

SAFED for Vans: Case Study

PEGASUS WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED



The Company

- Head Office in Bath
- Fleet size: 3 light commercial vehicles
- Waste management
- Approximate total annual mileage: 60,000
- Approximate total annual fuel use: 8,400 litres

“Being a Waste Management Company we take our environmental responsibility very seriously. SAFED training has ensured that this is reflected in our vehicle fleet as well as our waste operations.”

Pegasus Waste Management

The Company's Perspective

Pegasus Waste Management was formed in 1997 to deliver professional waste management and environmental services to commercial hazardous and chemical waste producers across the UK. The Company employs a small team of chemists and site support staff to undertake waste removal projects and manage its client requirements. They are supported by a team of office based staff working out of its head office in Bath.

As a Company who prides itself on environmental excellence Pegasus Waste Management wanted to ensure its van operations made as little environmental impact as possible. The news that the SAFED for Vans programme covered environmental driving techniques encouraged Pegasus Waste Management to enquire about getting its drivers trained. In January 2007 three of its drivers undertook SAFED training with the Bath School of Motoring & Lanhams Driving School.

The Driver's Perspective

Ben Andrews, a Technical Assistant for Pegasus Waste Management has been with the Company for around 18 months and has been driving vans for around 7 years, through various previous jobs. He was not surprised to be asked to attend the SAFED for Vans training course as the Managing Director, John Merrylees, had always promoted the importance of driver safety and van maintenance checks.

Ben found the training enjoyable, as there was a mix of practical learning and presentations. He also found that the topics covered were very relevant to his current driving role.

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Since undertaking the training Ben has found himself being far more aware of the way in which he drives, not just when using work vehicles but also whilst using his personal car. He has also noticed that within the company all the drivers have become better at carrying out daily vehicle maintenance checks.

Overall Ben feels that the SAFED training was well worth the effort as it has increased his awareness of driving methods, fuel saving techniques and the importance of vehicle maintenance.

Benefits

- Improved environmental performance
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Reduced driver stress

Potential Cost Savings / Environmental Benefits¹

- Average MPG improvement: 11%
- Company fuel savings: 920 litres
- Company cost savings: £880
- Carbon dioxide savings: 2.4 tonnes

¹Assuming fuel savings maintained for a full year

Trained by:

- Bath and Lanhams Driving School

