

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

Lean 5S Being Driven in FL



Grunau's Orlando fire protection branch completed a 5S event on one of their vans this spring. Four people were on the 5S team including the van driver. Most of Orlando's vehicles are pick-up trucks so this configuration was a new arrangement for them.

They started by emptying the van completely of parts and material, then cleaned all the shelves and interior portions of the van.

Our driver sorted through his tools and material to determine what he needed to perform his job and what material and tools he could live without. Since they had less manpower and shop resources than we use on 5S events in Wisconsin, it took 2 days to finish the 5S event.

Labels were added to every bin and container as well as on the shelves so anyone could effectively assist the driver in the performance of his job with minimum of instructions on where to find things. At a glance, a person can tell if a container is missing from its proper location, which will prevent items being left on the job site. Grunau's driver said "It's helping me a lot. I can find things a lot easier now."

The van is organized so items most used are easiest to access. Florida accomplished trimming the van down significantly in weight and space for a more efficient work space moving forward. Our driver believes he saves at least an hour a day with this new configuration and "So far, I love it!"

