



Factory Floor Kaizen Events

Description

Kaizen events are the vehicle to implementing Lean tools and concepts. Kaizen events are well-scoped, focused improvement efforts that utilize a team-based approach to eliminating wastes. The greatest benefit of a kaizen event is the nearly instantaneous recognition of improvement. Aggressive goals are set early in the process and solutions are not simply put on paper but implemented by the team. Team members are empowered to offer and implement ideas, reinforcing the notion they are having an immediate impact. Kaizen events are a proven way to implement Lean tools.

Agenda

- Training (on kaizen concepts and on specific focus of each event)
- Observe, measure and document the current process
- Brainstorm wastes/problems
- Formulate causes and countermeasures for wastes/problems
- Try-storm improvements, implement solutions
- Standardize new processes
- Observe, measure and document new process
- Analyze results
- Present to management
- Celebrate!

Event Length

3-5 days

Size

Maximum of 12 participants from the following: operators, maintenance, quality, shipping/receiving, engineering, production scheduling, accounting, IT support, purchasing, customers, suppliers and other related functions.

Cost

\$2500 per day for two facilitators

"The ATN-UAH Kaizen facilitators always help us identify and eliminate non value-added activities with quick bottom-line results. We have found a partner that can integrate technical and business expertise to help us reach our strategic and operating goals." -Coil Plus Alabama, Inc.