



## **ACSF BRIEFING**

**SAFETY MANAGEMENT  
INTERNATIONAL  
COLLABORATION GROUP  
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# **ACSF Vision**



The Air Charter Safety Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose vision is to promote and enable the highest levels of safety in personal and business aviation.

# Safety Initiatives



- ACSF Industry Audit Standard (IAS) for Part 135 & 91K
- AVSiS: Safety Event Reporting & Management Tool
- Annual Air Charter Safety Symposium
- Illegal Charter Hotline: **888-SKY-FLT1 (888-759-3581)**
- Industry Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)

# **ACSF Industry Audit Standard (IAS)**



- To achieve a standardized and consistent audit product acceptable to both consumers and suppliers.
- Develop a program similar in concept to that currently utilized by scheduled air carriers worldwide.
- Follows an ISO-compliant format.

# ACSF Industry Audit Standard



- Contains operational & maintenance requirements extracted from best practices used by the Part 121 airlines.
- Reduces operational risk, cost and redundant workload associated with multiple audits.
- Achieve safety metrics found in U.S. airlines.
- Measurable & quantifiable results.

# **IAS Bottom Line Objective**



- Create one audit standard to satisfy operators, customers, and others by including:
  - Best practices
  - Safety Management Systems (FAA and ICAO standards)
  - Regulatory compliance

# **Operator Standards**



**Operator Standards Manual in three parts:**

- 1. Operator Standards**
- 2. Appendix A: Guidance Material**
- 3. Appendix B: Regulatory Reference Index**

- Available on ACSF website: [www.acsf.aero/audit](http://www.acsf.aero/audit)

# Operator Standard



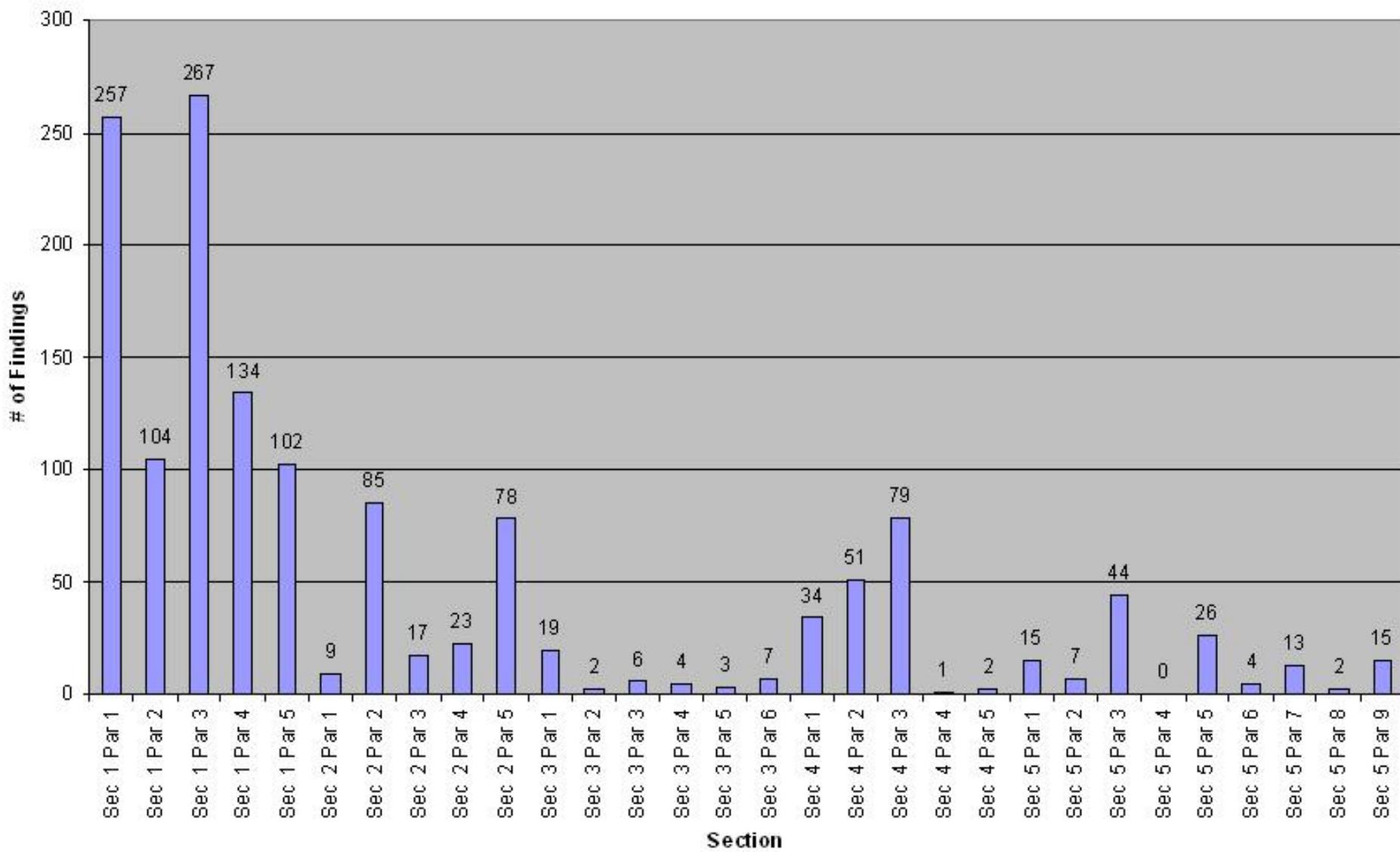
- 1. Corporate Organization & Management**
- 2. Flight Operations**
- 3. Operational Control**
- 4. Aircraft Maintenance**
- 5. Cabin Operations**
- 6. Aircraft Ground Handling & Servicing**
- 7. Cargo Operations**
- 8. Operational Security**
- 9. Passenger Handling & Safety**
- 10. Dangerous Goods/Hazmat (Will Carry Operator)**

# Audit Structure



- Conducted by independent audit company that must be trained and accredited by ACSF (current companies listed at [www.acsf.aero/audit](http://www.acsf.aero/audit)).
- Operator must complete and submit thorough gap analysis to audit company before scheduling audit.
- Number of audit days determined by operator fleet size:
  - 1 – 15 aircraft: Three days
  - 16 – 30 aircraft: Four days
  - 30+ aircraft: Five days

### Sections 1-5 Number of Findings



# Accident Rates



## **U.S. Part 121 Scheduled Airlines:**

- .148 per 100,000 flight hours

## **Part 135 Business Jets:**

- .54 per 100,000 flight hours

## **ACSF-IAS Registered Operators:**

- .16 per 100,000 flight hours

# Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)



# **ACSF Manages FAA-Approved ASAP**



- An Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) is a confidential, voluntary safety event reporting system that provides a near consequence-free environment.
- ASAP is part of robust SMS and fosters a positive safety culture.
- Participants identify safety issues and report information that might not otherwise be discovered or disclosed through normal internal event reporting programs.

# ACSF – ASAP Program



- Fosters a cooperative, non-punitive environment with company management and the FAA.
- Designed to identify critical incidents before they become potential accidents.
- Focuses on determining root cause – not to punish.

# Why ASAP?



## **Enhancing and improving overall safety performance depends on:**

- Data collection and analysis;
- Use of data to identify system failures and human errors that are precursors to accidents;
- Identify & implement corrective actions in order to reduce the potential of recurrence incidents and accidents;
- Review patterns and trends.

# **SRM & Safety Assurance**



## **2. Safety Risk Management (SRM):**

- A formal system of hazard identification, analysis and risk management is essential in controlling risk to acceptable levels.

## **3. Safety Assurance:**

- Once controls are identified, the SMS must assure they are continuously practiced and continue to be effective in a changing environment.

# Why ASAP?



## **As a Training Tool:**

- We can learn from the mistakes of others through publication of de-identified ASAP events.
- Use of the most advanced safety tool available.
- Has a proven track record.

# ACSF ASAP Partnership



- Cooperative effort between:
  - Company
  - Participating employees (pilots, mechanics, flight attendants, dispatchers, schedulers, etc.)
  - FAA
  - Air Charter Safety Foundation (ACSF)
- Agreement between Company, ACSF and FAA is through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

# Current ACSF ASAP Participants



- All FAA Regions in U.S. “Lower 48”
- 30 Part 135 Charter Operators
- 30 Part 91 Flight Departments

# Reporting Process



- Employee completes electronic ASAP form to report:
  - An observed safety problem
  - Violation or potential violation of CFRs or company SOPs
  - Any incident related to safety of flight
- Report form is accessed on secure web portal

# Event Review Committee (ERC) Process



The parties to the ERC are composed of one designated representative from:

- Company Management
- Employee Representative (pilots, mechanics, dispatchers, etc.)
- FAA Inspector assigned as ASAP Representative
- ACSF ASAP Manager acts as facilitator

# ERC Process



- ERC consensus is required for all recommended corrective actions and report close-outs
- The focus of the ERC is to determine root-cause and improve safety, NOT to punish individuals



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## Flight Crew

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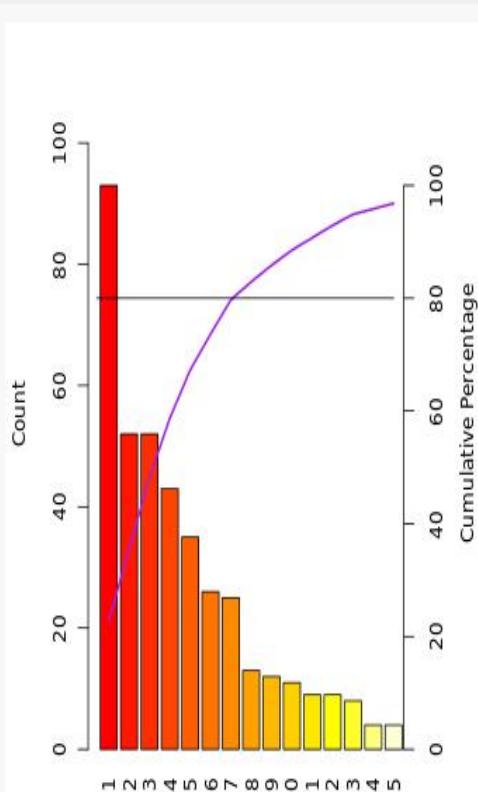
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## ASAP Executive Summary

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2	Navigation/Position Control	52	145	12.713	35.452
3	ATC Complications/Errors	52	197	12.713	48.166
4	Non-Compliance with CFRs, Policies/Procedures	43	240	10.513	58.679
5	Traffic Proximity	35	275	8.557	67.237
6	Aircraft System/Equipment Malfunction	26	301	6.356	73.594
7	Fuel Event	25	326	6.112	79.706
8	Speed Deviation	13	339	3.178	82.885
9	Approach/Arrival Event	12	351	2.933	85.819
10	Cabin Events	11	362	2.689	88.508



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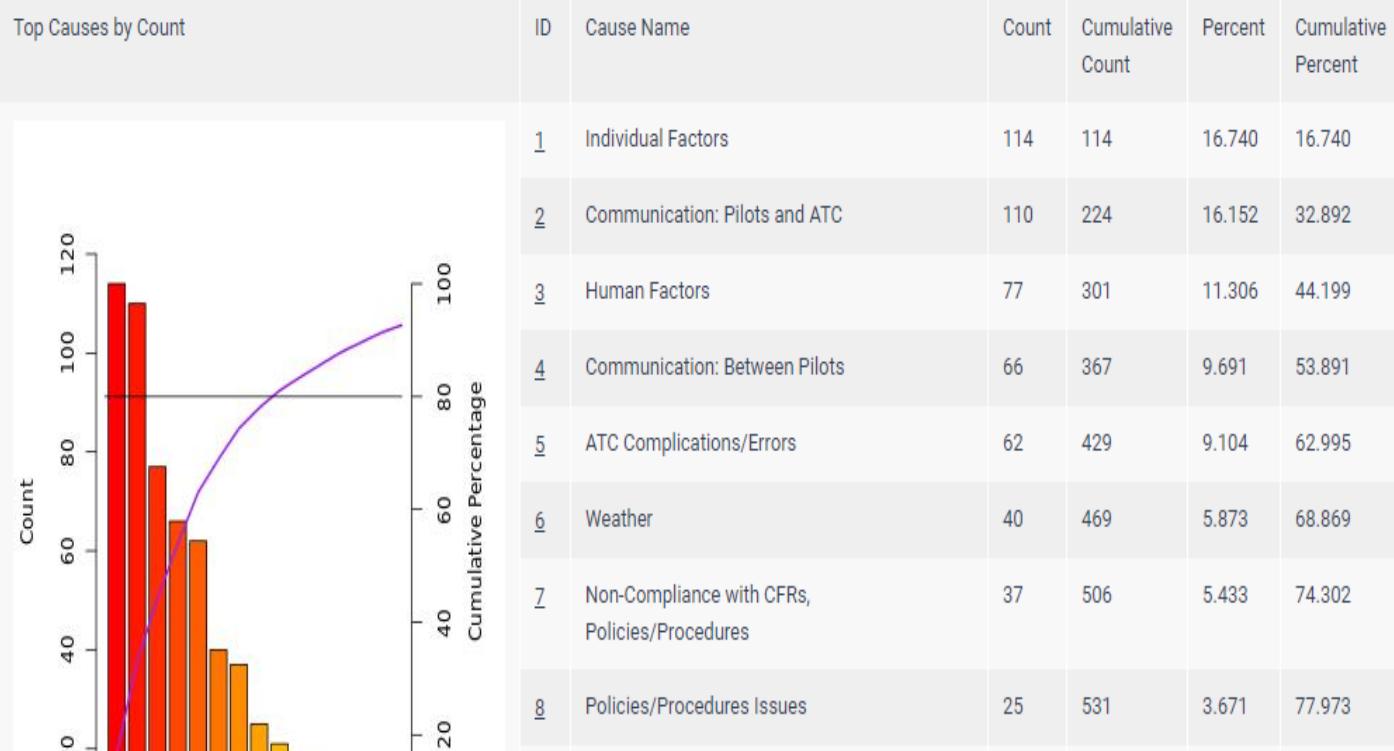
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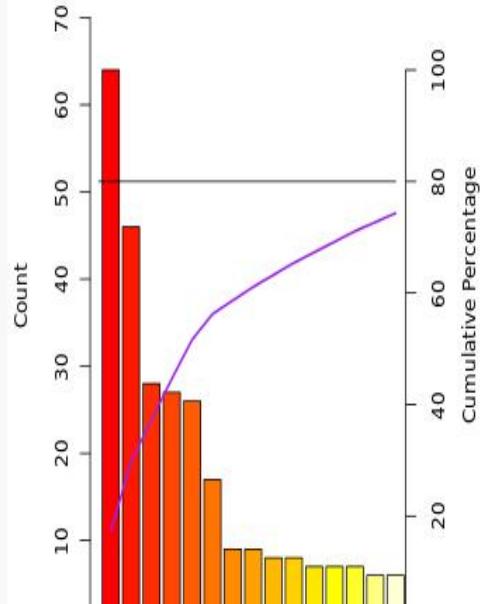
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# ASAP Mitigates Risk



- Identifies hazards
- Analyses risks
- Seeks corrective actions
- Educates and increases employee awareness
- Measures overall system performance
- Ensures accountability
- Builds trust (sole source vs. non-sole source reports)

# ASAP Reporting Nationwide - 2015



Reports accepted into ASAP: 90,000

Sole source reports: 90%

Non-sole source reports: 10%

# Air Charter Safety Symposium

- March 7 – 8, 2017
- NTSB Training Center
- “Safety is a choice you make.”
- <http://www.acsf.aero/symposium/>





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