

SMS

What's in it for me?

A Heresy

**A Safety Management
System will NOT
by itself
make you safer!**

Safety is determined by:

- Smart, well trained operators...
- Making smart decisions... and
- Sticking within the Rules and their own limits

**All the Rules, paperwork and systems
in the world are of no use to you when
you are out on a job unless you actually
use them.**

**However, a SMS can make it easier
for you to make those smart
decisions.**

An example:

- How do you brief a new pilot coming in to help you out in an area he is unfamiliar with?
- Alternatively, what info do you need when you go out to do a job in an unfamiliar place for a different operator?

How do you ensure that the information provided is:

- Accurate?
- Up to date?

A good SMS will ensure that all relevant info is always correct, and pilots don't get nasty surprises

The SMS you are already using

- Your aircraft maintenance is already a form of SMS!
- The engineers have a well documented set of procedures and processes that (should) ensure that nothing critical on your aircraft breaks before they have a chance to find it or replace it.
- They are constantly updating those processes in light of new info, and ensure everyone knows.

**Again, that SMS is only as good as
how the operators apply it!**

Key messages:

- Don't stop doing what you are doing – fly smart
- A good SMS can however make it easier for you to do that.
- An SMS is only as good as how you actually apply it.