



CENTER FOR ADVANCED ROTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (CAASD)

# SMSPP Data Analysis Results

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# Background

## SMSPP – April 07 to September 09

- **≈ 67** SMSPP Inquiries
- **55** SMSPP air operator STAT visits and **20** MRO STAT visits (**75** total)
- **11** Part 121 Preliminary Gap Analyses
  - **3** Detailed Gap Analyses
  - **2** Level 1 Exit Assessments
  - **1** Level 2 Exit Assessments
- **10** Part 135 Preliminary Gap Analyses
  - **0** Detailed Gap Analyses
- **3** Part 145 Preliminary Gap Analyses
  - **0** Detailed Gap Analyses



# Highlights (Part 121)

Sample Size: 9

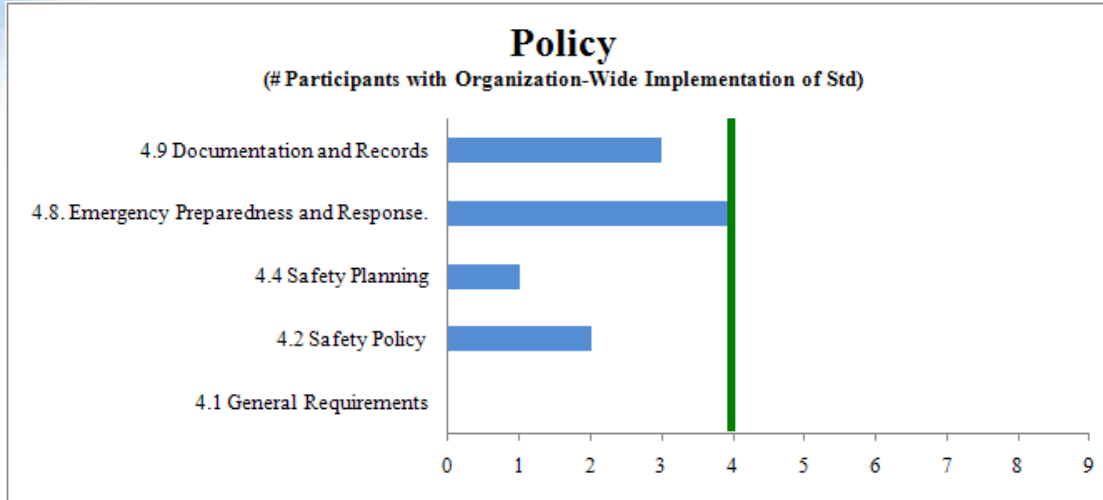
# of air carriers who assessed themselves in each area		9	9	9	9	9	8
AC 120-92 Standards	# Airlines w/Org-Wide Conformity	Flight Ops Conformity	Dispatch Conformity	Maintenance Conformity	Cabin Safety Conformity	Ground Ops Conformity	Cargo Ops Conformity
<b>4. Policy</b>							
4.1 General Requirements	0	◆ 11%	◆ 11%	◆ 0%	◆ 11%	◆ 11%	◆ 0%
4.2 Safety Policy	2	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	◆ 22%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%
4.4 Safety Planning	1	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%
4.8. Emergency Preparedness and Response.	4	● 78%	● 78%	▲ 67%	● 78%	● 78%	▲ 67%
4.9 Documentation and Records	3	▲ 67%	▲ 67%	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%
<b>5. Safety Risk Management</b>							
5. Safety Risk Management	1	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	◆ 11%
5.1 System and Task Analysis	1	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 22%
5.2 Identify Hazards	2	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%
5.3 Analyze Safety Risk	0	▲ 44%	▲ 67%	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 22%
5.4 Assess Safety Risk	1	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	◆ 11%
5.5 Control Safety Risk	1	◆ 22%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	◆ 11%
5.7 Management of Change (New)	0	◆ 22%	◆ 22%	◆ 11%	◆ 11%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%
<b>6.0 Safety Assurance and Internal Evaluation</b>							
6.1 General Requirements	2	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%
6.3.1 Continuous Monitoring	2	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%
6.3.2 Internal Audits by Operational Departments	3	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	● 78%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%
6.3.3 Internal Evaluation	3	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%
6.3.4 External Auditing of the SMS	5	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	▲ 67%	▲ 56%	▲ 56%	▲ 56%
6.3.5 Investigation	5	● 89%	● 78%	● 78%	● 78%	● 78%	● 78%
6.3.6 Employee Reporting and Feedback System	2	● 78%	▲ 67%	▲ 44%	● 78%	◆ 22%	◆ 33%
6.4. Analysis of Data	1	▲ 67%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%
6.5 System Assessment	2	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%
6.6. Preventive/Corrective Action	2	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 22%	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%
6.7. Management Reviews	2	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%
6.8 Continual Improvement	2	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%
<b>7.0 Safety Promotion</b>							
7.1 Safety Culture	1	◆ 33%	▲ 44%	◆ 11%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	◆ 33%
7.2 Communication and Awareness	0	◆ 22%	◆ 33%	◆ 0%	◆ 0%	◆ 22%	◆ 22%
7.3 Personnel Requirements (Competence)	1	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%	◆ 22%	◆ 33%	◆ 33%
7.4 Training	1	▲ 44%	▲ 56%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	▲ 44%	◆ 33%

Legend: ◆ ≤ 33%; ▲ 33% > ▲ ≤ 67%; ● > 67%

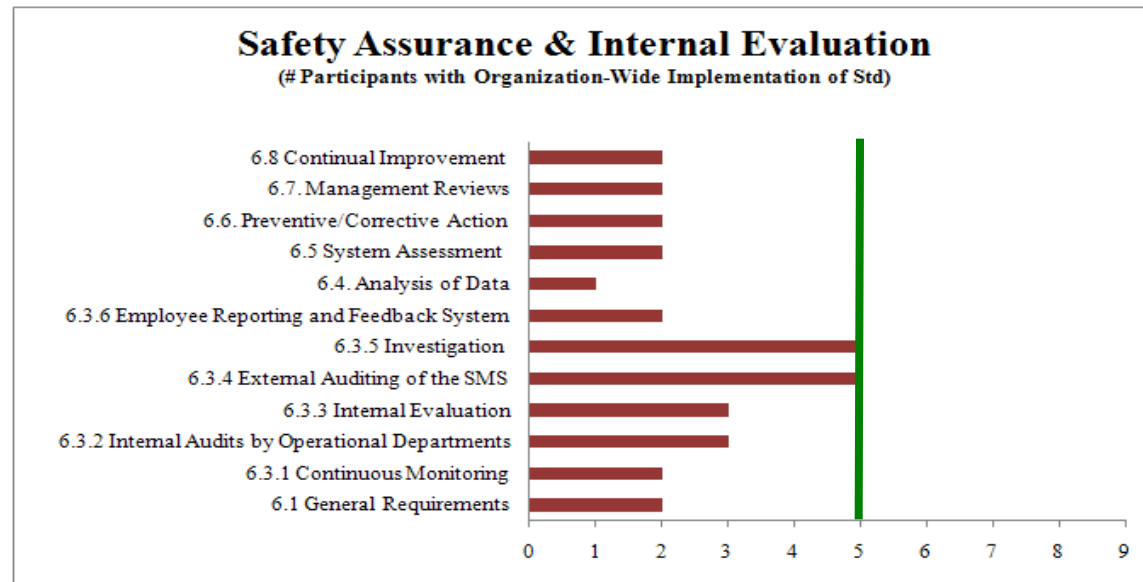


# Highlights (Part 121)

Sample Size: 9



- Operators assessing **company-wide** conformity.
- **Safety Risk Management?**  
2 with company-wide conformity
- **Safety Promotion?**  
2 with company-wide conformity





# Highlights (Part 135)

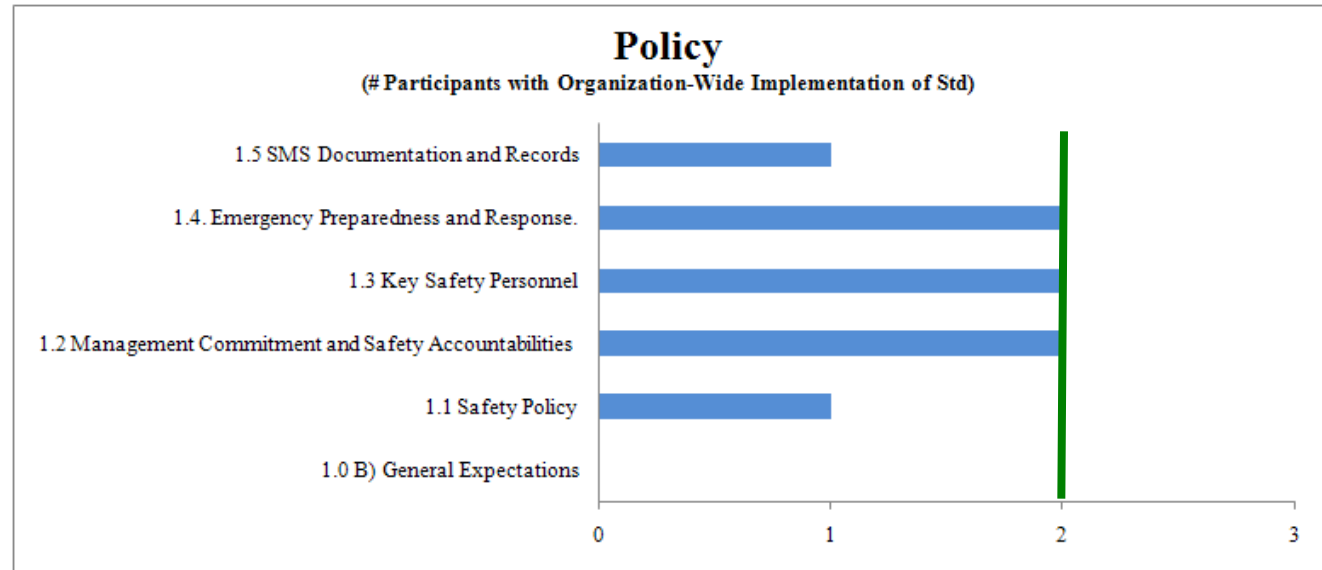
Sample Size: 3

# of air carriers who assessed themselves in each area:		3	3	2	2	1	1
SMS Framework Expectations	# air carriers w/org-wide conformity	Flight Ops Conformity	Dispatch Fit Following Conformity	Maintenance Conformity	Cabin Safety Conformity	Ground Ops Conformity	Cargo Ops Conformity
<b>Component 1.0: Policy</b>							
1.0 B) General Expectations	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.1 Safety Policy	1	33%	67%	50%	50%	0%	0%
1.2 Management Commitment and Safety Accountabilities	2	67%	67%	50%	50%	0%	0%
1.3 Key Safety Personnel	2	67%	67%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1.4. Emergency Preparedness and Response.	2	67%	67%	50%	50%	0%	0%
1.5 SMS Documentation and Records	1	33%	67%	50%	50%	0%	0%
<b>Component 2.0: Safety Risk Management</b>							
2.0. Safety Risk Management	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.1 System and Task Analysis	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.2 Identify Hazards	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.1 Analyze Safety Risk	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.2 Assess Safety Risk	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.3 Control/Mitigate Safety Risk	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Component 3.0: Safety Assurance</b>							
3.0 General Expectations	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1 Continuous Monitoring	1	67%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.2 Internal Audits by Operational Departments	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.3 Internal Evaluation	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.4 External Auditing of the SMS	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.5 Investigation	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.6 Employee Reporting and Feedback System	0	33%	67%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.7 Analysis of Data	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.8 System Assessment	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.9 Preventive/Corrective Action	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.10 Management Reviews	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
3.2 Management of Change	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.3 Continual Improvement	0	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Component 4.0: Safety Promotion</b>							
4 General Expectations	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
4.1.1 Personnel Expectations (Competence)	0	67%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
4.1.2 Training	0	33%	33%	50%	0%	0%	0%
4.2 Communication and Awareness	0	67%	33%	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Legend:</b>		◆ ≤ 33%;	▲ 33% >	▲ ≤ 67%;	● > 67%		



# Highlights (Part 135)

Sample Size: 3



- Operators assessing **company-wide** conformity.
- **Safety Assurance & Risk Management?**  
1 with company-wide conformity
- **Safety Risk Management?**  
0 with company-wide conformity
- **Safety Promotion?**  
0 with company-wide conformity




# Observations

- **Common Challenges:**
  - **Economic situation / limited resource**
    - Personnel
    - Reporting and database systems
  - **Existing/on-going SMS processes not fully documented**
  - **Existing/on-going processes generally not organization wide (prevalent in Flight Ops)**
  - **Safety culture is generally not organization-wide**





# Observations

- **Growing, knowledgeable AFS-940 Staff**
- **Lessons learned during STAT visits and Exit Assessments have been valuable**
  - **CMO / CMT / FSDO: inspector familiarization, education, training**
  - **STAT: Gap Analysis expectations and support documents have been refined and improved**
- **Stable SMS documents** 
  - **Framework**
  - **Assurance Guide**
  - **Implementation Guide**
  - **SMS Development Guide (in work)**



# Observations

- Stronger Part 121 & 135 interest in SMS than from Part 145s
- Enthusiasm for SMSPP
  - Number of participants **increasing**:
    - **50** Active SMSPP Participants (121/135/145)
    - **6** Pending participants (with growing list)



# Emerging Issues (survey)

- **Representative sample sizes**

- **Part 121 (sample size: 7)**

- Range: **10 to 600 A/C**      Range: **450 to 75,000 employees**
- Average: **250**                      Average: **27,000**

**(2 of 7 are small operators; 50 or fewer A/C)**

- **Part 135 (sample size: 5)**

- Range: **14 to 350 A/C**      Range: **45 to 3,500 employees**
- Average: **100**                      Average : **860**

**(4 of 5 are small operators; smallest has 14 A/C)**

**But - there are about 1800 Part 135 operators with 10 or fewer A/C)**



# Emerging Issues (survey)

- **Concerns over FAA’s ability to provide oversight teams to support certificate holder SMS efforts.**
- **Interest in more FAA implementation support of the “Hows” of SMS**
- **Interest in FAA-provided SMS tools**
- **AFS-940 and STAT have been busy – with more requests arriving weekly.**



# Summary

- **Conformity to SMS expectations is low**
  - Expected – many of the SMS expectations are new
  - Low conformity does **not** equate to inadequate safety programs.
- **Observations:**
  - **Common challenges:**
    - **Limited**
      - Resources
      - Documentation
      - Organization-wide implementation and safety culture



# Summary

- **STAT knowledge and performance continue to improve**
- **SMS documents are improved and stabilized**
- **Part 121 & 135 enthusiasm for SMS and voluntary implementation**
- **Current analysis based on unrepresentative sample of service providers**
  - **Need more participants**
  - **Need more small participants**



# Summary

- **Emerging Issues:**
  - **FAA oversight teams**
    - **Trained & knowledgeable**
    - **Manpower resources**
  - **FAA SMS implementation support:**
    - **How to**
    - **Tools**



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