

Proper Tool and Equipment Maintenance Management Found To Improve Worker Safety

Maintenance module in ToolHound 5 equipment management system automates task of tracking preventative maintenance schedules

ST. ALBERT, ALBERTA, CANADA, March 24, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ToolHound Inc., a leading global supplier of tool tracking systems, reports that the regular use of an equipment management system significantly



contributes to improved workplace safety. Not only can users track the movement and usage of tools, but a robust management system like <u>ToolHound 5</u> enables preventative maintenance schedules to be automated, ensuring that equipment is always in good condition.

More than 2.8 million workplace injuries were reported by U.S. employers in 2012. Misuse or failure of equipment is listed among the most common <u>causes of industrial injury</u> by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Tracking the maintenance schedules of tools and equipment contributes to fewer equipment breakdowns and work stoppages, longer tool life, greater resale values and, most importantly, a safer work site.

<u>CB&I</u>, a leading engineering firm serving clients in energy and government, has been using ToolHound since 2010 to track hand tools and large equipment, including cranes, forklifts, rigging and testing equipment. Approximately one-third of the company's tool inventory is made up of equipment requiring regular preventative maintenance or calibration, which is tracked using the ToolHound maintenance module, according to Matt McGinnis, area equipment coordinator for CB&I.

"Tool management contributes to improved safety by tracking certification and calibration of tools," said McGinnis. "That's essential for us – making sure we use the right tool, that's safe, for the kind of work we're doing."

"Safety and efficiency can be easily disrupted by equipment failure and time spent looking for items that have been sent out for repairs," said Dean Perry, president of ToolHound. "The ability to automate scheduling of service tasks and track work orders, certifications and tool calibration with ToolHound maintenance module is an invaluable service for any contractor or equipment rental company."

The ToolHound maintenance module tracks everything from labor and material costs to service histories for longer asset life. By automating preventative maintenance tasks, calibration and inspection schedules, contractors can maintain a complete overview of service records in real-time, enabling a safe and efficient job site with fewer work stoppages and stock-outs.

About ToolHound

Since 1985, ToolHound systems have been deployed by companies of all sizes across a variety of industries, including construction, power generation, chemical processing, mining and jobsite tool and equipment services. Specializing in personalized technical support with on-site training and installation expertise, ToolHound offers a comprehensive portfolio of tool and equipment management solutions including Cloud hosting and customer controlled hosting with ToolHound OnSite and SecureCrib featuring wireless, RFID and barcode technology.

For more information about ToolHound tool and equipment tracking, call (800) 387-8665, or visit the company's website at <u>www.ToolHound.com</u>.

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