

PPG – Barberton, Ohio

The PPG Barberton plant developed a comprehensive Continuous Improvement Framework for the OLED department which targets efficiency improvements and waste reduction, but the main emphasis is safety. This framework includes daily Gemba walks with department leadership and weekly safety walks with operators on each shift that focuses on hazard identification and elimination. A database is utilized to capture opportunities and ensure development and implementation of corrective actions.

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The PPG-Barberton Fire Risk Minimization Program is designed to reduce the likelihood and magnitude of potential fire incidents at the facility, primarily focusing on the activities in the Teslin plant. The Fire Minimization Team is a cross-functional group comprised of engineers, EH&S professionals and P&M employees, meet regularly to identify gaps and drive risk reduction projects to completion. Through their efforts, the site has achieved a 40% reduction of fire-related incidents in Teslin.