual Meeting & Equipment Show



The Annual Meeting and Equipment Show kicked off with an exciting cruise on the "Sprit Line" around Charleston's harbor area with plenty of food drink and fun for all who attended. A great chance to network with peers.



The Annual Meeting and Equipment Show at the North Charleston Convention Center and Embassy Suites Hotel was a great success for 2013. With 180 members attending. We received some wonderful comments and helpful suggestions for the 2014 conference in Myrtle beach. The Conference gets bigger and bigger every year with 104 exhibitors attending this year, offering products and services for your Fleet. There are even more vendors expected to attend the 2014 in Myrtle Beach Conference.

The training sessions offered everything from the Administrative to the Technical. With both Fleet Managers and Fleet Technicians taking advantage of the useful information given at the sessions. The 2310 Annual Meeting Presentation PDF's can be downloaded on the web site at www.SGFMA.org.

Attending the Annual Meetings is a great way to "network" with fellow Fleet Managers and Technicians. You can find an answer to just about any vehicle and equipment issue you may have. There is a wealth of knowledge and information not to mention the years of Government Fleet Experience in attendance.



There were training work shops for Fleet Managers as well as Fleet Technicians



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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.

Alan Jay Fleet Sales

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Our members are the fuel that power our organization!



It is that time of year again for renewal of your SGFMA membership. Invoices will be mailed out the first week of January 2014. If you would prefer your invoice to be emailed, contact Karen Hyatt at khyatt@sumtercountysc.org. Remember, dues may be paid by credit card online [Click here to pay online](#).

In The Spot Light

“First in State”: Charleston County’s Fleet Operations Drives to Top Billing

County Government Fleet Operations becomes first government fleet in the state to score ASE Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition Program

The National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified Charleston County’s Fleet Operations as an “ASE Blue Seal of Excellence Certified Shop”. Under the supervision of Director Robert J. Gannon, many of the Fleet Operations technicians have tested and received individual ASE certifications for work related specialties including HVAC, braking systems, electrical components, engine performance and other areas in automotive/light truck and medium/heavy truck repair.

“Becoming an ASE Blue Seal Certified Shop shows that our technicians know what they’re doing and that they’re also a step above the rest,” said M.L. Garrett, Assistant Fleet Operations Manager for Charleston County. “That’s good for our customer’s peace of mind, and great for our fleet operations. Helping our employees become certified is also an excellent way to allow them to develop their careers, and that can also increase employee loyalty.”



Mark Kostos, Charleston County Shop Supervisor and ASE Master Technician, spearheaded the effort to encourage Fleet Operations staff to dedicate their efforts in learning all they can about all aspects of their job and seek certification as part of their skills.

To be recognized as an ASE Blue Seal of Excellence Shop we had to meet certain specialized criteria,” said Kostos. “Each area of service we perform in the Fleet must be covered by an ASE certified technician.”

At least 75% of the technicians performing diagnosis and repairs must also be ASE certified.

“We currently exceed the minimum requirements,” said Kostos. “We have more than 80% of our Technicians ASE Certified covering a total of 25 Designated Certification areas with all 16 required Certification areas covered. Some of our technicians have multiple certifications in each area.”

Technicians must recertify every five years to keep their ASE certifications current, and Fleet Operations must certify every year to retain the “Blue Seal of Excellence” Certification status.

“The Blue Seal Certification will be an ongoing challenge keeping current with continuing education, training in the use of specialized testing equipment, and the ever changing technology of today’s vehicles, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations, alternative fuel sources and tighter fuel economy regulations. We are very proud of our ASE Blues Seal Team,” said Kostos.

Charleston County’s Fleet Operations is tasked with keeping the agency’s vehicles up and running. During the last 12-month period, county vehicles have covered more than 10 million miles. In total, Charleston County operates 1,019 vehicles, from everyday 4-door sedans to bulldozers and ambulances. It’s the responsibility of Fleet Operations to maintain each and every vehicle to help service the citizens of Charleston County.