

# Target Zero – Challenging Risk by Changing Culture

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### Bristow Group's Global Footprint

Primarily oil & gas + SAR & training

22 countries 10 AOCs

4500 employees

400+ aircraft operated directly - 300,000 hours per year

Another 145
aircraft leased or
with
unconsolidated
Joint Ventures

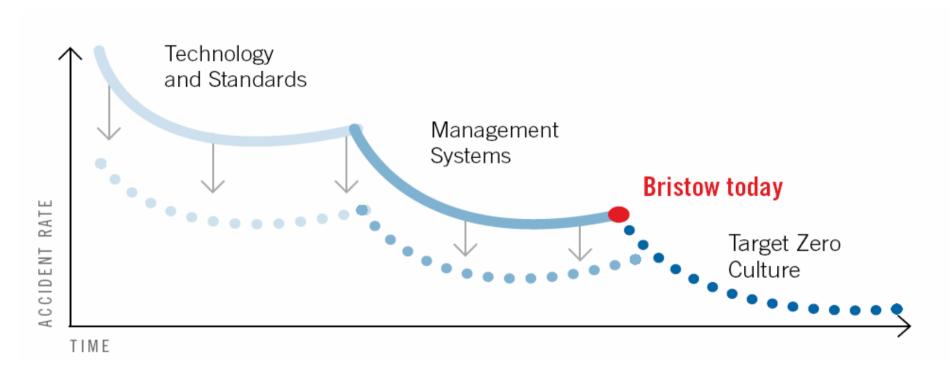


Bristow Western Hemisphere – Air Logistics Bristow Eastern Hemisphere Grasso (offshore production management) Bristow Academy *added 2007* (flight training)





#### Three 'Ages' of Safety Management Attention

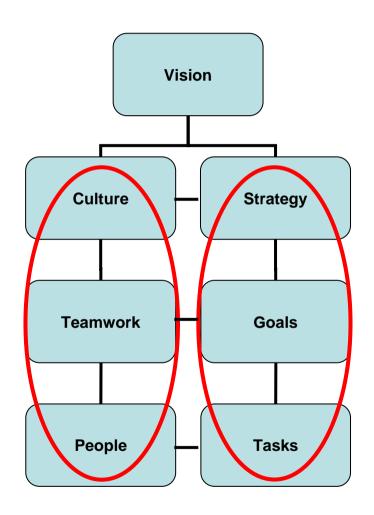


- Technology, Standards & Safety Management Systems are, or are becoming, regulatory requirements
  - Continuous Improvement is still essential
- Increased focus on a 'culture of safety' Changing Behaviour





### Relationship of Management & Leadership



Management (inc SMS, technology & standards)



Leadership



# Why an Increased Emphasis on Culture?

#### 2 US Navy squadrons

- same aircraft type
- same mission
- same carrier





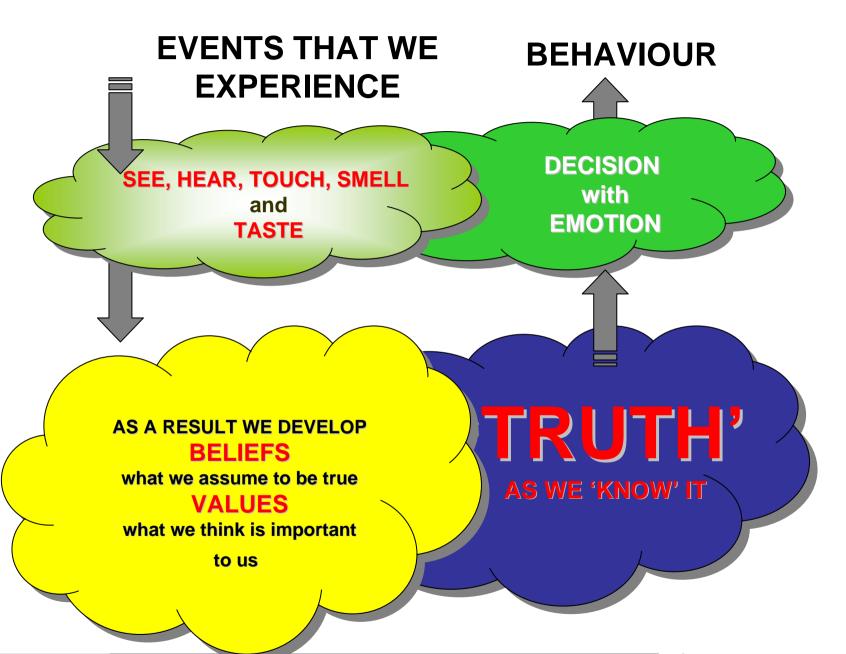


### Culture Survey – A Baseline for Future Comparison

- Global web based safety survey in late 2006
  - Plus surveys in Russian & Spanish
- Anonymous
- Based on US Navy validated experience
- 50%+ response in most Business Units











#### Safety Culture – Defining Bristow Expectations

- Of our existing corporate values, the most important is 'Safety First'
- We then defined our safety vision of:
  - Zero accidents
  - Zero harm to people
  - Zero harm to the environment
- Then our:
  - Safety beliefs
  - Safety commitments
  - Safety expectations





### Safety Culture – Communicating

- Distinct logo & name
  - Shorthand for our safety vision
  - Professionally prepared brochure to all staff
  - Calendar & poster campaign
  - All with high quality & distinctive design
- Main cascade through safety leadership workshops
- Management "walking the talk" - leadership









# Our Safety Culture – Changing Behaviour (1)

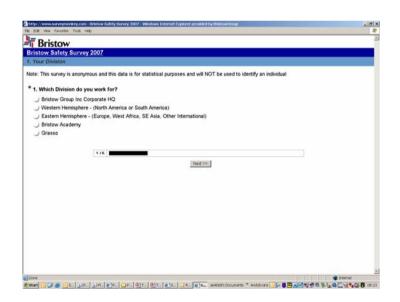
- Phase 1 FY07 Safety Leadership Workshops
  - April June 2007: 20 workshops in 8 venues across 5 continents (4 more since due to popular demand)
  - Two days, highly interactive
  - >12% of the workforce involved
    - Covered the Target Zero vision, beliefs, commitments & expectations
    - Included leadership & coaching sessions
    - Safety decision making exercise
    - Accident case study
    - SMS
  - Each attendee took away personal actions to cascade information & safety leadership skills to the rest of the workforce

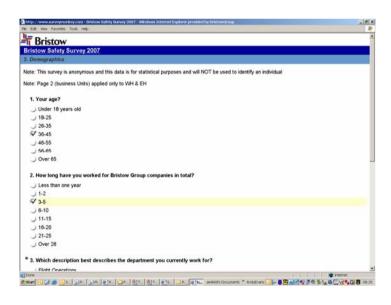




# Safety Culture - Closing the Loop

- Late 2007 repeating the survey
- Measure cultural change
- Identify new areas as targets for intervention in 2008
- This becomes a continual closed loop cycle with focused interventions between each survey









# Our Safety Culture – Changing Behaviour (2)

- Phase 2 FY08 'Target Zero Champions'
  - Smaller group (>120)
  - 2 day facilitators training
  - Then in pairs deliver ½ day sessions to all other employees
    - Hazard identification
    - Our improved Focus observation & intervention scheme
    - Intervention skills
- Focus is a BBS technique first introduced in 2003
  - We are enhancing for next year
  - Aim is for all staff to participate in Focus
- Then there will another survey in late 2008
- The TZ Champions will be used to rapidly cascade further sessions to all employees





#### Target Zero Implementation Lessons

- Investment in graphically design to deliver a consistent high quality message is worthwhile
  - If senior management also spread the message constantly
- Survey:
  - First one needed to be shorter.
  - Consultant software / servers not robust
  - Carefully select the size of the work groups to be surveyed
  - Set questions to be relevant to your operation not to a consultants existing survey database
  - You need instant access to track progress
  - You need rapid & flexible analysis
  - There are excellent low-cost, robust, off-the-shelf web based survey tools
- Leadership workshops
  - Great value in a concentrated roll-out
  - Need to supply a lot of support & encouragement to participants
  - DVDs can be a useful tool to aid cascading more complex issues, such as SMS





#### Change

- "Guiding change may be the ultimate test of a leader – no business survives over the long term if it can't reinvent itself.
- But, human nature being what it is, fundamental change is often resisted mightily by the people is most affects: those in the trenches of the business.
- Thus leading change is both absolutely essential and incredibly difficult."

- From Harvard Business Review, January 2007, THE TESTS OF A LEADER





#### Conclusions

- Together:
  - Leading edge technological innovations & standards
  - A strong SMS
  - A vibrant 'culture of safety'
- Can deliver world-class safety performance





#### Questions?



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