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Women In Utility Fleet Plan Second Annual EUFMC Event

<u>EUFMC</u> is hosting its second annual Women in Utility Fleet gathering in 2024. This year, the networking opportunity for women fleet professionals who are registered to attend the conference will be held on Sunday June 2nd before the EUFMC Opening Reception.

A new event at EUFMC 2023, the first Women in Utility Fleet gathering was attended by more than 20 women fleet professionals. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, reported EUFMC Director Julie Gomez, Tucson Electric Power, who will host the 2024 event along with Lissa Brady, EUFMC Director, San Diego Gas & Electric.

Plans for the networking event in 2024 include building on ideas from last year's attendees, who found discussions about fleet and career topics, and ways women in the industry have overcome challenges very valuable.

"EUFMC is at the forefront of efforts to change how women have been historically underrepresented in the utility fleet industry," Gomez said. "We are very encouraged by the positive response last year to the opportunity to provide a forum for discussing issues of common interest for the industry's growing number of women utility fleet professionals, and we look forward to continuing the program in 2024."

A record number of fleet representatives have already registered to attend EUFMC. On the conference agenda is the industry's premiere educational program— <u>Driving Safety</u>, <u>Sustainability & Technical Expertise</u> that will feature presentations by fleet executives, manufacturers, and industry experts on the following topics:

- Keynote Address: The Heavy-Duty Truck Landscape: Mathias Carlbaum, President and Chief Executive Officer of Navistar, Inc.
- Mutual Assistance Strategies: Hurricanes, ice storms, windstorms, and gas emergencies! Listen to a group of Fleet Managers discuss mutual assistance strategies they've experienced firsthand in recent years.
- Fleet Management 2.0 Al: Investigate the fast-moving world of Artificial Intelligence and what a fleet professional needs to embrace.
- Navigating Regulatory Shifts CARB and EPA Updates for Truck Engine Standards: Listen to a panel of medium- and heavy-duty truck experts discuss what's on the horizon for several regulatory impacts that will affect all fleet managers. They will discuss the 2027 emissions updates for trucks and equipment, and the CARB and EPA stance on diesel engines.
- **Legislative Update:** HillStaffer Senior Advisor Michael Taylor will discuss what important legislation is pending in Washington that will affect fleet professionals.

- Leadership and Great Teams The Foundation to Safety Success: Eric Kapitulik, former marine and founder of The Program, will speak on how leadership and great teams are the foundation for building a great safety culture.
- Safety Performance Reducing High Energy Hazards: Many fleet managers are implementing strategies to reduce High Energy Serious Injuries and Fatalities. Listen to one fleet manager discuss his journey, along with a Q&A.
- EVs The Next Steps: Dive into a discussion on what industry leaders are experiencing with the latest EVs. We will explore cost comparisons to ICE models, user acceptance, and many other topics.
- Electrifying Your Fleet Charging Challenges for a Sustainable Future: A
 comprehensive look at the challenges fleet managers are facing to install electric
 vehicle charging infrastructures.
- Creative Technician Recruitment & Retention: Market challenges are making it
 difficult for many fleets to recruit and retain technicians. Listen how two fleets are
 combating this trend and hear solutions from a military perspective.
- Roundtables: An EUFMC signature event where fleet representatives and suppliers discuss mutual challenges and find solutions.

The EUFMC dinner speaker for 2024 will be Shane Kimbrough, vice president of strategic operations at Quanta Services and a former NASA astronaut. Kimbrough will bring a unique perspective to EUFMC in a presentation on several topics that reflect his role at Quanta Services and his U.S. Army and NASA experience.

<u>Special Activities</u> at EUFMC will include including tours, golf outings, events for spouses, and more.

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FLEETS CAN STILL REGISTER: EUFMC will be held June 2 - June 5, 2024, at the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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