

# MODULE 1

## Introduction and Overview



### Class Overview



1 Introduction /  
NATCA's Role  
in Safety



2 Individual  
Performance



3 Safety  
Reporting



4 Partnership  
for Safety



5 Service Reviews &  
Corrective  
Action Plans



6 Follow-On  
Activities



7 Accident &  
Incident  
Response



8 Safety  
Management  
System



9 Local RSAT



10 Safety  
Review

## Safety Overview

### MODULE 1 OBJECTIVES

- Recognize NATCA's role in maintaining the safety of the National Airspace System
- Understand the general safety processes that are used at the national and local levels to identify and correct safety issues

#### Module 2 References:

- NATCA National Constitution
- CBA
  - Article 114
  - Appendix P-8, Sec. 7
- Air Safety Investigation (ASI) Committee Charter
- National Safety & Technology Leadership Council (NSTLC) Charter
- National Safety Committee (NSC) Charter
- MOU dated 9-18-2020
- JO 7210.634A

## 2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

<b>CBA Articles:</b>	112: Corrective Action Requests/Plans
6: Representation Rights	113: Runway Safety
29: Excused Absence	114: Collaboration
51: Facility Evaluation, Audits, and Assessments	119: Covered Event Review
52: Professional Standards	122: Partnership for Safety
55: Human Performance	123: Safety Management System
62: ASRS	Appendix O: ATSAP
63: NTSB Union Representatives	Appendix P-1: Implementation of the Credentialing and CTO Certification Programs
64: Safety Events Reporting and Review	Appendix P-5: Air Traffic Safety Guidance (ATO-SG)
65: Controllers/Employee Performance	Appendix P-6: ATO Fatigue Risk Management System/FSSC Charter
74: Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)	Appendix P-8: Safety Personnel
95: Individual Performance	

#### Quick Preview: Collaboration

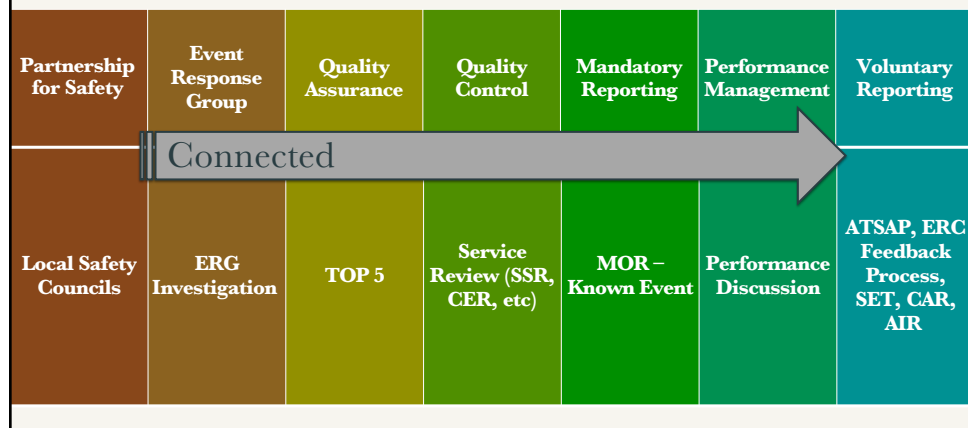
- Service Reviews:
  - System Service Review (SSR)
  - Covered Event Review (CER)
  - Traffic Management Review (TMR)
  - Systemic Issue Review (SYSIR)
- Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
- Safety Risk Management Panel (SRMP)
- Internal/External Compliance Verifications (ICV/ECV)
- Quality Control Validations
- Services Rendered Telephone Conferences (SRT)\*

\*SRTs are **not** safety processes

#### Quick Preview: Mitigating Risk

DATA COLLECTION PROCESSES	DATA ANALYSIS PROCESSES	CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCESSES
Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP)	Event Review Committee (ERC)	ATSAP Corrective Action Requests (ATSAP CAR)
ATSAP-X	Barrier Analysis Review (BAR)	Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP)
Confidential Information Sharing Program (CISP)	QC Service Reviews (i.e., SSR, TMR, CER, SYSIR)	Quality Assurance Corrective Action Plan (QA CAR)
Mandatory Occurrence Reports (MOR)	Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing (ASIAS)	Safety Management System (SMS) Safety Requirements
Preliminary ARIA Reports (PAR)	Safety Risk Management Panels (SRMP)	Facility Corrective Action Plan
Quality Control Operational Skills Assessments (QC OSA)	Partnership for Safety (PFS)	National Corrective Action Plan

## Safety Programs



## MODULE 2

### Individual Performance



#### Individual Performance

### MODULE 2 OBJECTIVES

- Recognize the tools that can be used to conduct performance management
- Understand the performance management processes

#### **Module 3 References:**

- CBA
  - Article 64
  - Article 95
- JO 3400.20
- JO 7210.634A
- JO 7200.20B

## Individual Performance Tools

### **IPM Tools**

- Performance Discussions
- Performance Records of Conference (PRoC)
- Individual Performance Management  
Operational Skills Assessment (IPM OSA)
- Skill Enhancement Training (SET)

## Individual Performance Administration

The administration of IPM is not based on a single snapshot, event, or reported occurrence, but is an on-going assessment of overall observed employee performance.

## Individual Performance Administration

Let's chat:

When is IPM being done right, and when is it being done wrong? Do you have any examples?

JO 3400.20 Paragraph 5a(2)

## Individual Performance Process

1. Observing and Identifying Performance
2. Discussing Performance
3. Documenting Performance
4. IPM OSA
5. Training

## Background Information

### QC OSA

Quality Control is separate from performance management activities. QC OSAs are a means to collect data and measure organizational performance.

A QC OSA must not be used as the basis of, or to support individual performance management (IPM).

Employee's identifiable information will not be associated with the OSA.

Potential systemic non-compliant/risk identified in QC OSAs must be analyzed through the service review or the compliance verification processes in order to validate and understand the potential issue.

*VS*

### IPM OSA

IPM is separate and distinct from the QC process. An IPM OSA is a supplemental tool for IPM to address an on-going performance deficiency.

IPM OSAs are not to be conducted unless an ongoing performance deficiency has been identified and documented.

May be conducted through direct or remote monitoring, live observation, or playback tools

Where such capabilities exist, a replay and/or voice recording of the session must be included in any discussion about the OSA.

Conducted by employee's direct supervisor

JO 7210.634A Ch. 3-2  
JO 3400.20 Paragraph 5a(2)

## Individual Performance Key Points

- QC OSAs are a method of systemic data collection and may not be used to trigger IPM
- QC activities must not generate or be used as a source of IPM follow-up activities, and are not to be attributed to an individual employee
- When justification for the assignment of SET includes safety events and/or problems accepted into ATSAP, the facility must submit any SET and IPM OSA proposals to the ATSAP Event Review Committee (ERC) for approval



### Individual Performance Key Points

To comply with the Orders and CBA, facilities must operate QC as a systemic (de-identified) data collection process, and perform IPM as separate process following the specific steps outlined in JO 3400.20

### Individual Performance Management

**Individual Performance Management:**

What happens if the IPM processes do not work?

## Individual Performance Management

What does administration of IPM look like when done correctly?



## MODULE 3

### Safety Reporting

## MODULE 3 OBJECTIVES

- Understand reporting requirements
- Recognize when an ATSAP does/does not meet the reporting requirements
- Define a significant event
- Identify when a personnel statement is required

### **Module 4 References:**

- CBA Article 64
- JO 7210.632A
- JO 7200.20B
- JO 1030.3B
- JO 8020.16C

### Employee Responsibilities.

(1) Employees must ensure that all occurrences of which they are aware, through either direct involvement or observation, are reported. All personnel with knowledge of an occurrence are encouraged to report even if it results in multiple submissions of the same occurrence.

## Mandatory Occurrence Report Categories

- Airborne loss of separation
- Airport surface loss of separation
- Unmanned aerial system
- Terrain/obstruction
- Airborne anomaly not involving loss of separation
- Airport environment
- Oceanic
- Communication
- Emergency or in-flight hazard
- Inquiry

## Airborne Loss of Separation

- Any suspected loss of separation involving non-radar standards.
- Any suspected loss of separation involving VFR aircraft in Class B and C airspace, TRSA, or practice VFR approaches.
- Any suspected loss of radar separation involving IFR aircraft other than as a result of compression on final approach.

## Unmanned Aerial System

Any instance where a pilot reports or air traffic control (ATC) becomes aware of unauthorized UAS activity or authorized UAS activity that is conducted in an unsafe or hazardous manner. For authorized UAS activities conducted in an unsafe manner, please note in the MOR the Certificate of Authorization (COA) number, when available, and the violation that occurred.

JO 7210.632A

## Airport Surface Loss of Separation

- Any ground surveillance alert [Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE) or Airport Movement Area Safety System (AMASS)] between:
  - Two aircraft
  - An aircraft and a vehicle.
- Any suspected loss of runway/airport surface separation between:
  - Two aircraft
  - An aircraft and a vehicle
  - An aircraft and a pedestrian

JO 7210.632A

### Terrain/Obstruction

- Any suspected loss of separation between an IFR aircraft and terrain or obstacles; for example, operations below minimum vectoring altitude (MVA) or minimum IFR altitude (MIA).
- Any operation of a VFR aircraft in proximity to terrain or obstructions that the employee providing air traffic services determines affected the safety of flight. These occurrences normally result in ATC issuing a safety alert or control action.

### Airborne Air Traffic Control Anomaly (Airspace/Altitude/Route/Speed) Not Involving a Loss of Separation.

- Any instance in which an aircraft enters airspace on anything other than the expected or intended altitude, routing, or airspeed, or without a point-out or hand-off.
- Any instance where an aircraft operates at an altitude, routing, or airspeed that the employee providing air traffic services determines affected the safety of flight or operations. These occurrences normally result in ATC issuing a safety alert or control action. All non-loss TCAS-RAs and/or spillouts must be reported under this MOR.
- Any occurrence where an aircraft enters special use airspace (for example, a warning area, military operations area, or ATC-assigned airspace) without coordination and/or authorization.

**NOTE** – *A suspected anomaly not involving loss of separation that occurs in oceanic airspace is covered in Appendix A, paragraph 8, Oceanic Environment.*

### Airport Environment

- The presence of an aircraft, vehicle, or pedestrian on any movement area or runway safety area not expected/intended by ATC.
- Any instance in which an aircraft unexpectedly lands or departs, or attempts to land or depart, a runway or surface. All ASDE Taxiway Arrival Prediction (ATAP) alerts are captured under this MOR.
- Any instance in which an aircraft lands or departs on, or flies an unrestricted low approach to, a closed runway (or portion thereof).
- Any go-around initiated by either a flight crew or ATC involving turbojet aircraft within a half mile of the arrival threshold not involving practice approaches.
- Any instance in which any part of the aircraft has crossed over the runway hold-short line and the controller cancels the takeoff or the flight crew aborts the takeoff.
- Any instance in which an aircraft unintentionally maneuvers off the runway/taxiway.
- Any improper/unexpected presence of a vehicle or aircraft inside the instrument landing system (ILS) critical area.

### Oceanic

Any instance where aircraft operating in oceanic airspace are suspected of:

- Losing separation.
- Operating at a time, altitude, routing, or reporting point other than what was expected/cleared.
- Not maintaining communication (to include timely position or other reports) as required or expected/intended resulting in additional notifications/queries, or alternative actions by ATC or a flight crew.
- Experiencing an Emergency or In-Flight Hazard

## Communication

Except for occurrences in oceanic airspace (which are reported in Appendix A, paragraph 8), any instance in which communication with an aircraft was not established or not maintained as expected/intended and results in alternative control actions or additional notifications by ATC or a flight crew or in a landing without a clearance.

**NOTE** – Examples of “additional notifications” would include notifications required according to FAA Order JO 1030.3 or to the Domestic Events Network for NORDO aircraft.

## Emergency or In-Flight Hazard

The following are provided as examples and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

**NOTE** – Emergency or in-flight hazards may be declared by ATC, flight crew, facility personnel, or officials responsible for the operation of the aircraft.

- Medical emergency
- Inflight equipment malfunction requiring special handling
- Passenger/flight crew injury due to turbulence other than wake
- Fuel quantity
- Pilot disorientation
- VFR pilot in or trapped on top of clouds
- Laser light illumination
- Hijack
- Bomb threat
- Bird strike
- Other



## Inquiry

Any expression of concern or inquiry by any external entity, to include a flight crew, to a management official/CIC or to ATC on the radio concerning:

- The proximity or operation of an aircraft, either airborne or on the surface, including NMAC notifications from a flight crew.
- An upset, pitch, or roll attributed to wake turbulence from another aircraft.

**NOTE** – *The AIM instructs pilots, when notifying ATC of a wake event, to be as descriptive as possible (e.g., bank angle, altitude deviations, intensity, duration of event).*

## Safety Reporting Requirements

### Who has to file? MOR or ATSAP?

All employees must ensure that these occurrences, of which they are aware, through either direct involvement or observation, are reported.

These occurrences or conditions must be reported using the mandatory occurrence report (MOR) process described in this directive or in FAA Order JO 7200.20A, Voluntary Safety Reporting Program (VSRP).

Submission of a VSRP report satisfies non-management employees' requirement to report according to this directive except when the employee providing air traffic services determines that pilot actions affected the safety of operations. When such a determination is made, pilot actions must also be reported as an MOR in accordance with paragraphs 2-9.

## Safety Reporting Requirements

### Employee Responsibilities.

(2) Non-management employees eligible to participate in a VSRP such as Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP) may satisfy the reporting requirements of this directive by reporting occurrences through those programs, except as specified in FAA Order JO 7200.20A and this order.

(3) Management employees must report occurrences according to this directive. In addition, if eligible to participate they may also file a VSRP report.

JO 7210.632A 2-3b

## Safety Reporting Requirements

### Non-management Employees Acting in a Management Role.

The responsibilities of employees performing this function (for example, controller-in-charge) vary based on the situation. When reporting according to the FAA Order JO 7210.632A is required, a VSRP report may also be filed.

- If the employee observes a developing event, he/she must take action to correct the situation and must report according to the FAA Order JO 7210.632A.
- If an event is reported to an employee performing this function, he/she must report according to the FAA Order JO 7210.632A.
- If the employee is directly involved in or observes an event, other than as described in paragraph 3-3.b.(1), he/she must report following either FAA Order JO 7210.632A or the VSRP, or he/she may report through both.
  - *“Directly involved” means working CIC combined with an operational position*

JO 7200.20A 3-3

## Safety Reporting Requirements

Management employees must report occurrences according to JO 7210.632A. In addition, if eligible to participate they may also file a VSRP report.

JO 7200.20A 3-3

## Safety Reporting Requirements

Submission of a VSRP report does not exempt employees from making appropriate notifications when the employee providing air traffic services determines an occurrence involved national security or the immediate safety of flight (for example, in-flight emergencies, overdue aircraft, no radio [NORDO]/no radio acknowledgement [NORAC] aircraft, aircraft accidents).

What are “appropriate notifications?”

JO 7210.632A A.1.b  
JO 7200.20A 3-3

### Significant Event

Any event in the NAS that may attract regional/national media attention or regional/national political attention, any aircraft proximity with less than 33 percent of the standard, any report of a Near Mid Air Collision (NMAC) with evasive action, or any major event that requires immediate upward notification to the Service Area or Headquarters level. **Note:** this list is not all-inclusive.

JO 1030.3B

### Personnel Statements

CBA: Signed employee statements will only be required in the event of a pilot deviation.

JO 8020.16: Personnel statements are not required for aircraft accidents/incidents. Personnel statements must be completed when an employee providing air traffic services determines that pilot, airman, or other's actions may have violated the Code of Federal Regulations, an air traffic control procedure, a North American Aerospace Defense Command Zone, or an Air Defense Identification Zone tolerance.

CBA Article 64, Section 4  
JO 8020.16C  
91 FAA Form 8020-26

Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP)

Voluntary Safety Reporting

Voluntary Reporting:

What *can* you report?

## Voluntary Safety Reporting

There are two kinds of ATSAP reports:

- Safety Events
- Safety Problems

## What Can You Report?

### Safety Events

Events are the result of an actual or potential loss of required separation, or other situations that degrade safety within the NAS, and occur during the provision of ATC services.

- When an individual is involved in, observes, or identifies an operational safety hazard/problem, or experiences a safety-related event.
- A single event can involve multiple individuals.
- Quality Assurance (QA) validates MORs and electronically reported encounters (PARs) for compliance/noncompliance. This determination is never made at the local level.

*Note: PARs are not generated based on measurements of compliance. More on this tomorrow.*

## What Can You Report?

### Safety Problems

Safety problems are issues at a local, regional, or national level. They are not normally related to individuals and may be determined to be systemic. They may include:

- Poor airport signage or markings
- Unsafe policies or procedures
- Equipment, software, or automation problems
- Unclear publications used to provide ATC services
- Traffic management initiatives that don't address sector needs
- Airspace configuration
- Human factors (fatigue, distractions)
- Staffing issues that impact the safety of the NAS
- Inadequate training practices

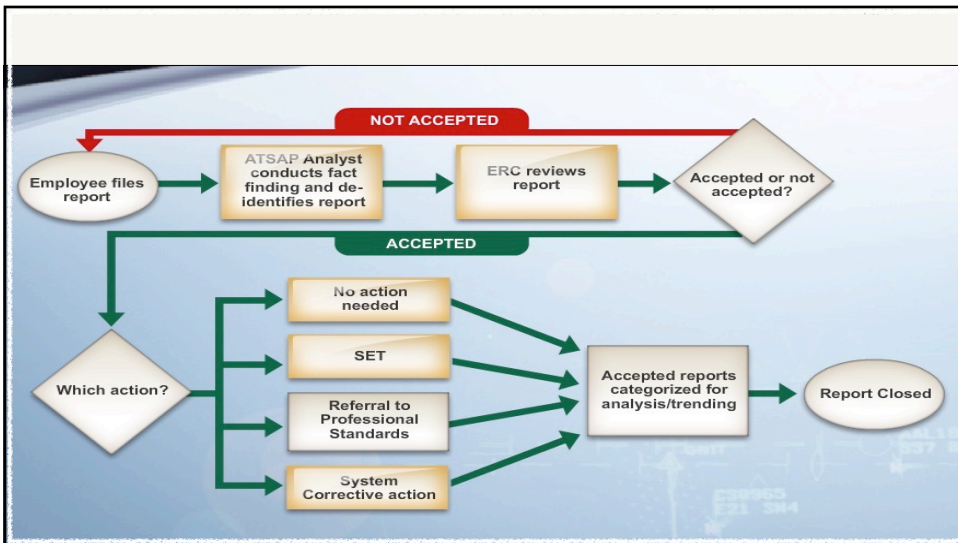
## ATSAP: Our Responsibilities.

Everyone:

- Protect confidentiality in all aspects
- Protect program integrity
- Facilities
- Provide information to Event Review Committee (ERC) when requested
- Provide information to ERC regarding potential Skill Enhancement Training (SET)
- Feedback on SET effectiveness

ERC:

- Communicate with Facility Management and Union
- Work with the facility to provide effective SET, when needed
- Identify systemic corrective actions



## ATSAP: Best Practices for Interacting with ERC

### Feedback on an event

- All relevant Information
- SET Recommendation
  - ❖ 7200.20A 3-1b (1) (c)Note: The ERC is interested in any additional information that facility management, union representative, and submitter can provide that would help the ERC understand not only what happened during a safety event, but also why the event happened. If SET is proposed, the information that forms the basis of the recommendation (for example, relevant portions of the employee's performance history, involvement in similar types of events, ongoing training, and other performance directly related to this type of event) must be supplied. A collaborative proposal from facility management and the union representative provides the most useable feedback for the ERC.
  - ❖ Article 95, Section 8. The Parties at the local level shall exchange Skill Enhancement Training (SET) recommendations made to the Event Review Committee (ERC) that were not jointly developed.



## ATSAP: Best Practices for Interacting with ERC

### Infoshares/AIRs/CISP Infoshares

- ❖ Article 64 Section 8. The Union, at the appropriate level, shall have the opportunity to provide a response to a request for information regarding a safety event or safety problem. The Agency will work with the Union in a predecisional, collaborative manner in developing a response to a Corrective Action Request (CAR). If the Parties cannot achieve a consensus on a resolution, they are free to pursue traditional processes for resolution.

## ATSAP: Best Practices for Interacting with ERC

What happens when FacRep and ATM do not agree on a response to the ERC?

## NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)

What is ASRS? It is a program funded by the FAA and administered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Under the ASRS program, ATO employees may submit information that NASA will de-identify, except where it involves criminal activities or accidents, before submitting to the respective agencies participating in the program.

Reports and information are available at <http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/>.

JO 7200.20B

## NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)

Protections: When an employee submits an ASRS report, disciplinary action may not be taken for a reported event if all of the following conditions are met:

- action was inadvertent;
- action did not involve a criminal offense,
- accident, or
- action under 49 United States Code, Section 44709, which discloses a lack of qualification or competency; and
- The employee shows proof that within 10 days after the occurrence, he/she completed and submitted
- When completing a VSRP report, employees may choose to electronically submit a copy of their VSRP report to ASRS via the VSRP database.

JO 7200.20B

## Rep's Role in Safety Reporting

- Promote ATSAP - Including education
- Support members during event reporting
- Review MORs
- Can you think of anything else?

## MODULE 4

### Partnership for Safety (PFS)



## MODULE 4 OBJECTIVES

- Comprehend the purpose of PFS
- Describe the role of the LSC
- Understand the purpose of the monthly Safety Awareness for Excellence (SAFE) Discussions

### Module 5 References:

- CBA Article 122
- JO 7200.21A

## Partnership for Safety PFS

- **PFS Program:** Facilitate the identification and mitigation of safety issues at the local level through the support of collaborative Local Safety Councils (LSC).
- **Makeup:** LSCs are required at every FAA ATC facility. The LSC shall consist of one Union participant\* and one Agency participant. Additional participants may be designated by mutual agreement. LSCs will meet once per month or as mutually determined by the parties at the local level.
- **Scoping Document:** Created and signed by sponsors (FacRep and ATM), establishing an LSC and defining its process.

\*Any Bargaining Unit Employee that is a member of the LSC must be a NATCA member in good standing.

## Partnership for Safety Tools

- **LSC Safety Data Portal:** Online database only accessible to LSC members. Contains safety trend and facility-specific information gathered through various sources. Information in the portal may not be used to attribute an occurrence to an employee, identify an individual employee, or for IPM purposes.
- **ATC infoHUB:** Online database only accessible to LSC members. Used for the storing and sharing of safety information, best practices, and lessons learned.

2016 CBA Article 122  
JO 7200.21A

## Partnership for Safety PFS


Safety Awareness for Excellence (SAFE) Discussion:

- ❖ Monthly **face-to-face** discussion facilitated by a member of the LSC (or other mutually agreed upon personnel)
- ❖ Must be attended by all operational personnel
- ❖ Includes National content provided by National PFS team in addition to local safety issues
- ❖ Assignment uploaded and tracked in CEDAR by National PFS team


*Note: CEDAR is intended to be used to track the completion of the SAFE discussions – it is **NOT** intended to replace the face-to-face discussions*

2016 CBA Article 122  
JO 7200.21A

Partnership for Safety



National Monthly Teleconference



ATSAP SAFE Discussion Sheet

Safety Awareness For Excellence

February 2024

Reactions to Automated Alerts

ATSAP has received reports describing instances when a controller fails to respond to an automated alert function, such as a Conflict Alert, in the way that the function was intended. Conflict Alerts, and Mode C Intruder (MCI) alerts, are designed to alert radar controllers to existing or pending traffic situations that require immediate attention. Minimum Safe Altitude Warnings (MSAW) and En Route (E)-MSAW provide alerts when a tracked aircraft is below, or predicted by the computer to go below, a minimum safe altitude. Reports describe occasions when a controller recognizes the alert but, for varying reasons, hesitates to respond, delays their reaction, or even ignores the alert. A few commonly described reasons for this include a desensitization to the alert due to a high frequency of alerts that require little or no action and incorrect assumptions about the conditions that may be provoking the alert.

FAA Order JO 7110.65AA

The assigned priority of data in identifying strength and timing safety alerts. As these functions are intended to inform controllers that a situation may warrant the issuance of a safety alert, as well as additional action, it is paramount that a controller evaluate each alert completely and responds appropriately.

ATSAP REPORT EXCERPT

“I issued JOCT 11 a report to FL300 from FL360 in reference to this alert relating several minutes prior to the alert as JOCT 11 needed to be descended further to FL280 only a short time after he would pass the relaying. I initially hesitated at the briefing, and did not understand why the computer was alerting a conflict alert. My mind initially required a ready answer leading event that happened to me a few weeks ago. It did occur when two aircraft were and on opposite courses entered conflict alert status. In that case the CA was the result of the lower level aircraft drifting up into the TMA box of the other aircraft without clearance to do so. As a result of the conditioning from that prior incident, I waited a minor update or two to see if a Mode C collision was going to show one of the two aircraft in this level incident deviating from that clearance, so I could then take appropriate action based on that information. However, this was not a plot deviation, and both aircraft advanced to their assigned clearances. I FINALLY saw the burst cone box around the 10 in the middle of the black altitude digits of JOCT 11 and realized they were heading because 2100 of vertical separation was required.”

FACILITY DISCUSSION

What are some best practices you can use to ensure that automated alerts always receive the most appropriate and expeditious response?

What are some assumptions that may be made about the conditions causing an automated alert that could delay a controller's response to it?

Share an experience when an automated alert may not have received the most appropriate or expeditious response.

REFERENCE

FAA Order JO 7110.65AA | 6-13-1

CONFLICT ALERT (CA) AND MODE C INTRUDER INTRUDER (MCI) ALERT

a. When a CA or MCI alert is displayed, evaluate the reason for the alert without delay and take appropriate action.

b. If another controller is involved in the alert, initiate coordination to ensure an effective course of action. Coordination is not required when immediate action is dictated.

atsap.safety.org

By filing an ATSAP report, you contribute to the identification of safety trends and issues within the NAS.

"ATSAP has received reports describing instances when a controller fails to respond to an automated alert function, such as a Conflict Alert, in the way that the function was intended. Conflict Alerts, and Mode C Intruder (MCI) alerts, are designed to alert radar controllers to existing or pending traffic situations that require immediate attention. Minimum Safe Altitude Warnings (MSAW) and En Route (E)-MSAW provide alerts when a tracked aircraft is below, or predicted by the computer to go below, a minimum safe altitude.

Reports describe occasions when a controller recognizes the alert but, for varying reasons, hesitates to respond, delays their reaction, or even ignores the alert. A few commonly described reasons for this include a desensitization to the alert due to a high frequency of alerts that require little or no action and incorrect assumptions about the conditions that may be provoking the alert."


Facility Discussion

What are some best practices you can use to ensure that automated alerts always receive the most appropriate and expeditious response?

What are some assumptions that may be made about the conditions causing an automated alert that could delay a controller's response to it?

Share an experience when an automated alert may not have received the most appropriate or expeditious response.

THESE SLIDES ARE NOT TO BE USED AS AN MBL. THIS APPLICABLE MATERIAL WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUIRED (JO 7200.21A) MONTHLY FACE TO FACE SAFE DISCUSSIONS.



Causal Factor Report Viewer

Click on a box to view an individual report.  
green box indicates that a report with a narrative is available to view  
orange box indicates that a narrative is not available to view  
grey box indicates a report has been read. Color will be updated the following day once you click Mark as Read

Category

(All)

MOR

Suspected

View

Report Viewer

read unread

Directions:  
Select report Categories and Causal Factors of interest to view a synopsis for each related report.

Click on the date range to select a specific range for filtering the data.

Date Range: 1/1/2024 7/1/2024

Data Sources: All

Category: All

Causal Factor: All

Display: All Not Viewed Viewed

ACCESS

ACCESS/AVAILABILITY

ADJACENT CONDITIONS

Data Visualization

AIRSPACE/FIX/KNOWLEDGEMENT PROBLEM INVOLVING

AIRCRAFT DEVIATION

AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT ISSUES

AIRCRAFT OBSERVATION

AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE OR PILOT RESPONSE

AIRPORT CLOSURE

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

AIRPORT LIGHTING/IMPACT ON EVENT

AIRPORT LIGHTING TYPE OF LIGHTING

AIRPORT SIGNAGE

AIRSPACE-ADJACENT AIRSPACE/INTERNATIONAL PROXIMITY

AIRSPACE-AIRSPACE DESIGN

AIRSPACE-AIRSPACE TYPE/LIMITATIONS

AIRSPACE-AIRWAY/ROUTE

AIRSPACE-NAVAID OR FIX NAME

AIRSPACE-NEW AIRSPACE DESIGN PRIMARY FACTOR

AIRSPACE-SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE TYPE

AIRSPACE-SUA ACTIVATION

AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

☒ (All)

☒ Airborne Separation

☒ Airspace Proximity

☒ Altitude/Route/Speed

☒ ATC Facility Communication

☒ Emergency

☒ Infight Equipment Malfunction

☒ Laser Light

☒ Medical Emergency

☒ NORDO/NORAC

☒ Runway Separation/Incursion Involving Vehicle/Pedestrian

☒ Systemic

☒ Terrain/Obstruction

☒ UAS

☒ Unsafe Situation

☒ Wake Turbulence

Please select a report to view

Partnership for Safety PFS

## LSC Barriers/Obstacles

Partnership for Safety PFS

## Rep's Role in PFS

## MODULE 5



### Service Reviews & Corrective Action Plans (CAP)

## MODULE 5 OBJECTIVES

- Define the purpose of a Quality Control (QC) Operational Skills Assessment (OSA)
- Define different types of service reviews and their uses
- Understand the representative's role in Service Reviews
- Understand the purpose of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
- Identify what triggers a CAP
- Identify the Union's role in the CAP process

#### **Module 6 References:**

- CBA
  - Article 51
  - Article 64
  - Article 122
- JO 7210.634A



## Local QC Order Requirements

Facilities and/or districts must not create QC orders that either duplicate or contradict the national order or collective bargaining agreement.

Facility/district QC orders may only contain the following elements:

- QC OSA sampling plan
- Plan for conducting random/scheduled System Service Reviews (SSRs) (and Traffic Management Reviews (TMRs) for facilities with Traffic Management Units)
- Designation of points of contact for Systemic Issue Reviews (SYSIRs)
- QC OSA Validation sampling plan to be documented in the CEDAR.
- Certification and Performance Skill Check Validation process to be documented in CEDAR
- OJT Documentation Validation process to be documented in CEDAR
- Requirements for recurring reports on performed QC processes, results of analyses of safety data, implemented corrective action plans, and data monitoring activities.

JO 7210.634A Ch. 2-2

## Background Information

### QC OSA

Quality Control is separate from performance management activities. QC OSAs are a means to collect data and measure organizational performance.

A QC OSA must not be used as the basis of, or to support individual performance management (IPM). Employee's identifiable information will not be associated with the OSA.

Potential systemic non-compliant/risk identified in QC OSAs must be analyzed through the service review or the compliance verification processes in order to validate and understand the potential issue.

**VS**

### IPM OSA

IPM is separate and distinct from the QC process. An IPM OSA is a supplemental tool for IPM to address an on-going performance deficiency.

IPM OSAs are not to be conducted unless an ongoing performance deficiency has been identified and documented.

May be conducted through direct or remote monitoring, live observation, or playback tools

Where such capabilities exist, a replay and/or voice recording of the session must be included in any discussion about the OSA.

Conducted by employee's direct supervisor

JO 7210.634A Ch. 3-2  
JO 3400.20 Paragraph 5a(2)

## Service Reviews

System Service Review (SSR)	Traffic Management Review (TMR)
Covered Event Review (CER)	Systemic Issue Review (SYSIR)

### Service Reviews

**Service Reviews provide a methodical manner to take a broad look at all facets that affect the delivery of air traffic services.**

JO 7210.634A

## Service Reviews

<b>System Service Review (SSR)</b>	Traffic Management Review (TMR)
Covered Event Review (CER)	Systemic Issue Review (SYSIR)

### Service Reviews

**Intent of an SSR:** Review the air traffic services provided in any situation at any time under any circumstances.

**Who may request an SSR?** Personnel performing watch supervision (OS, OM, CIC, etc.).

**Who may conduct an SSR?** Facility staff managers and FacReps (or designees of each). **They shall be conducted collaboratively and findings should be jointly developed.**

**When should SSRs be conducted?** Randomly, scheduled, due to public inquiries, or post-event. Services Rendered Telephone Conferences (SRT) that result in “Yellow” or “Red” color-codes require an SSR.

JO 7210.634A; CBA Art. 64, Sec. 7

## Service Reviews



**Intent of a TMR:** Perform an evaluation of traffic management operations with a focus on identifying issues that may impact system efficiency.

**Who may initiate a TMR?** ATCSCC, Vice President, Director of Operations, QCG, District General Manager, Supervisory Traffic Management Coordinator (STMC), Traffic Management Coordinator-in-Charge, OS, OM, CIC, etc.

**Who may perform a TMR?** SDP-designated staff and FacReps (or designees of each) at SDPs and with a TMU or at the ATCSCC. **They shall be conducted collaboratively and findings should be jointly developed.**

**When should TMRs be conducted?** Randomly, scheduled, or post-event.

JO 7210.634A; CBA Art. 64, Sec. 7

## Service Reviews



**Intent of a CER:** Supplement and document the existing required review of air traffic services rendered during an aircraft accident.

**When to initiate a CER?** After any aircraft accident involving fatalities in which air traffic services were provided. The Director/Deputy Director of Operations, Senior Advisor, or the QCG on behalf of the Director of Operations in each respective service area makes this determination.

**Who may conduct a CER?** SDP managers and FacReps (or designees of each). They shall be conducted collaboratively and findings should be jointly developed.

JO 7210.634A; CBA Art. 64, Sec. 7

## Service Reviews



**Intent of a SYSIR:** Identify areas that have potential system impact, whether at facility, service area, or national level.

**When to conduct a SYSIR?** When a suspected systemic issue is found during OSAs, SSRs, CER, or CSBR processes. Or when systemic issues are otherwise suspected.

**Who may conduct a SYSIR?** Each SDP must identify designees for the systemic areas of training, efficiency, airspace/airport, procedures, directives, and technical operations. These designees shall collaborate with FacReps (or their designees) and findings should be jointly developed.

## Service Reviews

### How do you conduct a Service Review?

- A service review is a tool to be utilized in a proactive manner and is intended to be used to identify areas of improvement, and areas of system risk from the Service Delivery Point (SDP).
- It is used to perform a collaborative, in-depth analysis for identifying and/or validating a facility's compliance and/or non-compliance status on a particular issue.
- A written report of the results is generated. However, all interviewed participants will remain anonymous and all names will be sterilized from the report, except in a CER.

## Service Reviews

### **Creating a Service Review in CEDAR**

- Complete the Question Tree in CEDAR— Observations are entered in the tree comments section.
- Review Team
  - Establishes what happened, why, and how. Mitigation recommendations may also be established by the team.
- Attach Supporting Documentation
  - Replays with audio, audio files, documents, and other pertinent information.
  - Data will provide a more complete picture of the operation as it relates to the report.
- Finalize in CEDAR (and if needed, create a CAP)
- Send findings memorandum to the ATM

## Service Review Recap

### **What is NATCA's Role in Service Reviews?**

## Verifications and Validations

### ARTICLE 64

#### SAFETY EVENTS REPORTING AND REVIEW

**Section 9.** The principles and processes contained within Article 51 of this Agreement shall be utilized for a Compliance Verification (CV), ~~Quality Control Check (QCC)~~ or Quality Control Validation (QCV), regardless of the level at which the activity is conducted.

### ARTICLE 51

#### FACILITY EVALUATIONS, AUDITS, AND ASSESSMENTS

**Section 1.** When an evaluation, audit or assessment is conducted at an air traffic facility, the Union at the local level may designate one (1) member to serve on the evaluation team. The designee shall function at the direction of the evaluation team leader as a full member of the evaluation team. The designee's schedule shall be adjusted so he/she may participate in a duty status.

## Verifications

**Compliance Verifications (CV).** CVs are a way to assess SDP (Service Delivery Point) performance and identify areas for improvement.

- **Internal Compliance Verification (ICV).** Planned assessments accomplished using a checklist and random sampling methods such as, but not limited to, direct observations, discussions with SDP personnel, review of data, equipment parameters, certification parameters, and examination of other documentation. All FAA air traffic control SDPs and federal contract towers must conduct an ICV annually each fiscal year
- **External Compliance Verification (ECV).** Assessments of SDPs conducted as-needed as determined by the service unit, director of operations at the service area, and/or the QCG, with the concurrence of the director of operations. Determinations to conduct ECVs will be based on data analysis that identifies potential risk within specific SDPs. ECVs may be conducted through various methods that may include developing a custom checklist and a review of available data, direct observation, interviews with personal and other appropriate means.

**ICV / ECV Findings**

- Exemplary (E): This finding is assigned to items that demonstrate exemplary performance in quality and efficiency.
- Compliant (C): This finding is assigned to items that are completed in compliance with national, service area, and local requirements. Details are not required to be entered into the CVT.
- Non-compliant Low Risk (NL): This finding is assigned to items that are non- compliant, but do not represent a moderate or significant safety risk to the National Airspace System (NAS).
- Non-compliant Medium Risk (NM): This finding is assigned to items that are non- compliant and represent a moderate safety risk to the NAS.
- Non-compliant High Risk (NH): This finding is assigned to items that are non- compliant and represent a significant safety risk to the NAS.
- Not Observed (NO): This item is assigned to items that are not observed during the verification. The reason the item was not observed must be documented.

**Validations**

- Quality Control Validations (QCV):** The QCV process check is a statistical sampling of a particular process or task to ensure compliance and accuracy. This process may also identify potential systemic issues associated with training efficiency, airspace, procedures, directives, and equipment.
- OSA validations
  - Certification and Performance skill check validations
  - On-the-job training documentation (OJTD) validations

### Validating a Systemic Issue:

Service Review

SSR

TMR

CER

SYSIR

Compliance  
Verification

Internal

External

## What is NATCA's Role in Verifications and Validations?



## Corrective Action Plans

### What is a Corrective Action Plan (CAP)?

Process used as a method of correcting **validated** safety issues and a means for measuring the completion and effectiveness of identified mitigations.

CAPs may be generated from the following:

- Service Reviews
- Compliance Verifications
- QC Validations
- Significant events (require an SSR to validate)
- LSC analysis (validation of issues through SSRs is encouraged)
- Runway Safety Action Teams (RSATs)
- For issues identified externally such as AOV audits, NTSB investigations, and/or AJI audits.

7210.634A 7-2

## Corrective Action Plans

### CAP Collaboration

**Section 4.** Non-ATSAP Terminal/En Route Facility CAP Process: The Agency will collaborate with the Facility Representative, or his/her designee, in the development and implementation of CAPs, as well as the review of the effectiveness of mitigations prior to the closure of a CAP at a terminal/en route facility.

**Section 5.** The Agency will collaborate with the Union at the appropriate level if there is a need to amend a CAP developed at the local level.

**Section 6.** If the Parties cannot achieve consensus during any phase of the CAR/CAP process, they shall follow the provisions identified in Section 7 of Article 114 of this Agreement.

2016 CBA Article 112

### **CAP Development: Gathering Input**

CAP development teams should ensure that they gather input from relevant facility personnel to ensure all information is considered in creating a CAP.

Facility personnel could include the following depending on the specific issue:

- Facility staff personnel (e.g., Quality Control, airspace/procedures, training)
- Operational staff (e.g., controllers, supervisors, operations managers)
- Facility management (e.g., support managers, facility manager, staff manager)

### **How to create a CAP**

The following steps are required to complete a CAP:

- Describe the specific corrective actions that will mitigate the facility non-compliance/risk
- Examples of corrective actions include, but are not limited to:
  - Training (must target the specific knowledge gap)
  - Changes to local procedures and/or processes
  - Realignment of airspace
  - Changes to letters of agreement with adjacent facilities, airport operators, etc.
  - Identify the scope of the correction (e.g., facility-wide, area-wide, etc.)
- Identify a timeframe for completion of the action(s) taken
- Identify a monitoring plan for determining effectiveness of the implemented corrective actions
- Identify the target for mitigation effectiveness

## Corrective Action Plans

### How to create a CAP

#### Critical Points

- CAPs must be developed for all validated systemic facility non-compliance/risk.
- CAPs must be documented primarily in CEDAR (and the CVT or ATC InfoHub when applicable/required).
- CAPs must address five critical elements:
  - Identify specific mitigations to correct the systemic non-compliance.
  - Define the intended scope of the CAP.
  - Define a timeframe for completion of the CAP.
  - Define a monitoring plan, including what data will be used, a timeframe, and who is responsible for accomplishing monitoring.
  - Define mitigation effectiveness, including how the facility will determine the CAP was effective using the collected data.
- If the CAP does not effectively mitigate the validated systemic non-compliance, a revised CAP must be developed, documented, and implemented.

## CAP Form in CEDAR

**Subject of CAP** ➡

**Safety Monitoring Watchlist** ➡

**Risk or Hazard** ➡

**Detailed Description of  
Validated Safety Issue(s)** ➡

### Corrective Action Plan

\* Includes required form

**Basic Information:**

Subject of CAP\*

Safety Monitoring Watchlist

**Identified Safety Risk or Hazard:**

Risk or Hazard\*

0 of 3000 characters used

**Background Information:**

Detailed Description of Validated Safety Issue(s)\*

0 of 3000 characters used

CAP Form

Add Regulation

Mitigation Plan

Monitoring Plan Details

Effectiveness Target

Pertinent Regulations:

Add Regulation

Select ▼

Reference

Description

Add

Mitigation Plan\*

Mitigation Item #1

Type

Select ▼

Event

Select ▼

Target Completion Date\*

Details\*

0 of 2000 characters used

Add Mitigation

Monitoring Plan\*\*

Monitoring Item #1

Type

Select ▼

Event

Select ▼

Target Completion Date\*

Details\*

0 of 2000 characters used

Effectiveness Target\*

0 of 2000 characters used

Add Monitoring Item

CAP Form

Add Attachments

Forward with Comments

Save Draft, Send for Approval, or Cancel

Supporting Data:

Add Attachment

Select Type ▼

Forward:

Recipient

Select Name ▼

Send as Informational

Delegate

Cancel

Comments

0 of 2000 characters used

Add Recipient

Save Draft

Send for Approval

Cancel

**What is NATCA's  
Role in CAPs?**

MODULE 6

Occurrence/Encounter  
Follow-On Activities



## MODULE 6 OBJECTIVES

- Understand the purpose of a Services Rendered Telephone Conference (SRT) and your role as a participant
- Recognize what to do when you don't agree with something said during SRT
- ARIA processes

### Module 7 References:

- CBA
  - Article 51
  - Article 64
  - Article 122
- ARIA MOU
- SRT MOU
- JO 7210.634A
- JO 1030.3B

A **management** telephone conference conducted with the ATO Safety and Technical Training Compliance Services Group (CSG), the Service Area Director(s) of Operations, Mission Support Staff, Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention, Operations Control Center, the involved facility, and others as needed, **to review and assess the ATO services associated with a significant or noteworthy event.**

#### S E R V I C E S   R E N D E R E D   T E L C O N   S R T

- If there is a difference of opinion, those topics will be discussed outside of the SRT in a collaborative manner.
- National Safety Rep. (NSR) and FacRep shall be invited and afforded the opportunity to participate.
- FacRep shall also be given the opportunity to participate in associated activities (e.g.: review ATC communications, display/radar playback).
- The Agency will not delay an SRT if the NSR or FacRep are unable to participate.

SRT MOU

#### S R T   N o t i f i c a t i o n   E x a m p l e

A Services Rendered TELCON will be conducted at 2/29/2025 4:00 PM for the event described below.

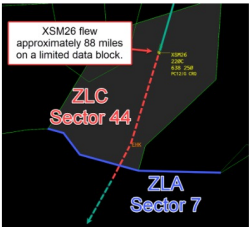
**Event Summary:**

[Salt Lake ARTCC \(ZLC\) / Los Angeles ARTCC \(ZLA\) – Sunday, Feb. 29, 2025, at 6:43 p.m. MDT:](#) (AirSmart) XSM26/PC12 flew for approximately 88 miles on a limited data block at FL220 and entered ZLA Sector 7 airspace without coordination. XSM26's flight plan was inadvertently removed by the ZLC Sector 44 Radar (R44) controller. The ZLA Sector 7 Radar (R7) controller observed the limited data block 11 miles inside their airspace, coordinated with the R44 controller to establish communication with XSM26, and re-acquired their full data block. ZLC and ZLA reported XSM26 did not conflict with other aircraft.

SRT Results Example

Salt Lake ARTCC (ZLC) / Los Angeles ARTCC (ZLA) –  
Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 6:43 p.m. MDT

(AirSmart) XSM26/PC12 flew for approximately 88 miles on a limited data block at FL220 and entered ZLA Sector 7 Radar (R7) airspace without coordination. XSM26's flight plan was inadvertently removed by the ZLC Sector 44 Radar (R44) controller. The ZLA R7 controller observed the limited data block 11 miles inside their airspace, coordinated with the ZLC R44 controller to establish communication with XSM26, and re-acquired their full data block. ZLC and ZLA reported XSM26 did not conflict with any aircraft.



An SRT was conducted, and the event was color-coded "Yellow" for ZLC with QCG follow-up required, and "Green" for ZLA with no follow-up required. These were the main findings of the SRT:

- The ZLC ATM described the traffic volume as moderate with moderate complexity. The weather was VFR.
- The ZLA ATM described the traffic volume as moderate with routine complexity. The weather was VFR.
- ZLC Area C: There were nine CPCs, two trainees, and one OS on duty. Five positions were open. Four CPCs and one OS were on position. Four CPCs and two trainees were available, with one CPC on other duties. The OS was providing direct supervision.
- ZLA Area F: There were 14 CPCs, six trainees, and two OSs on duty. Seven positions were open. Seven CPCs, three trainees, and one OS were on position. Five CPCs and three trainees were available, with two CPCs and one OS on other duties. A CIC was providing direct supervision.
- The ZLC ATM briefed the ZLC R44 controller received a VFR flight-following cancellation from an uninvolved aircraft, which was in the vicinity of XSM26; however, they removed the flight plan on XSM26.
- XSM26 exited the R44 sector while on a limited data block and entered the ZLA R7 sector without a transfer of radar identification or communication.
- The ZLC ATM briefed the R44 position, a low-altitude sector, was combined with the Sector 33 Radar position, a high-altitude sector. A Radar Associate position was not staffed for the R44 position during the event.

Event Response Team ERT

Event Response Team (ERT): A diverse group of subject matter experts led by the Event Investigation Manager (EIM), responsible for reviewing events and performing other duties as set forth in JO 1030.3B.



## Event Response Team ERT

SRT Color Code Determination. After a review of the services provided the CSG Manager or designee, using sound judgment and expertise, will determine a color code designation.

**Red Events:** The CSG Manager or designee should classify events as red when they believe that an ERT should be launched immediately to conduct an on-site review of air traffic services.

Red events might include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Significant or noteworthy accident involving an air carrier, air taxi, or general aviation aircraft
- (2) Events with significant/noteworthy regional or national media or political interest (3) Natural disasters affecting air traffic services
- (4) Near Mid Air Collision reports

**Yellow Events:** The CSG Manager or designee should classify events as yellow when more information is needed to determine whether an on-site event review of air traffic services is required or when the on-site event review does not need to occur immediately.

**Green Events:** The CSG Manager or designee should classify events as green when no headquarters response appears to be required or headquarters may be able to monitor/review the post-event process without launching an ERT.

JO 1030.3B

## Event Response Team ERT

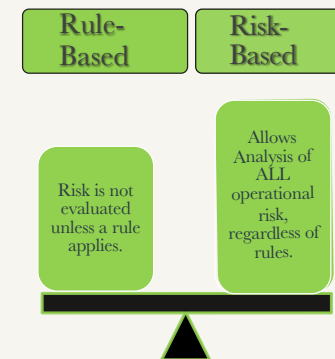
An ERT must be launched immediately to conduct an on-site investigation for all **red events**. For events color-coded **yellow** the CSG Manager or designee in consultation with the Director of Operations, Service Unit, and Director of Safety may, when necessary, determine the need to launch an ERT. Whenever possible, this determination will either be made during the SRT or no later than 4 hours following conclusion of the SRT. An ERT need not be launched for any events color-coded **green**.

The Vice President for Safety and Technical Training may initiate an ERT review for any event or to address safety concerns. Additionally, if the NTSB determines it will launch an ATC Workgroup, an Event Investigation Manager (EIM) will be assigned and an ERT will be launched.

JO 1030.3B

Risk-Based Safety Management (RBSM)  
vs.  
Compliance-Based Safety Management

R i s k - B a s e d   S a f e t y   M a n a g e m e n t



## Risk-Based Safety Management

### Preliminary ARIA Reports

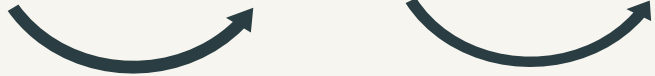
Review of  
operation that may  
have potential risk

### Barrier Analysis Review

Risk is analyzed  
and categorized by  
panel

### Outcome Discussion

Aggregate BAR  
data used to  
inform Process



JO 7210.634A

## Service Area Safety Representatives

- Western Service Area:
  - Samantha Navarro: [snavarro@natca.net](mailto:snavarro@natca.net)
- Central Service Area:
  - Nathan Vinson: [nvinson@natca.net](mailto:nvinson@natca.net)
- Eastern Service Area
  - Sandii Follmer: [sfollmer@natca.net](mailto:sfollmer@natca.net)

Follow-On Activities

## Rep's Role in Follow-On Activities

- Services Rendered Telcon (SRT)
- Barrier Analysis Review Outcome Discussion

## MODULE 7

### Accident/Incident Response



## Accident Response

### MODULE 7 OBJECTIVES

- Understand responsibilities for accident notification
- Understand representational role

#### Module 8 References:

- CBA
  - Article 64
  - Article 119
- JO 7210.634A
- JO 1030.3B
- ASI Accident Checklist

## Accident Response

Position Relief	Representation	Notification
Bargaining Unit Employees (BUEs) last providing services to an aircraft that results in a fatal accident shall be relieved from position as soon as operationally possible in accordance with Article 64, Section 2 of the CBA. In accordance with FAA Order JO 1030.3B 4.1, for every fatal accident where ATC services were provided, a Covered Event Review (CER) must be conducted in accordance with FAA Order JO 7210.634, within three (3) administrative days. The employee(s) last providing ATC services must remain relieved from operation/control positions until the CER and any CER-associated training, if assigned, is completed.	Provide representation to all involved BUEs. As soon as practicable, move each BUE to a private area where he or she can process the event and speak with a NATCA representative	As soon as possible, call your Regional Vice President (RVP) and Regional NATCA Accident/Incident point of contact. Be prepared to provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your name, facility, and NATCA position (FacRep, Local Officer, Member)</li><li>• A list of phone numbers where you can be contacted; and</li><li>• A description of the accident/incident and an initial assessment of any potential ATC concerns</li></ul>

Media Issues	Personnel Statements	CISD/CISM
<p><u>Do NOT interact with the media under any circumstances and advise BUEs NOT to post or comment about the accident/incident on social media.</u> Direct all media requests to NATCA's Deputy Director of Public Affairs.</p> <p>Unauthorized statements in the media and/or on social media could result in disciplinary action and may affect NATCA's participation as a party to any NTSB investigation.</p>	<p>Signed personnel statements are only required in the event of a pilot deviation pursuant to Article 64, section 4. If management requests a signed personnel statement as a result of the accident/incident, contact your RVP as soon as possible. If management orders a BUE to provide a signed personnel statement in an instance other than a pilot deviation, he or she should comply with the order, and contact his or her RVP. Prior to provide a signed personnel statement, listen to voice tapes of each pertinent control position with each BUE and review video replay, if applicable. BUEs should provide only a brief outline of the pertinent facts (e.g., name, position, basic events) and include the following statement: "The above statement is true and factual to the best of my knowledge, based upon the information available to me at this time."</p>	<p>Encourage BUEs to engage in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) and refer them to the NATCA Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team, as established in Article 74. The NATCA CISM team provides confidential, nonjudgmental, peer-to-peer support in the wake of stressful events to promote recovery following a difficult experience (for more information contact the NATCA CISM team). BUEs do not have to have been directly involved in the accident/incident to contact CISM. All contact with the CISM team is confidential.</p>

Injury Compensation Forms	ATSAP	NASA ASRS
<p>BUEs who believe they have suffered a traumatic emotional injury as a result of an accident/incident may file an injury compensation form with the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP). Copies of OWCP Form CA-1 will be available at every facility and are used to document when an injury has occurred. Contact your RVP and the NATCA OWCP Representative if you have questions about filing out the form.</p>	<p>All BUEs involved in an accident/incident should file an ATSAP report. It is important that all statements within an ATSAP report are as accurate as possible and are consistent with the BUE's other interviews and comments. Be aware that reports related to an accident/incident may be ordered to be released during litigation.</p>	<p>NATCA <b>does not</b> recommend that controllers file a NASA ASRS report in the event of an accident. NASA cannot accept accident reports and is required to send the ASRS report to the NTSB with submitter contact information.</p>

Release from Facility	Drug/Alcohol Testing	Stay Calm
<p>If a BUE is unable to safely perform his or her duties because of his or her emotional state, you should request that management release the involved BUE from the facility as soon as practicable. If the requested release is denied, the BUE is entitled to use leave on the basis that he or she is “incapacitated for duty.”</p> <p>Contact your RVP immediately if the release request is denied. Work with local management to determine when the BUE is expected to return for duty and make sure that the BUE can be contacted.</p>	<p>A BUE’s release from the facility may be delayed pending a decision by the FAA on whether to test the involved BUE for drugs and/or alcohol. Post accident/incident testing is a mandatory condition of employment and BUEs must comply. Post accident/incident test should be conducted in accordance with Article 73, section 14 of the CBA. It may take several hours to receive the decision to test. For issues related to drug/alcohol testing, contact your RVP. BUEs are entitled to representation during the testing process but must request such representation, so be sure to advise them to make the request. If Union representation is not readily available, the employee should request to confer with a Union rep via telephone.</p> <p>NOTE: NTSB investigators sometimes ask BUEs to take a separate drug test. However, unlike FAA testing, NTSB testing is not mandatory and BUEs should decline this</p>	<p>Do your best to stay focused and represent your BUEs to the best of your ability, and remember your rights in the CBA. Try to be reasonable with management’s requests but stay in regular contact with you RVP. . BUEs should always comply with direct orders from management, but be sure to carefully document any issues and relay those to your RVP. If you are unsure about something, call your RVP for assistance.</p>

Accident Response

Visit:

<https://www.natca.org/ASI>

Accident/Incident Response

## Rep's Role in an Accident/Incident



## MODULE 8

### Safety Management System (SMS)



## MODULE 8 OBJECTIVES

- Understand the purpose of SMS
- Identify when an SRM panel is required
- Identify everyone involved in an SRM panel and their role

### **Module 9 References:**

- CBA Article 123
- FAA Order 8000.369
- SMS Manual

## Safety Management System SMS

### When SRM must be conducted:

The SRM process is used to assess the safety risk of NAS changes or existing safety issues associated with the provision of air traffic management services.

For the ATO, a NAS change is a modification to any element of the NAS that pertains to or could affect the provision of air traffic management and communication, navigation, and surveillance services. Air traffic controllers and technicians, their training, and their certification are elements of the NAS and directly relate to the provision of air traffic services.

2016 CBA Article 123  
FAA Order 8000.369  
SMS Manual

## Safety Management System SMS

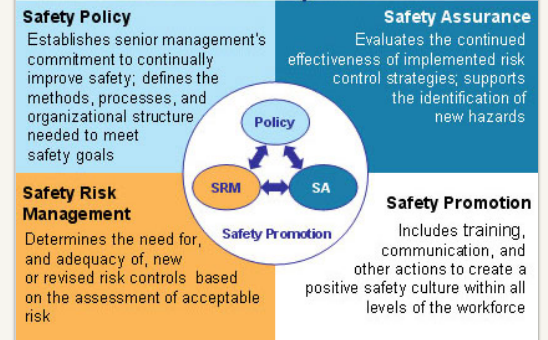
- The ATO SMS focuses on the safe provision of air traffic control and navigation services. Accordingly, it does not directly apply to issues related to the environment, occupational safety and health, physical security, cybersecurity, or information security, unless those issues affect the operational safety of NAS services provided by the ATO.

## Components of SMS

### Components of SMS

- Safety Policy
- Safety Promotion
- Safety Assurance
- Safety Risk Management (SRM)

#### The Four SMS Components

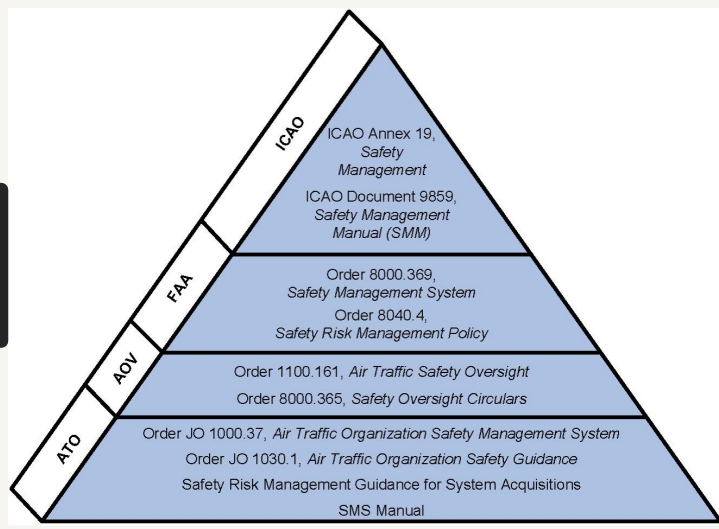


# Safety Policy

## Safety Policy

- The documented organizational policy that defines management's commitment, responsibility, and accountability for safety. Safety Policy identifies and assigns responsibilities to key safety personnel.
- Includes:
  - CBA Article 123
  - SMS Orders
  - SMS Manual
  - Safety Guidance
  - FAA/ATO Safety Orders
  - Safety Risk Management Guidance for System Acquisitions (SRMGSA)

ATO SMS  
Safety Policy is  
derived from  
other SMS  
Processes



## Safety Promotion

## Safety Promotion

- The communication and distribution of information to improve the safety culture and the development and implementation of programs and/or processes that support the integration and continuous improvement of the SMS within the ATO. Safety Promotion allows the ATO to share and provide evidence of successes and lessons learned.
- Includes
  - SMS Training
  - Lessons Learned
  - Workshops
  - Safety Communication

## Safety Promotion includes safety programs and initiatives



Recurrent Training



Top 5



Fatigue Risk Management



Partnership for Safety



Voluntary Safety Reporting Programs

ATSAP  
ATSAP-X  
T-SAP  
CISP



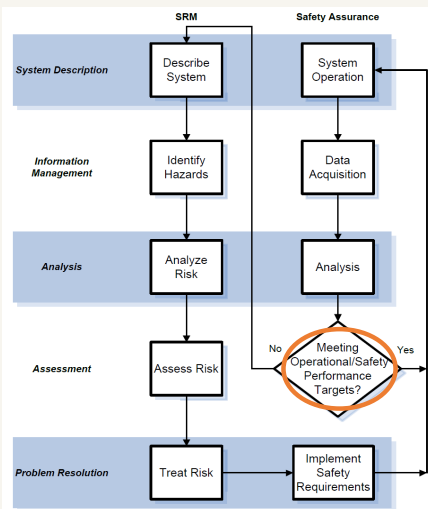
Lessons Learned

# Safety Assurance

## S a f e t y   A s s u r a n c e

- A set of processes within the SMS that verify that the organization meets or exceeds its safety performance objectives and that function systematically to determine the effectiveness of safety risk controls through the collection, analysis, and assessment of information.
- Includes
  - Identifying Hazards
  - VSRP Data
  - Safety Risk Monitoring
  - PFS
  - Investigations
  - Data Analysis
  - Audits and Evaluations

Safety Assurance  
works in concert  
with SRM to  
monitor and  
mitigate NAS risk



## Safety Risk Management

## Safety Risk Management

- The processes and procedures established and used by ATO safety practitioners to identify hazards, analyze and assess the associated risks, implement safety risk mitigations, and, as applicable, define safety performance targets.
- Simply put: **SRM determines the need for and adequacy of risk controls.**

## Safety Risk Management

### When must SRM be conducted?

- Safety analyses are most frequently performed in response to a NAS change.
- For the ATO, a NAS change is a modification to ANY element of the NAS that pertains to or could affect the provision of air traffic management and communication, navigation, and surveillance services. Air traffic controllers and technicians, their training, and their certification are elements of the NAS and directly to the provision of air traffic services.



## CBA requirements (Article 123)

NATCA must be invited if BUEs are affected.

The agency should provide notice 30 days prior.

NATCA is responsible for all costs. The agency will reimburse mileage when a GOV is not available.

NATCA reps will be in duty status, including travel time.

A briefing package will be provided in advance. Duty time to review the package will be afforded.

If NATCA does not concur with the panel, the Union may submit written comments to the Agency for consideration.

## What to expect if you are selected for a Panel.

**TRAINING:** Training will be provided to first time SRM panel members prior to the start of the Panel.

**ROLES:** Members of SRM panels have specific titles and roles

- Change Proponent: The party that is proposing a NAS change or address an existing safety issue.
- Facilitator: A trained expert on the SRM process who moderates the deliberations of the Panel from a neutral position.
- Panel Member: Voting member who performs the safety assessment.
- Subject Matter Expert: A technical expert.
- Panel Observer: An individual present during the proceedings.

## Safety Risk Management

What to expect  
if you are  
selected for a  
Panel.

REVIEW CURRENT SYSTEM

REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGE OR EXISTING ISSUE

DEVELOP PRELIMINARY HAZARD LIST (if no  
hazards are identified, go to last step)

DEVELOP HAZARD ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

DEVELOP MONITORING PLAN

SRM DOCUMENTATION

## Safety Risk Management

Let's try one....

### Current System

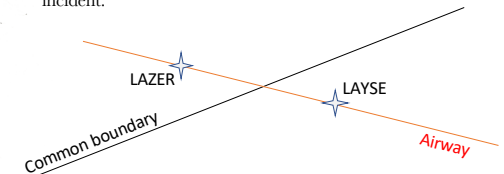
A victor route is established between two VORs in separate facilities within mountainous terrain. Radar coverage is not always reliable at low altitudes.

### Proposed Changes

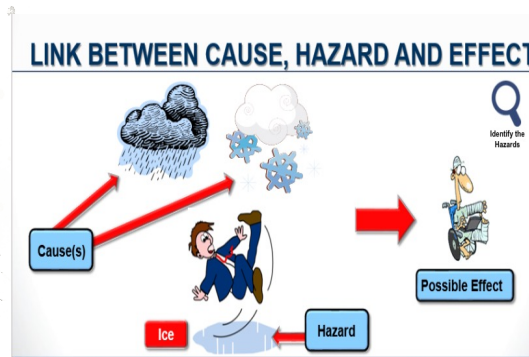
Creation of two waypoints along the victor route, each 5 miles from the common boundary. They can be used as transfer of control points, as necessary. The proposed waypoint names are LAZER and LAYSE.

### WHAT RISKS CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

Any real or potential condition that can cause injury, illness, or death to people; damage to or loss of a system, equipment, or property; or damage to the environment. A hazard is a prerequisite to an accident or incident.



Let's try one....



Let's try one....

**If we do not find any hazards....**  
The panel will prepare the SRM Documentation stating so.

# RISKS IDENTIFIED

Once we create our Preliminary Hazards List (PHL), the Panel will go through Hazard Assessment Worksheet (HAW).

## HAW ICE EXAMPLE: IDENTIFY HAZARDS

(1) Hazard ID	(2) Hazard Description	(3) Causes	(4) System State
ABC-01	FIX Confusion	Creating a new fix with similar name	Everyday

# What the HAW accomplishes.

- **Controls:** Understand the impact of the control
- Must be associated with the change, hazard, cause and system state
- Cite the specific version, paragraph and/or section number(s) when using FAA Orders
- Include information explaining how the control mitigates the risk

What the  
HAW  
accomplishes.

Risk levels are assessed for each hazard based on severity and likelihood:

Severity Likelihood	Minimal 5	Minor 4	Major 3	Hazardous 2	Catastrophic 1
Frequent A	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Probable B	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Remote C	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
Extremely Remote D	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Extremely Improbable E	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High* Medium

\*Risk is high when there is a single-point or common cause failure.

Assess RISK

**LOW: Acceptable**

- May be implemented (but safety requirements are recommended)
- Must have at least one safety performance target
- Measurable goals used to verify the predicted residual risk of a hazard

**MEDIUM: Acceptable**

- May be implemented but safety requirements are recommended to increase the safety margin

**HIGH: Unacceptable risk**

- Must be mitigated to a Medium or Low risk prior to implementation

## Treat the RISK

- Risk Control
- Risk Avoid
- Risk Transfer
- Risk Assumption

How do you request an SRM?

## Safety Risk Management

### Support

Contact your Regional Safety Representative when an SRM Panel is being convened at your facility. Regional Safety Reps have received SMS training and are available to assist with the preparation for SRM Panels.

These reps coordinate with the National Office, Safety & Technology Department, and National SMS representative to ensure NATCA's position on Safety issues is consistent across the NAS.

### Support

NAL: Jennifer Bradshaw, [jbradshaw@natca.org](mailto:jbradshaw@natca.org)

NCE: Travis Arnold, [tarnold@natca.net](mailto:tarnold@natca.net)

NEA: Anthony Hughes, [anthonyhughes28@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonyhughes28@yahoo.com)

NGL: Jon Kunowski, [jkunowski@natca.net](mailto:jkunowski@natca.net)

Mike Taylor, [mtaylor@natca.net](mailto:mtaylor@natca.net)

NNE: Seth Myers, [smyers@natca.net](mailto:smyers@natca.net)

NNM: Randall Parkman, [rparkman@natca.org](mailto:rparkman@natca.org)

NRX: Don Smith, [don.smith@natca.net](mailto:don.smith@natca.net)

NSO: Blythe Wolfe, [blythe.wolfe@natca.net](mailto:blythe.wolfe@natca.net)

NSW: Aaron Pickett, [apickett@natca.net](mailto:apickett@natca.net)

NWP: Rob Reddeg, [rreddeg@natca.org](mailto:rreddeg@natca.org)

Safety Management System **SMS**

## Rep's Role in SMS



## MODULE 9

### Local Runway Safety Action Team (LRSAT) Meetings



## MODULE 9 OBJECTIVES

- Understand the purpose of an LRSAT
- Identify the frequency of an LRSAT
- Understand representational role

### Module 10 References:

- CBA Article 113
- FAA JO 7050.1B

### Identify and Reduce the Risk of Runway Incursions and Excursions

- LRSATs also create an environment where our team can acknowledge that there is room for improvement, by encouraging everyone to freely discuss issues and concerns in order to develop best practices and mitigations
- LRSAT's meetings are **required ONCE per fiscal year**. It is **recommended** to have **QUARTERLY RSAT meetings** as open communication between all parties tends to lead towards safer results.
- It is encouraged to be an active participant in these meetings as you are an integral part of the team.

#### L R S A T   P a r t i c i p a n t s

- Airport Operator
- Air Traffic Control Manager
- NATCA Representative (Designee)
- Office of Airports
- Terminal Operations
- Regional Runway Safety Team
- Local Stakeholders (Invite flight schools, tenants, airlines (management and union), fire and rescue, etc.

#### L R S A T   D a t a   R e v i e w

- Runway Incursions/Safety Incidents
- Safety Concerns
- Identified Hazards
- Airport Construction
- Runway Safety Areas
- Hot Spots
- These meetings allow for an open discussion thru all of these topics, develop mitigations, action items and more.
- When we contribute and participate with these meetings the better we build upon the relationships on the airfield, and create mitigations that actually work

## L R S A T   P r o c e s s

- The LRSAT will go over some national statistics, but will not go into this much detail
- Your LRSAT will follow the national statistics with your local statistics
- This statistic portion is a good opportunity for you to get involved.
  - Ask your ATM if you can brief the statistics and local runway incursions
  - This is a good opportunity for the audience to get involved as there will most likely be questions
  - Keep this very professional and just brief the facts

## L R S A T   P r o c e s s

### Local Runway Safety Action Team (LRSAT) Meeting Agenda (Example)

#### Local Runway Safety Action Team (LRSAT) Meeting Agenda

##### Welcome to the team - Introduction of team members

- FAA Air Traffic Manager
- NATCA FacRep
- Airport Manager
- Stakeholders - Self Introductions (please sign roster)

##### Runway Safety briefing

- RSAT Process
- Definitions and statistics
- Local Runway Incursions
- Hot topics in runway safety
- Develop Action Items

##### Open discussion

- Stakeholder / user perspective
- Identify risk factors or current initiatives

##### Develop Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP) / Develop action items

##### Adjournment

## L R S A T   P a r t i c i p a t i o n

- The Parties agree that prevention of runway incursions is a top priority and acknowledge the value of runway safety initiatives in addressing runway safety problems/issues
- The FacRep (Designee) shall be afforded the opportunity to Participate in All Local Runway Safety Meetings
- The Agency shall notify the facility at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled runway safety meeting(s) unless an exigency exists
- The Surface Incident Prevention Plan (SIPP), also known as the Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP) shall be provided to National Runway Safety Representative and the FacRep concurrently with its submission to the Facility Manager. For more information on Corrective Action Plans refer to Article 112 of the NATCA/FAA 2016 CBA

## L R S A T   O u t c o m e

### Runway Safety Action Plans:

- Has your discussions today prompted any thoughts as to what can be done differently at your airport to improve surface safety?
- Capture those initiatives in your annual Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP).

*Note: RSAP's are about 7 pages (includes: Airport Stats, Incident History, RSAT Meeting Overview, Review of Previous Action Items, New Action Items, Best Practices)*

- When developing Action Items, please remember that they are non-regulatory, voluntary and flexible.
- The party responsible for implementing and/or funding the action item must be in agreement.
- Each action item should be specific and include a point of contact and anticipated completion date.

## Rep's Role in an LRSAT Meeting

### L R S A T   C o n t a c t

Contact your National Runway Safety Representative at:  
**[runwaysafety@natca.net](mailto:runwaysafety@natca.net)**

Any safety-related questions  
can be sent to  
[QAQC@natca.net](mailto:QAQC@natca.net). This  
email address is monitored by  
NATCA's National Safety  
Committee.