

To continually examine our processes to provide greater value to our customers without waste.

The Lean Line

SHARING LEAN

We are always happy to share how Lean can bring greater value to our customers and eliminate waste by showing our customers what we've done in our shops and explaining various other projects we've worked on. In some cases, we've even held training sessions and helped with hands-on Lean events at customer sites. The Lean principles are also intriguing to our sister companies in the APi Group. APi Electric has recently shown interest in what we've accomplished with the 5S of our trucks.

Earlier this year, Grunau was asked by one of our other APi sister companies, Jamar in Duluth, MN, to help them with one of their first Lean projects: 5S one of their own service trucks. Jamar started the process with explaining Lean to their team members and developing standardized material and tool lists for their trucks. We then stepped in with a presentation of what 5S means, specific to trucks, and showing some photos of what Grunau's trucks look like. Jamar's team continued with a brainstorming session and finally set out to actually 5S one of their trucks. Grunau worked right along with the Jamar team and brought back the following photos of their project.

