Fleet Extended Life

Description
A fleet longevity team was formed to look at new processes and tools that could be put in place to address the need to maintain the fleet. The innovative Fleet Extended Life process effectively cleans the equipment, inspects the floor boards, frames, beds, and cabs of the equipment to address and treat rust issues before they completely deteriorate the metal. The small amount of time it takes to clean, treat, and prevent rust on equipment, will prevent longer downtimes of equipment to install floor pans and repair other rusted metal on the fleet.

Benefit
This process will extend the trade life of equipment saving the department money. This process will save time by cleaning and treating the equipment early in life so that the truck won’t be down as long to address items such as replacing floor pans and major repairs to frame work and beds as well as other fleet components. This process also will improve safety because inspecting and cleaning the equipment is completed on a regular basis, preventing holes in bed sides and floor pans that would create employee safety concerns while driving the fleet.

Materials and Labor
Total labor hours: 6-8 hours per unit for cleaning and preparation time. Total material costs: Tool Box shop vac and battery--$269.82 (1 per shed), Radiator Genie blow out tool--$32 (1 per shed), Neutro Wash $200-6 gallon pail (used on 3-4 units), Rust inhibitor $90 (used on multiple fleet units), floor coating system $50-$60 per fleet unit.

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