



SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN MILITARY AVIATION

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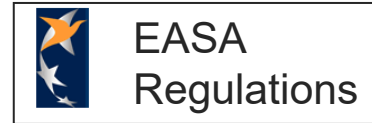
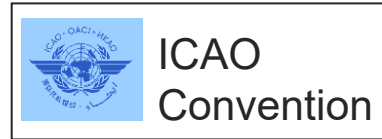
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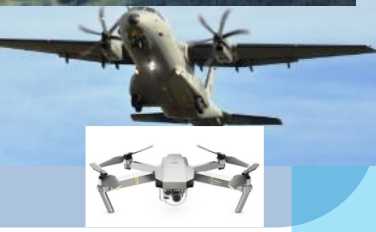
Aviation Safety Authorities - Legislation





Regulated Military Aviation

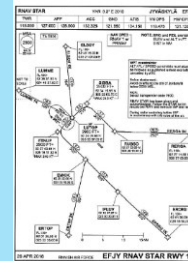
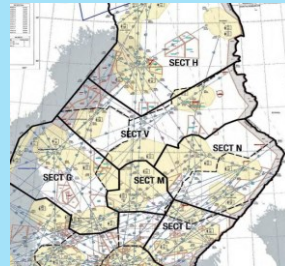
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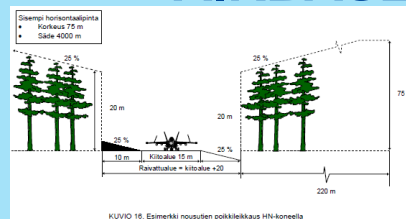
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Air Force Aircraft



28 x G-115E
2016-



62 x F/A-18C/D



6 x PC-12NG
2010 – 2040+



3 x C-295M
2007 – 2037+



32 x Hawk51/66
1980 – 2038



64 x F-35A
2026-



3 x Learjet 35
1982 – 2030

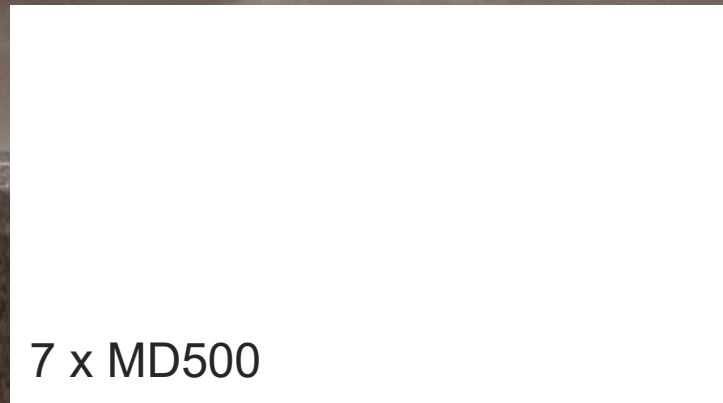




Army Helicopters and UAVs



20 x NH90



7 x MD500



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Safety Management System Requirements

SOTILASILMAILUN VIRANOMAIKSIKKÖ
FINNISH MILITARY AVIATION AUTHORITY

SOTILASILMAILUMÄÄRÄYS
MILITARY AVIATION REGULATION
SIM-Er-YI-023

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FIMAA Regulation SIM-Er-YI-023 Requirements for a Safety Management System in Military Aviation

VAATIMUKSET LENTOTURVALLISUUDEN
HALLINTAJÄRJESTELMÄLLE
SOTILASILMAILUSSA

Tällä määräyksellä asetetaan vähimmäisvaatimukset lentoturvallisuuden hallintajärjestelmälle sotilasilmailussa. Määräys käsittelee sotilasilmailun lentoturvallisuuden hallintajärjestelmään liittyviä prosesseja, menettelytapoja ja toimintoja.

The operator of Military Aviation shall have an SMS, approved by FIMAA, that

- identifies safety hazards/risks**
- ensures mitigation of risks**
- ensures continuous control and assessment of the SMS**
- improves the SMS to maintain and enhance safety of military aviation**





Safety Management System - Operator

	Ilmavoimien Esikunta Lentoturvallisuusyksikkö TIKKAKOSKI	Määräys	1 (42)
		09.06.2021	HR612
Pv joukko-osastot			
<i>AFCOM FIN Regulation HR612</i> <i>Military Aviation Flight Safety Handbook</i>			
PVHSMK - ILMAVE SOTILASILMAILUN LENTOTURVALLISUUSKÄSIKIRJA			
Normikokoelman lyhenne PVHSMK-ILMAVE			
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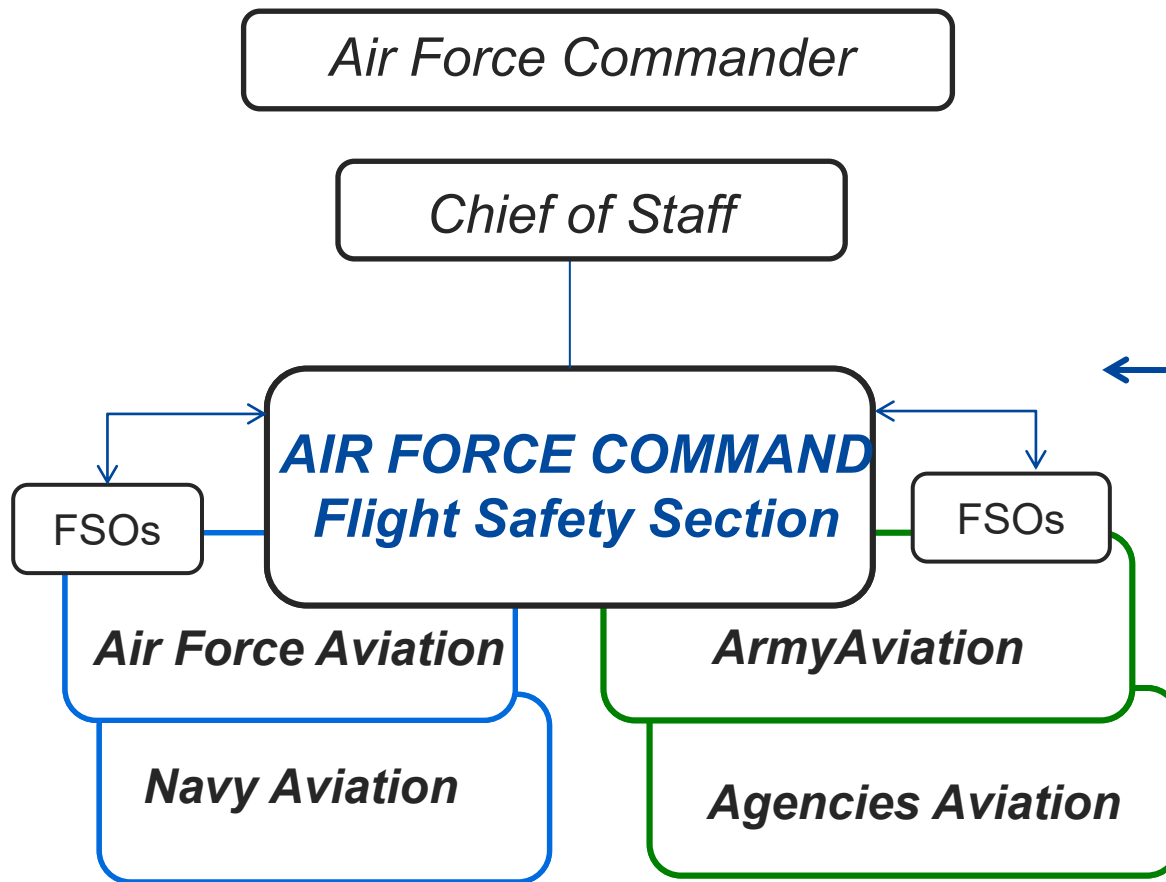
- Description of the SMS
- Emphasis on preventive actions
- Guidelines for accident investigations and operational risk management
- Focuses on the importance of a safety culture and low threshold for reporting incidents
- Detailed instructions of flight safety tasks and procedures for military aviation operators in the Finnish Defence Forces





Flight Safety Organization & Culture

Leadership & positive example



"Culture tools"

- ✓ Safety Program
- ✓ Safety Training
- ✓ Safety Publications
- ✓ Corrective Actions
- ✓ Safety Bulletins



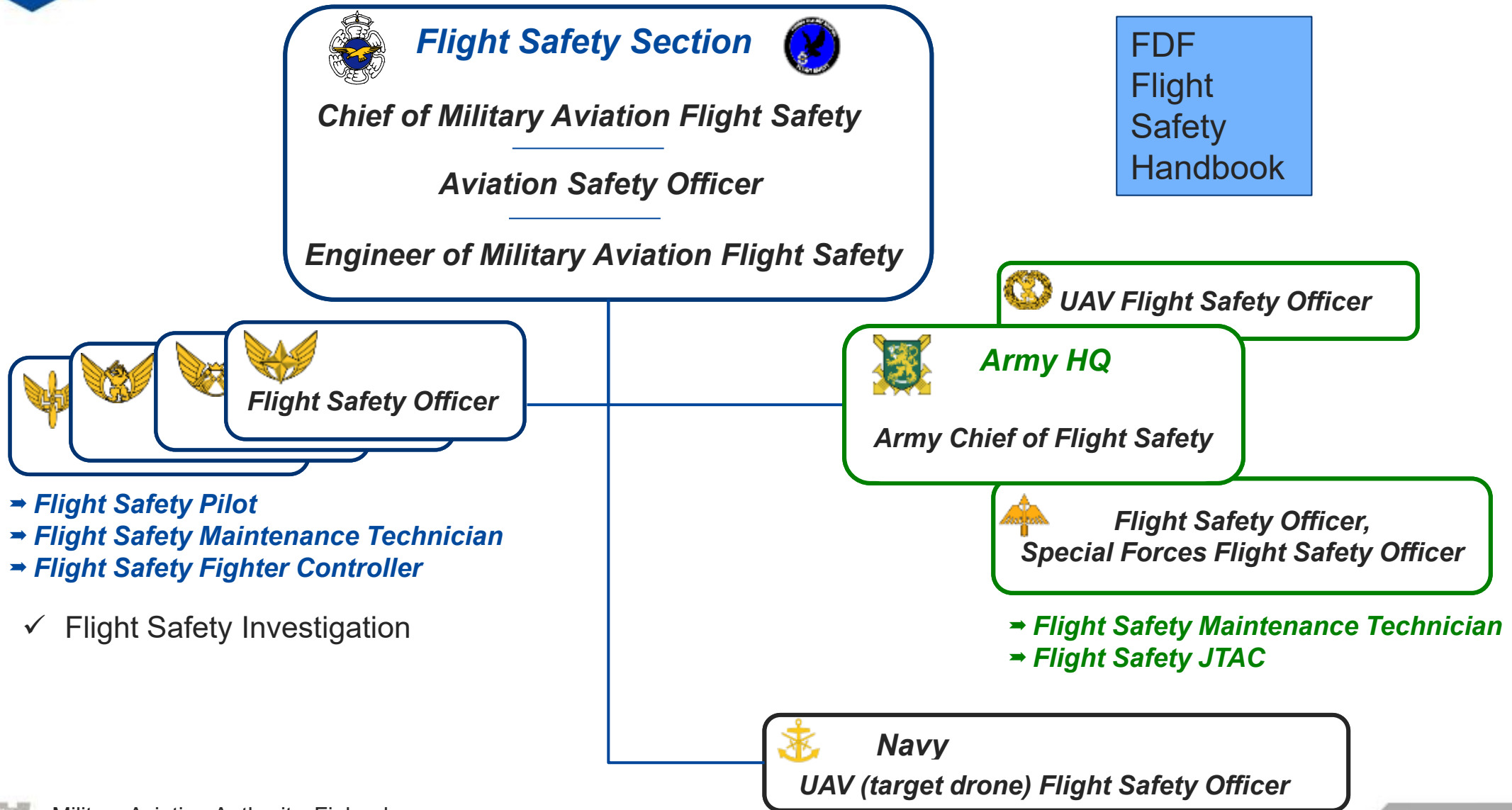
- ✓ Safety Inquiry
- ✓ Safety Surveys
- ✓ Data Analysis
- ✓ Gut Feeling

"Metrics"



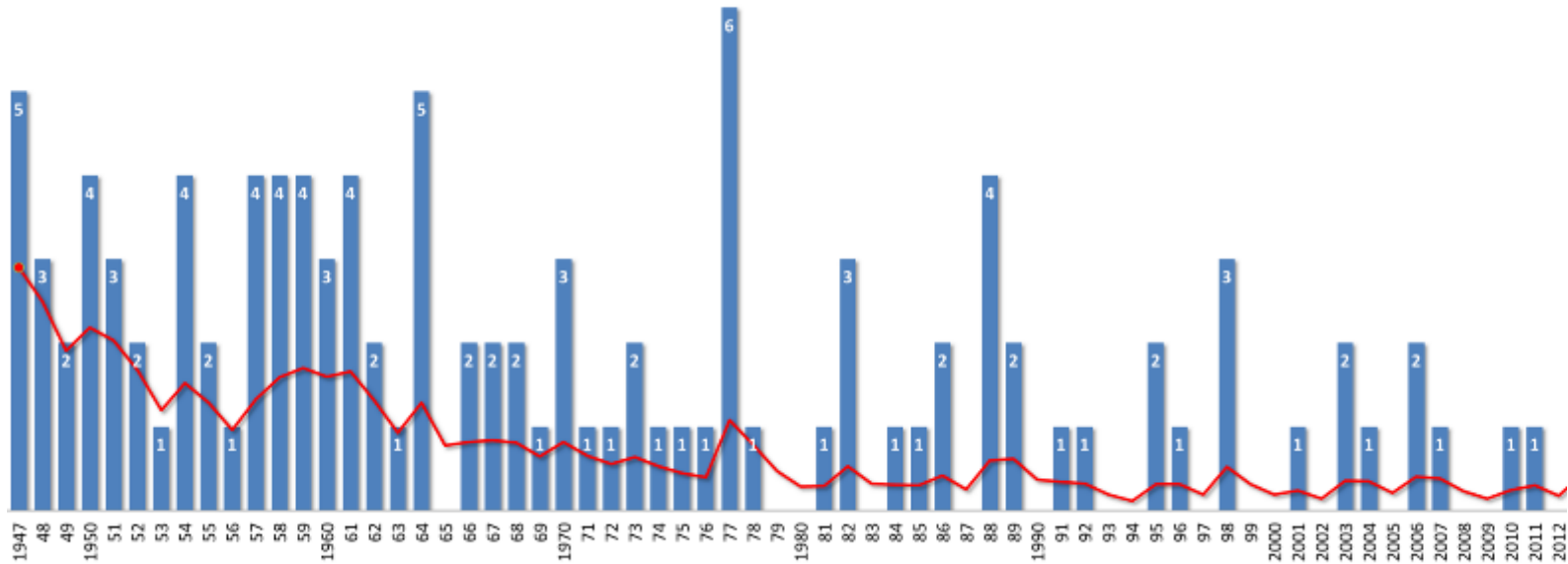


Flight Safety Organization





Military Aviation Accidents 1947-2022

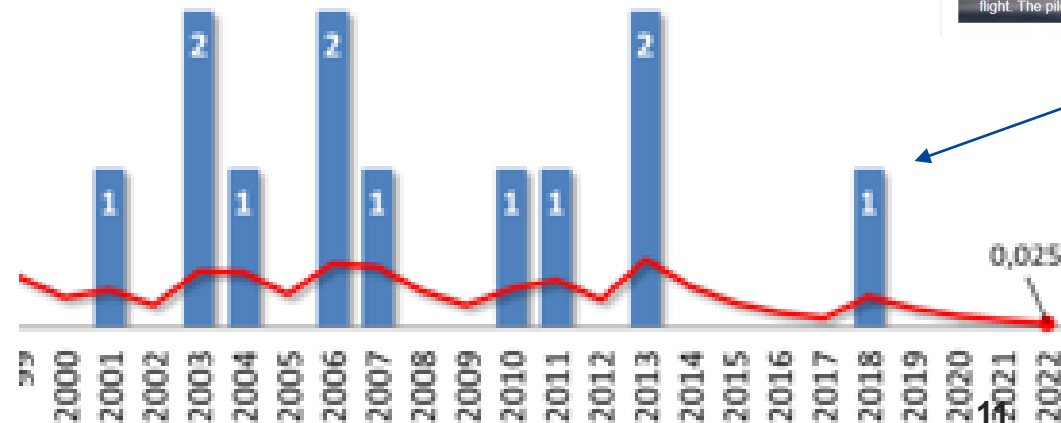


Air Force Hawk jet crashes in central Finland - Pilots safely eject

FINLAND / 15 MAY 2023



Military police and policemen at the Intersection of Kolhontie and Heinäsentie in Keuruu on May 15, 2023. Heinäsentie is closed to traffic. An Air Force Hawk jet training aircraft crashed south of Keuruu during a training flight. The pilots were able to eject and safely parachute to the ground. LEHTIKUVA



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Military Aviation Flight Safety Program

- **Published annually**
- **Preparation lead by AFCOM Flight Safety Team, inputs requested from all military aviation units**
- **Includes annual “Theme of Flight Safety” and “ Flight Safety Priorities”**
- **The Commander of the Air Force endorses the Flight Safety Program**
- **Flight Safety Program is distributed to all units**
- **Progress of the Flight Safety Program is analyzed by Flight Safety Committees in all units**
- **Units provide an annual report on achieving the Flight Safety Goals**
- **Reports analyzed by the AFCOM Flight Safety Team and a summary report published annually**





Flight Safety Theme and Priorities 2023

Theme

A World in Change – Performance and Recovery

Priorities

- **Maintaining professional skills in times of resource constraints**
- **Flight Safety during increasing volume of international activity**
- **Flight Safety reporting**





Safety Reporting System

- **Computerized System**
 - Online, real time, easy access
 - Data stored in a data warehouse
 - Accessible via an interactive analytics tool
- **Three main groups**
 - Aircrew
 - Technicians/maintainers, ground personnel
 - Fighter Controllers



Principle:

- Open reporting, non-anonymous
- Focus is on what happened, why, what corrective actions need to be taken
- Focus is not on who was involved





Flight Safety Numbers

- Operational activity:
 - ~200 aircraft (~ 30 000 FLH / year) + UAV/drones
 - Drone activity (significant increase)
 - Parachute and other airborne activities
- Flight Safety reporting activity per year:
 - Aircrew ~ 4000
 - UAV ~ 200
 - Maintenance ~ 750
 - Fighter Controllers ~ 120





Annual Flight Safety Surveys

LENTOTURVALLISUUSKYSELY
2022

24.10—25.11

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VASTUUTAT

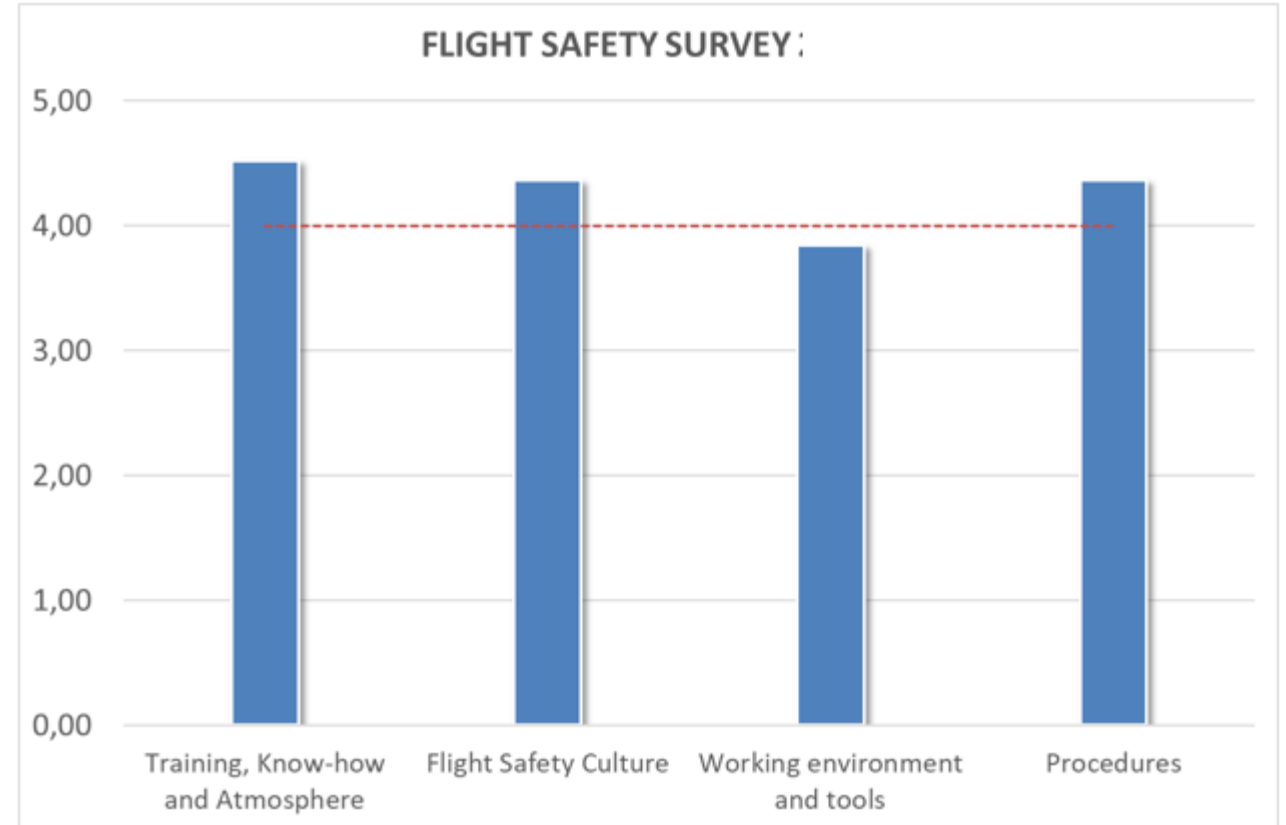
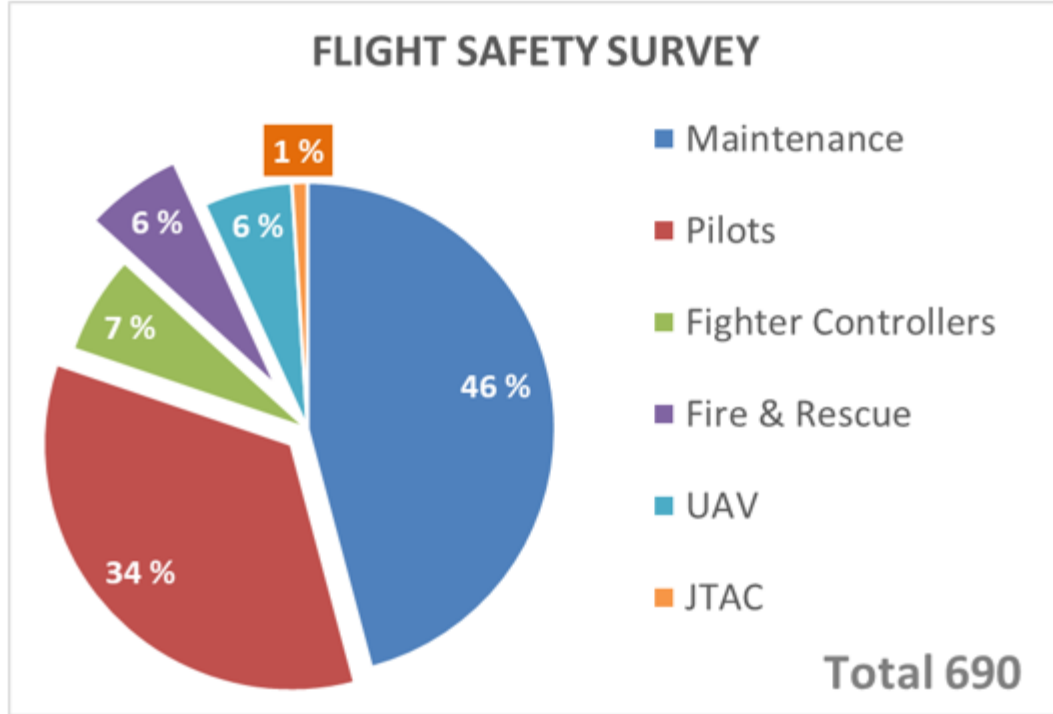
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FLIGHT SAFETY

Kerro mielipiteesi!





Safety Survey Results





Annual & Periodic Flight Safety Reports



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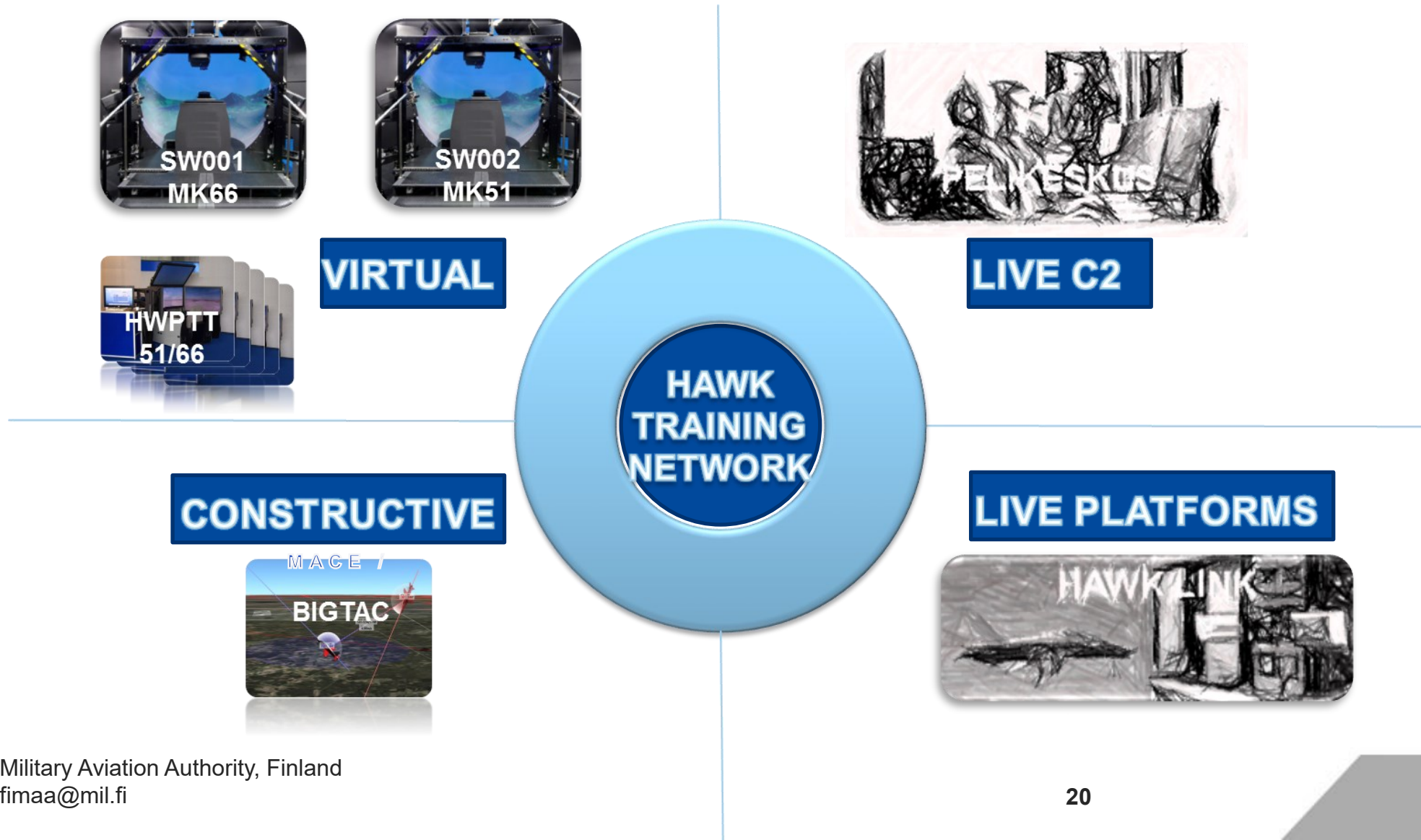
Flight Safety Assessment

- Based on statistics the overall Flight Safety situation seems to be good
- Reporting threshold remains satisfactory, no major deviations from previous years
 - Reporting might be affected by personnel shortage, rush, workload
 - Weak signals of personnel being more concerned about the possibility of legal consequences
- Human factors still a significant contributor to incidents
- Generation change in personnel: Lack of experience / supervision
- Middle management level and key personnel overloaded: "Can do"-spirit is high
- Maintaining Just Culture and High Flight Safety is not a “given” but requires constant actions!





Challenges – Example: LVC-concept





Safety Basics in a Nutshell

- **Report, analyze, act, monitor**
 - Engage and motivate leadership at all levels
 - Encourage open and honest reporting
 - Create tools for easy reporting
 - Provide fast feedback from reporting
 - Follow trends, analyze data
 - Pay attention to weak signals
 - Seek for best practices
 - Perform internal and external benchmarking
 - Take action, introduce corrective measures, support and monitor
- **Emphasize importance of training**
 - Human factors training
 - Operational training in demanding situations
 - Capitalize on new training technologies
- **Reward**



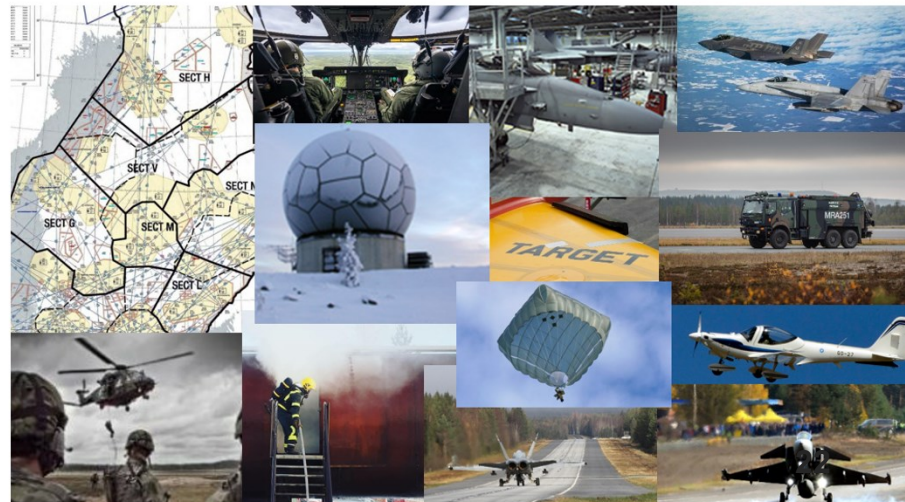


Military Aviation SMS Update

- Work initiated in 2023, new regulation by end of 2024
- Takes into account:
 - EASA, EDA, NATO SMS requirements and guidelines
 - New systems (manned and unmanned, training concepts, Special forces,...)
 - Benchmark with other nations military aviation SMS
 - Benefits from experiences and lessons learned



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