What does your Safety Committee DO?

Part of the ISRI Safety Blueprint process goes something like this:

ISRI: Do you have a safety committee?
Recycler: Yes.
ISRI: What does your safety committee do?
Recycler: Well, we talk about recent injuries. We talk about what we’re going to talk about in the next safety meeting. We talk about any problems we have around the operation.
ISRI: But, what does your safety committee do?
Recycler: with puzzled look—We talk about injuries, we talk about . . .
ISRI: So, your safety committee talks.
Recycler: Yes.
ISRI: Where does the safety committee meet?
Recycler: In this room.
ISRI: Now, don’t get me wrong, talking is a fine thing. Communication is the key to success in everything we do. But—does the safety committee do anything besides talk?
Recycler: nodding head with eyes wide—Ohhhhh . . . So maybe we could go walk the yard once in a while.
ISRI: Yes!
Recycler: Maybe we could do a hazard assessment sometimes.
ISRI: Yes!!
Recycler: Maybe we could go inspect one of our other locations and have them come here and inspect us.
ISRI: Yes!!!

What does your Safety Committee DO? Talking is fine. Talking is a good start. Doing is better. Get out and get going. Think of practical actions your committee can take, and then take them.

Let your workers see the safety committee at work—for them!

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