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"At the end of the day, the operators want to have the equipment as maintained as possible. We're preventing further damage and maintenance costs by taking that piece of equipment at the time the incident's noted and actually maintaining it."

David Clevenger
Senior Vice President of Fleet
and DC Maintenance
City Furniture
Tamarac, Florida

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City Furniture

Increase Operator Safety and Uptime With InfoLink® Operator and Fleet Management

APPLICATION

City Furniture is a forward-thinking furniture retailer with locations and showrooms that span south and central Florida. The company embraces new technology and environmental responsibility, even combining the two in some of its material-handling and distribution practices. Its over-the-road delivery fleet, comprised of 100% compressed natural gas trucks, is just one example of its commitment to safe, productive and sustainable operations.

CHALLENGE

While City Furniture was always focused on operator safety in its facilities, it struggled to meet compliance and uptime goals with its manual inspection and maintenance processes. As a result, unresolved maintenance issues led to unexpected downtime, and raised the potential of unsafe operating conditions for the operators. The downtime also negatively affected productivity, preventing operators from pursuing and achieving their productivity goals.

The company also experienced damage related to impacts, but incidents were difficult to identify and investigate for cause. It was a challenge to implement process changes or retraining opportunities to help prevent future impacts. City Furniture knew there was an opportunity to improve safety, reduce damage and increase overall uptime if it could capture better information about ongoing operations and lift truck health.

SOLUTION

Crown's InfoLink Operator and Fleet Management system with 7" Touch Display provided operators with a familiar touchscreen interface to streamline pre-shift inspections through on-screen visual cues, ensuring they were accurately completed. The increased accuracy enabled the company to quickly identify and address maintenance issues. It helped ensure that lift trucks were maintained for safe operation, which reduced unexpected downtime. Impacts, and their resulting damage, have decreased, and the company's proactive approach to lift truck health has reduced maintenance costs and improved uptime.

In addition, the InfoLink system's Dynamic Coaching feature reinforces operator training by alerting for potential safety issues and reinforcing safe operating behaviors. It also provides detailed fleet utilization data, enabling the fast-growing company to make informed decisions when selecting equipment for new facilities.

RESULTS

- Increased uptime and reduced cost with accurate pre-shift inspections and proactive maintenance
- Reinforced operator training and safe behaviors with the InfoLink 7" Touch Display's Dynamic Coaching feature
- Leveraged InfoLink fleet utilization data to make informed decisions regarding new fleet requirements, operator scheduling and process improvement

