Factual Report – Addendum 3

**Trans-Pacific CRM Training (Full Version)** 

#### **OPERATIONAL FACTORS**

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# Crew Resource Management

## **CRM Markers**

- TPAC CRM markers are:
  - Communication Processes & Decision Behavior
  - Building & Maintaining a Team
  - Workload Management & Situational Awareness

- Communication:
  - Briefings should be concise but carry sufficient detail to avoid confusion.
  - Communication is critical not just between flight crew members, but also other individuals:
    - Dispatch
    - ATC
    - Cabin Crew
    - Maintenance Control
    - ARFF
    - Stations
    - Passengers



- Difficulties in effective communication:
  - Failure during transmitting process.
    - Sending unclear or ambiguous messages.
    - Language difficulties.
  - Difficulties caused by the medium of transmission.
    - Background noise.
    - Distortion of the information.

- Difficulties in effective communication:
  - Failures during receiving.
    - The expectation of another message.
    - The wrong interpretation of the arriving message or even disregarding the message.
  - Physical problems in listening or speaking.
    - Impaired hearing.
    - Wearing an oxygen mask without using the intercom.

- Inquiry
  - The act of raising your level of situational awareness.
- Advocacy
  - The act of raising someone else's level of situational awareness.
- Assertion
  - The act of assertively raising someone else's level of situational awareness.

## **Decision Making**

- $\bullet P$  Pool the facts.
- I Identify the problem.
- L Look for solutions.
- •O Operate (Execute the decision).
- •T Take stock (assess results).

## Advocacy



\*TPAC Airlines does not endorse slapping as a valid form of CRM.

- En route to SYD the crew is informed that due to gusting winds the airport is only landing Runway 25.
- SYD ATIS: 250/22G38 10KM SKC 22/01 2999 ILS 25 in use.
- Since single-runway operations are in effect the crew is issued holding instructions at MONDO as published with an EFC in 60 minutes.
- The filed alternate for SYD is BNE.
- Due to the hold the crew observes that their landing fuel at BNE will be sufficient for 15 minutes of flying.



- What considerations should be paid to this situation?
- What actions should the crew consider in this situation?
- What options exist to remedy the situation?

- Leadership
  - A leader's actions and ideas influence the thoughts and behavior of others.
  - Leadership is acquired, authority is assigned.
  - A leader can be either crew member and must know how to effectively communicate ideas and observations.
- Followership
  - A follower must understand what is being communicated to them and efficiently carry out necessary tasks.
  - Good followership skills allow for the follower to step up to leader when necessary.

- Fatigue
  - Fatigue can be either physiological or subjective.
  - When a crew suffers from fatigue it becomes difficult for them to effectively work together.
  - Other problems with fatigue can exacerbate existing rifts in CRM.
  - Synergy breaks down as crew member fatigue increases.

- Stress
  - Stress can be defined as a physical, psychological or social pressure on a crew.
  - It often results from the imposition of any demand or set of demands which require a crew to react.
  - A certain level of stress can improve CRM, however when stress becomes overwhelming it degrades CRM significantly.
  - Some stresses can result from personal life and may not necessarily be associated with flight operations.

- Crew Coordination
  - Crew coordination is based on the attitudes, motivation and training of a crew.
  - Under excessive stress (physical, emotional or managerial) there is a high risk that coordination may break down.
  - Some signs of a breakdown in crew coordination are:
    - Reduced communication.
    - Increased errors and error margins.
    - Delayed correction of errors.
    - Emotional outbursts.
    - Deviations from standard operating procedures.

## Workload Management

- Determining Workload
  - Workload is subjective and often the routine tasks of operating an aircraft follow a set rhythm as defined by SOPs.
  - Workload is a subjective term and the most effective means of determining workload is to evaluate:
    - The nature of the task (such as the demand it presents).
    - The circumstances under which the task is performed (such as the time to complete the task, level of precision required, or environmental factors).
    - The person and his/her state (such as skills, experience, health and emotional state).



## Workload Management

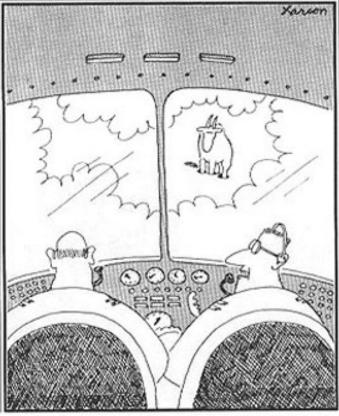
- Overload
  - Occurs at very high levels of workload, when the individual's workload exceeds the ability to effectively cope.
  - Forces an individual to shed tasks and focus on key information (tunnel vision).
  - May occur suddenly or gradually.
  - Can be mitigated through use of effective crew coordination.

## Workload Management

- Underload
  - Occurs during phases of low workload.
  - Can result from tasks a pilot finds boring or simply from a lack of tasks.
  - Can be mitigated through performance of tasks during periods of low workload.

## Situational Awareness

- Situational awareness is based or several key elements:
  - Geographical SA: Aircraft position in relation to terrain, navigation aids and other aircraft.
  - Spatial SA: Aircraft attitude, altitude and flight path versus desired attitude, altitude and flight path.
  - System SA: System status and current inputs into automatic fligh<sup>-</sup> systems.
  - Environmental SA: Weather, time of day, pilot fatigue, airport conditions.



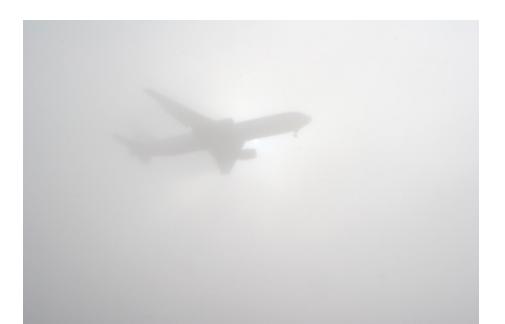
"Say . . . What's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"

- On arrival into OGG, approaching HARPO, the crew is informed that an aircraft is disabled on Runway 02.
- The airport is closed for an indefinite period.
- VMC is prevalent throughout the State of Hawaii and no alternate has been filed for the flight.



- Given the choice, what airport is optimal and why?
- Which crew members should perform which duties in this scenario?
- How should the diversion be coordinated between dispatch, ATC, the stations and the flight crew?

- OGG ATIS: 200/15 1SM OVC004 25/03 2987 LOC/DME BC 20 in use.
- On departure from OGG the aircraft suffers a generator failure and cannot proceed to its destination.



- Should an emergency be declared?
- How will this situation be coordinated between Dispatch, ATC and the flight crew?
- How will this be communicated to the cabin crew?
- How will this be communicated to the passengers?

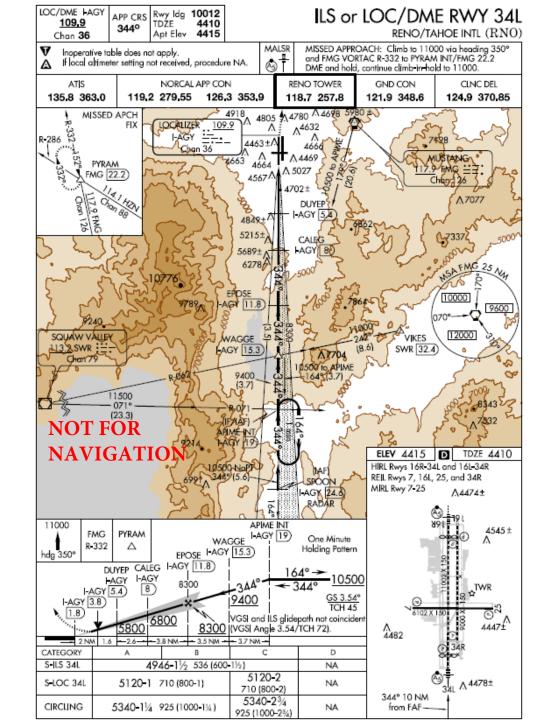
## SA Video



- Due to a natural disaster in the area around SFO it and all surrounding airports have been closed indefinitely. The nearest alternate airport for use is RNO.
- Poor weather and moderate snowfall exists at RNO and the controllers are struggling to sequence the flights for the ILS 34L approach.
- Several aircraft are held at points along the approach while snow removal takes place on the runway.
- The crew is cleared to an altitude of 9400 feet and assigned a holding pattern at WAGGE.
- During the hold the crew receives an RA forcing them to descend to 9100 feet.
- As a result of the heavy traffic along the approach corridor the flight is assigned to proceed direct SWR and given further holding instructions.



- During the RA what factors should be considered by the crew?
- Is this situation acceptable to the flight crew?
- What tools exist to assist the crew in maintaining Situational Awareness?
- What actions should the crew take in response to a potentially dangerous situation?



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• As you watch the following dramatization try to keep the CRM markers in mind. We will use these markers to facilitate the conversation after the video.