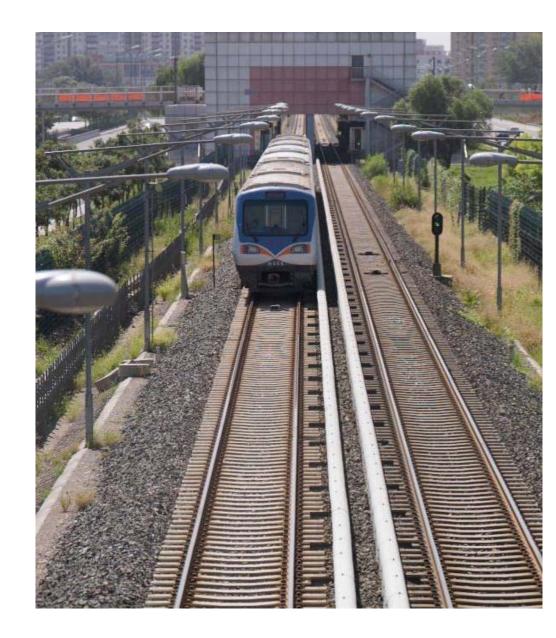
# Competence Management for Safety Critical Roles

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## Agenda

- Major accidents in high reliability industries
- Why we need to manage competence?
- What is competence and competence management?
- Managing competence Where to start?
- Who will be involved?
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- Conclusion





# Kid controller: Boy directs JFK air traffic

Kid: "Jet Blue 171, clear for takeoff....."

Pilot: "Clear for takeoff, 171"

Adult: "This is what you get, guys, when the kids are out of school"

Pilot: "Wish I could bring my kid to work"







## Major accidents (1) Esso Longford Gas Explosion

- Esso Gas Plant, Longford, Australia, 1998
- Explosion, 2 fatalities, 8 injuries





"This is probably due to the lack of knowledge to operate a hazardous rocess..."



# Major accidents (2) Daegu Subway Fire

- Daegu Metro station, South Korea, 2003
- Arson fire, >198 fatalities, >147 injuries





"Apart from the ineffective fire safety design, there was a lack of emergency and contingency planning, Control Centre Operator and Train Driver failed to address the emergency situation as required in their roles....."





## Why do we need to manage competence?

- At organization level
  - Reduce risks
  - Satisfy legal and regulatory requirements
  - Meet the organization's business objectives
- At staff level
  - Know what competence is expected of them
  - Receive appropriate training, development and assessment
  - Have appropriate experience
  - Maintain or improve their competence over time





## What is competence?

Competence is the <u>ability</u> to undertake responsibilities and to perform activities to a <u>recognized standard</u> on a regular basis. Competence is a combination of <u>practical</u> and <u>thinking skills</u>, <u>experience</u> and <u>knowledge</u>.

Source: Developing and Maintaining Staff Competence, HSE (2002), ISBN 0717617327

## What is competence management?

 Competence management is a proactive and systematic process, which integrates a number of activities including: recruitment & selection, training & development, qualification, continuous assessment and performance monitoring.





## Managing competence - where to start?

# Establish requirements for the CMS

- identify activities and assess risks
- select standards

#### Audit and review the CMS

- verify and audit the system
- review and feedback

# Competence Management System (CMS)

## **Maintain competence**

- monitor & reassess staff performance
- update the competence of individuals
- manage sub-standard performance
- keep records

## **Design the CMS**

- develop procedures and methods
- decide how to meet the standards
- establish requirements for training, development and assessment
- maintain managers' competencies

### Implement the CMS

- select and recruit staff
- train, develop and assess staff
- control activities undertaken





## Who will be involved?

Key Steps in CMS	CMS specialist	Safety	O&M	Training	HR
Establish requirements	L	S	S	S	S
Design	L	S	S	S	S
Implement and maintain					
•Recruit & select	А	S	S	А	L
•Train & develop, qualification	A	S	S	L	S
•Control & on-going assessment	A	S	L	S	S
Audit and Review  •Internal	A	L	S	S	S
•Independent	L	S	S	S	S

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# Case study (1)

Practical example to look at one of the steps in "Design the CMS"

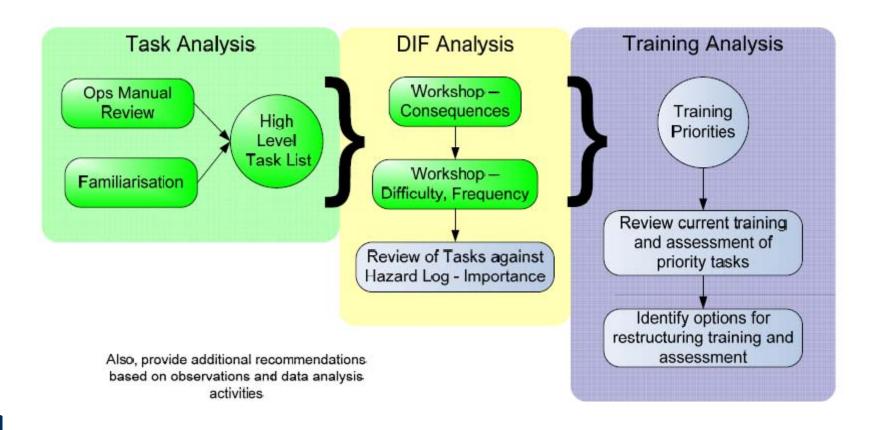
- Scope of work:
  - Establish requirements for training of key roles in high reliability industry
  - Tools: Risk Based Training Needs Analysis (RBTNA)
- The need for the work:
  - Potential to lose key operational staff
  - Modify existing training programs to fast track training for key roles





## Case study (1)

## RBTNA Process







# Case study (1)

### **Outcome and benefits:**

- Assist in making risk-based decision to review training programs & allocate training resources
  - Reduce training time associated with modules that do not contain high priority tasks
  - Optimize training approaches used for high priority tasks (e.g. practical training)
- Generate strategies to reduce the impact of potential loss of staff through the review of the linkages between tasks, risk and the existing programs
  - Streamline the current requirements for staff to convert from other roles
  - Offer opportunities for career progression
  - Develop graduate program



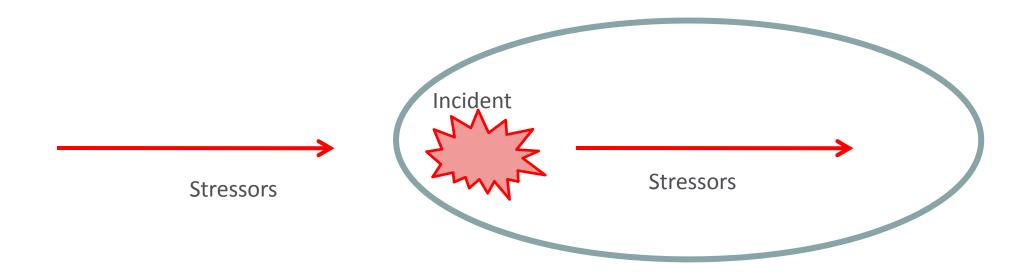


# Case study (2)

- Example to look at the step in "Implement the CMS"
- Training solutions for Train Crew in Train Evacuation











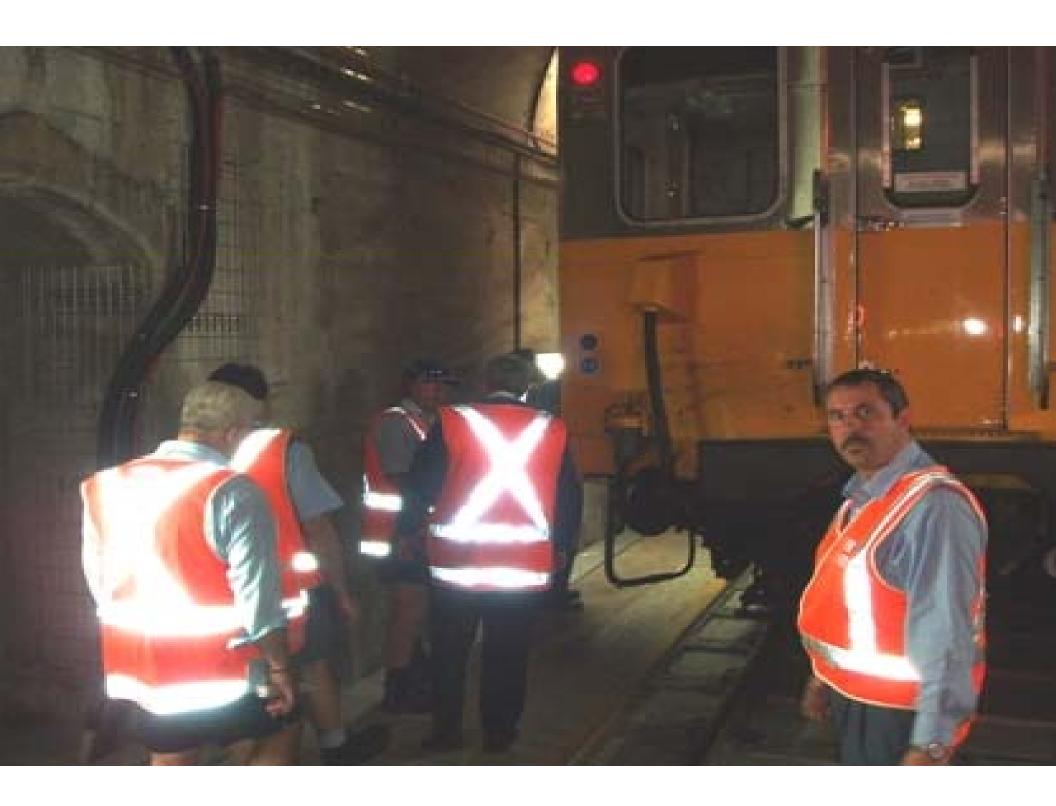
# Learning Styles











Emergency evacuation of a train in a tunnel

#### Scenario 1

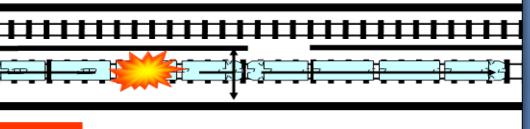
The 3rd car is disabled. An explosion has occurred between the guard and driver.

The black arrows indicate the possible routes of egress for passengers.

#### Considerations;

- The driver would control egress from car 1&2 through the terminal end doors and both side crew doors.
- The guard would control egress from cars 3&4 through the crew doors and the remainder of passengers in cars 5 to 8 through the terminal end door.

**Note**; When evacuating through the crew cab doors, an assessment would need to be made as to the ability of the passengers to negotiate the crew stairs. Volunteers could possibly assist others at the base of these stairs. Crew should make an announcement where possible indicating the correct method of negotiating these steps and the hazards. (i.e. climb down backwards like a ladder and awareness of the fact they are slightly recessed from the body of the train).



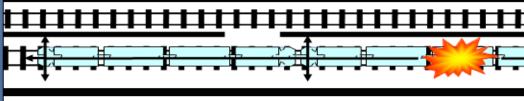
Direction of travel

Emergency evacuation of a train in a tunnel

#### Scenario 2

The 7th car is disabled. An explosion has occurred behind the guard.

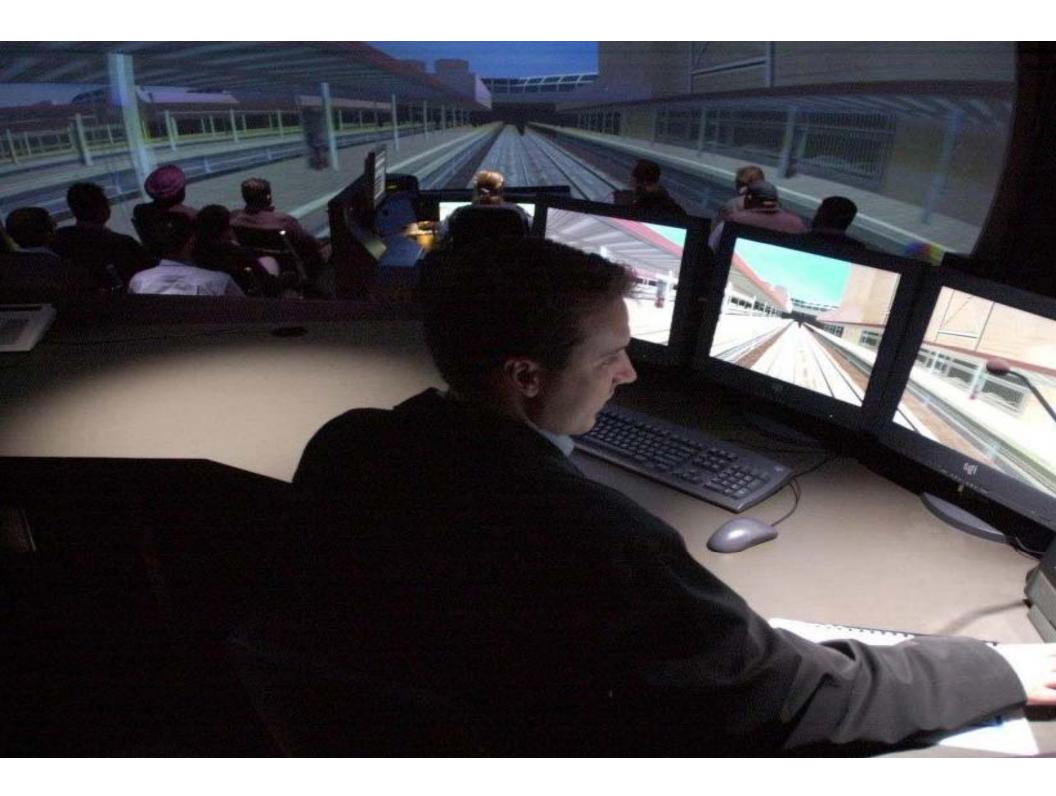
- · Guard to open the crew door between car 4 and 5.
- Guard to evacuate passengers from cars 5 and 6 through crew doors. Passengers unable to exit
  via crew stairs to move towards the leading car.
- Driver and guard to evacuate cars 1 to 4 through the terminal end door in leading car and through the crew doors.
- There is a possibility the guard (or someone else) may be able to access the rear car and activate the EDR. If this is not possible, Emergency Services should be advised of the need to evacuate this car first.



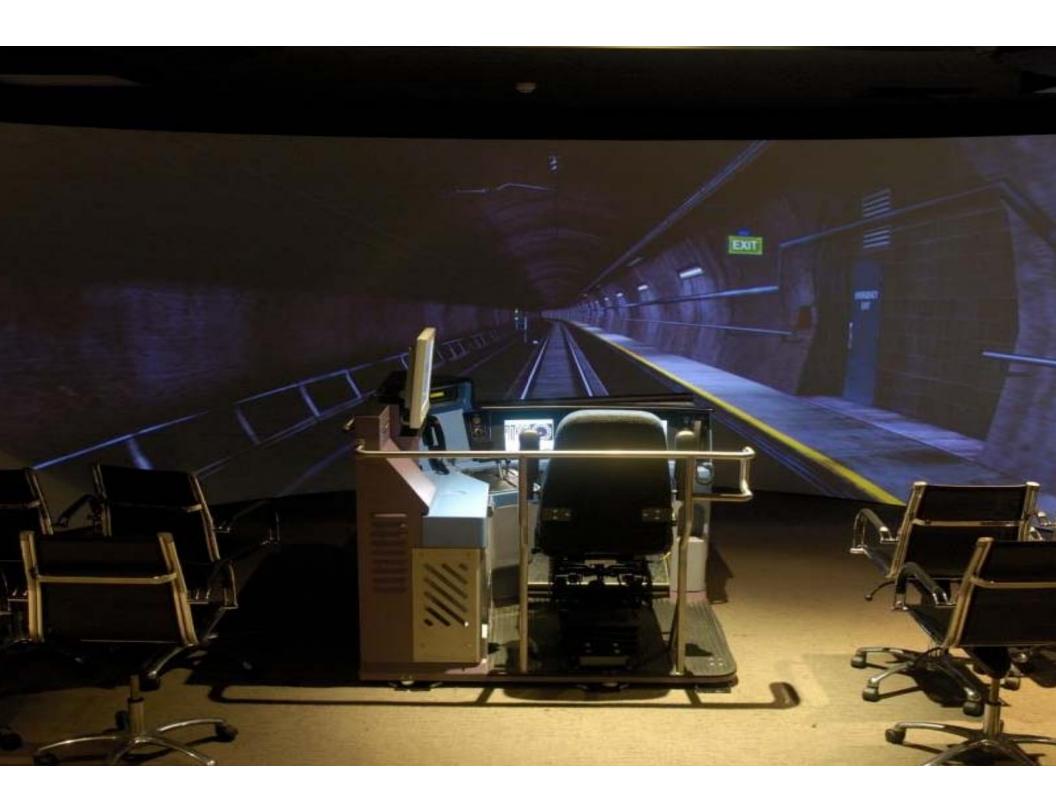


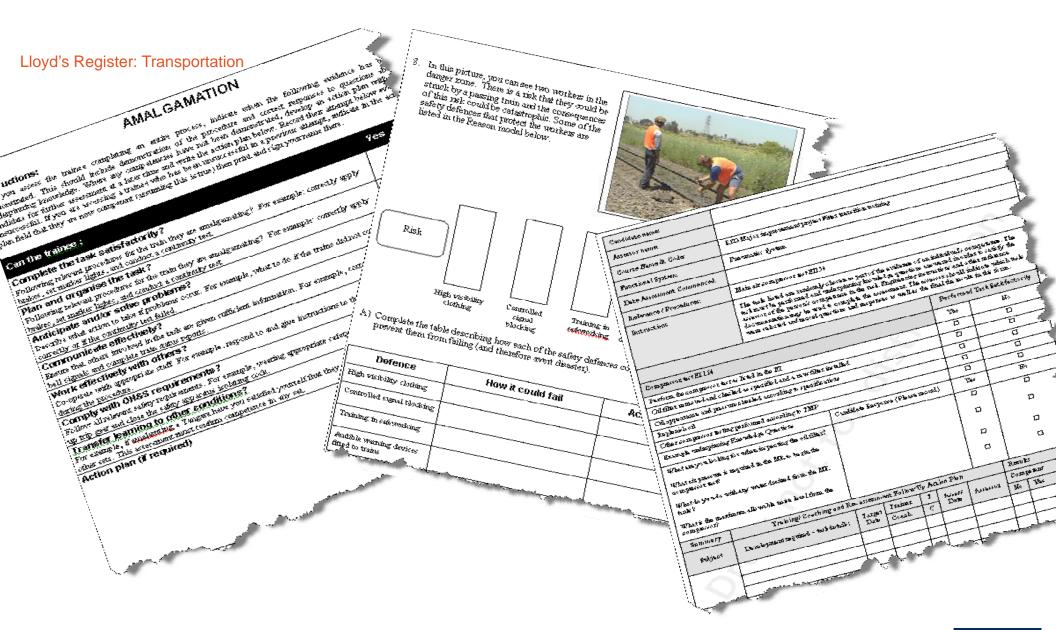






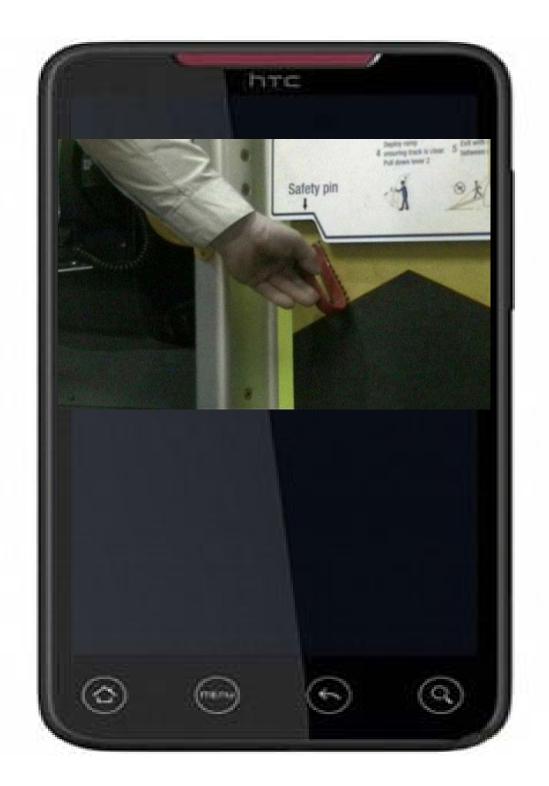






















## In summary....

- We need a proactive and systematic way to manage competence for safety critical roles
- Adopt risk-based approach to manage competence and allocate adequate resources to get the optimal outcome
- First Step: Develop a framework for competence management





## Thank You for your attention!

Questions ?





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