### HUMAN AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (HOP) FUNDAMENTALS

THE 5 PRINCIPLES



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#### **THE PRINCIPLES**

PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES.

Destigmatizing failure improves innovation.

#### BLAME FIXES NOTHING.

Failure is hidden as a result of fear.

#### LEARNING AND IMPROVING IS VITAL.

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#### **CONTEXT DRIVES BEHAVIOR.**

We must be deliberate about learning and improving.



#### **RESPONSE MATTERS.**

Our reaction creates or hinders a learning environment.



## **PRINCIPLE 1 REVIEW**

#### PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES



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#### **TRADITIONAL VIEW VS NEW VIEW OF SAFETY**









# Our work is

## inherently safe. People create safety in practice.



## ERROR IS NOT ACHOICE.



## Shift your thinking from Who Failed" to "What Failed"



## **PRINCIPLE 2 REVIEW**

#### BLAME FIXES NOTHING



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## Don't limit yourself to the quest for worker error or procedural non-compliance.

## You will always find both.



### "Fundamentally,

### people come to work to do what?

### Good work!"



## We can blame and punish? or learn and improve?

### But we can't do both!



## **PRINCIPLE 3 REVIEW**

#### LEARNING & IMPROVING IS VITAL



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## ... is to become **less surprised** by human error and failure ...

... and instead, become a lot more interested in and a lot better at operational learning!



### **Challenges to Learning and Improving:**

The pressure to fix can supersede the vital need to learn.

The enemy of learning is knowing.

What you seek is what you will find. (Confirmation bias)

Not having sufficient operational data (inputs) from the organization.

## **Work as Planned**

## vs. Work in Practice



Normally Successful!

"Masters of the blue line"



## **PRINCIPLE 4**

#### CONTEXT DRIVES BEHAVIOR



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### \*goes to Target to buy a pen\*



## \$3,456.00 later



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#### **Security robot for** home protection

Works with Alexa astro



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## I prefer design by experts - by people who know what they are doing.

## - Don Norman



### Norman Door























Please, when using the stairs Stay to the <u>right</u> when going <u>up</u>, stay to the <u>left</u> when going <u>down</u>. This will keep people from running into each other.



## **Procedures are important...**

## But they are **not sufficient** enough to create safety

Our organizations have become complex webs of **procedures** that are **incomplete and difficult**.



## If you want great procedures,

## Have those who have to use them, help you write them.



## Let's learn and improve . . .

... and build more capacity!

## Hard to crash & Safe to crash.





## It is not freedom from failure ...





## ... it is freedom from harmful failure.



#### Hierarchy of Hazard Control Measures from ANSI Z10

#### Elimination

Eliminate the hazard during design

#### Substitution

Substitution of less hazardous equipment, system or energy

#### **Engineering Controls**

Design options that automatically reduces risk

#### Warnings

Automatic or manual, permanent or temporary, visible or audible warning systems, signs, barriers and labels

#### **Administrative Controls**

Planning processes, training, permits, safe work practices, maintenance systems, communications, and work management

#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

Available, effective, easy to use

Life Cycle Value

Note. From H. Floyd (2015), A practical guide to applying the hierarchy of hazard controls to

electrical hazards. IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, 51, fig. 1.

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Control Effectiveness
















### Metrics drive behavior.



#### You've heard it said, "if it isn't measured, it won't get done?"







## Have we become managers of metrics?

## Instead of leaders of people?







Great metrics don't necessarily mean you have great performance.



We often measure what is easy to measure but may not be that important, because often times the things that are important are hard to measure.

The Tyranny of Metrics, J. Muller







"Accidents are a systemic by-product of people and organizations trying to pursue success with imperfect knowledge and under pressure of other resource restraints (scarcity, competition, time limits)."

### - Sidney Dekker

### Events are System Outputs



#### If we want **better answers . . .**

we have to **ask better questions!** 



Expand the question from "why?"...

... to "how?"





#### Assumption: Attitude is everything.

#### **Belief:**

- If one person makes an error or breaks a rule, there is a HIGH probability others will do the same.
- Those closest to the work understand their context the best.





### Questions?



### **PRINCIPLE 5**

#### RESPONSE MATTERS



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## WE NEED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION . . .

#### DO WE WANT **RETRIBUTION?** OR DO WE WANT **RESTORATION?**



#### WE CAN BLAME AND PUNISH OR LEARN AND IMPROVE

But we can't do both!



#### The Pressure to Fix . . .

#### ... Outweighs the Desire to Learn!





Monday Morning Meeting Root cause? Corrective Action? Owner? Status?



#### What have you learned so far?



## Slow down and grill!



## **Slow down and learn!**



### Make lots of small "reversible" changes.

# NETELIX



## When we believe we know the answer ... we stop listening ... we stop asking questions ... we stop learning!



The power to ask the right questions . . .

## ... comes from acknowledging that you don't know the answer.



## The worker is not the problem to be solved . . .

#### ... the worker is the problem solver.



When a threat is identified, all of the energy and blood floods to the muscles to run or defend.

#### -Rosa Carrillo



Carrillo, 2020, p. 22

Psychological safety exists when people feel their workplace is an environment where they can speak up, offer ideas, and ask questions without fear of punishment or embarrassment.



- Amy Edmondson



Conflict is a form of interacting to find meaning. Thus, it is not something to be resolved but rather understood. The leader doesn't necessarily provide the solution to the problem but creates a psychological atmosphere that allows a higher quality of problem solving.

#### - Rosa Carillo



## This is not a race! Be patient and thoughtful about the changes.

## You will make mistakes. Learn and improve when it happens.

Don't be afraid to apologize.



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