

# CPMS Newsletter

## “As the Wrench Turns”

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### A New Year, a New You?

Yes, this is when many of us undertake a diet, start an exercise program, or maybe we finally organize our basement or tool area. Why can't we do the same thing for our plant?

Building a comprehensive Preventive Maintenance system and getting control of your Inventory may seem to be an overwhelming task.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.



When we visit plants, sometimes we find the Maintenance Department is just going through the motions. Process the PM work cards from last week, Generate a PM schedule, Print the PM work cards, ... repeat. Take a minute and see if just by making a couple of changes to your routine, you can make a BIG difference in your effectiveness.

Here are three little things to consider adding to your New Year's resolution list.

1. Make sure that all plant production equipment is in your equipment list.
2. If a piece of equipment is critical to the production process, then there should be a weekly PM check in the Master Schedule.
3. Record lost time when it happens by using the new Equipment Failures – One Event report.

If Equipment Failure entries are entered days after the event, the chance of missing/erroneous data is much greater. And, if the Equipment Failure reports are provided to management late, the ability to react to problems when it really counts may be lost.

By properly reviewing your breakdown trends you have all you need to fine tune your PMs in the Master Schedule. It's true that after you have identified the faulty equipment and exactly what needs to be done to prevent a problem, the funds may not always be available to replace or correct a failing component. But, you've done your job. You have provided the necessary information to your plant and you can prioritize and budget when the right equipment is repaired or replaced.

Please take a minute and review last October's CPMS newsletter for step by step instructions for entering and printing one Equipment Failure. Just go to Newsletters at [www.TheBestCMMS.com](http://www.TheBestCMMS.com)

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