

What's Happening With SMS?

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The Four SMS Components

Safety Policy

Safety Risk Management

Safety Assurance

Safety Promotion

SMS Rule Status

Click the link below for the most current information.



[Report on DOT Significant Rulemakings](#)

Liability Concerns

Shouldn't Stop SMS *by Kent S. Jackson*

SMS is essentially a quality management approach to controlling risk. Corporate lawyers tend to obsess about potential liabilities associated with aircraft, so they should love SMS.

Except that they don't. Lawyers also fear records. They hate having information that can be subpoenaed, especially if there is no clear regulatory requirement to retain the records. Corporate counsel for Part 121 and Part 135 air carriers learn to live with these records because a carrier can utilize voluntary disclosure programs to avoid or minimize enforcement action following self-discovered mistakes. [See entire article.](#)

ATTENTION!!

SMS Focus Group Meeting scheduled for April, 2014 has been canceled.

As most of you are aware, the 2014 SMS Focus Group meeting planned for Dallas/Fort Worth, TX April 29, 30 and May 1, 2014 has been canceled. We want to thank all the industry and FAA personnel who demonstrated interest and volunteered to participate in the event. We are planning a 2015 SMS Focus Group meeting and will contact you with dates as soon as we have the required internal approvals.

Please remember to cancel all hotel, airline and car rental reservations you have made for the April 2014 meeting.

What's Happening in the Regions?

"Click" a sticky note below to get the regional news.

SMS Pilot Project Participants

Pilot Project Participants / Total Certificate Holders

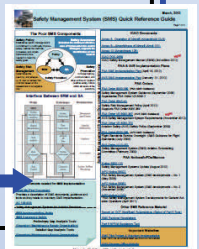
Click links on left side for specific regional information.

	121	135	145	141	142
AAL	5/5	4/280	1/45	0/6	0/0
ACE	5/5	4/145	0/299	0/31	1/28
AEA	11/11	17/333	4/1095	0/102	0/8
AGL	18/18	12/251	3/525	2/64	0/10
ANM	6/7	7/245	0/323	0/87	0/36
ASO	18/18	11/288	4/810	1/100	0/18
ASW	6/6	14/222	3/681	0/84	0/28
AWP	12/13	17/319	2/987	1/119	0/11
All	81/83	86/2083	14/4765	4/593	1/139

SMS Quick Reference Guide

Provides quick and easy access to all of the current SMS Guidance and Tools.

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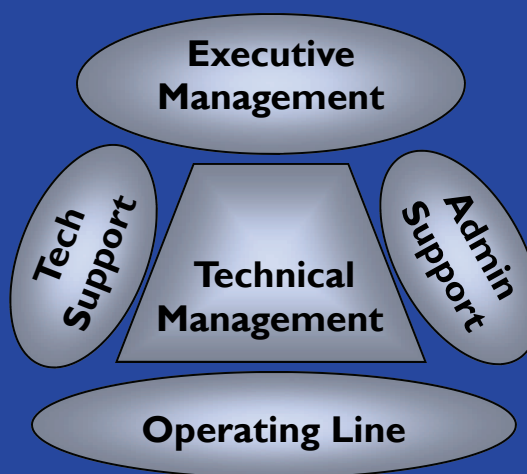
Who Owns the SMS?

By Don Arendt PhD

The model on the right, based on the work of Professor Henry Mintzberg, McGill University in Montreal, Canada, represents a typical corporate structure and is used to illustrate ownership of safety responsibilities.

The SMS does not reside in a particular department or group of people. Everyone in the organization has safety accountability within their area of responsibility.

Click on the model to learn more.



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