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Safety Leadership vs Safety Management

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What we'll talk about today...

- Definitions
- Differences
- Take away



Leaders/managers

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 Who are the most important SAFETY leaders in your company?



Safety management

- A function that enhances company performance by predicting operational, procedural or environmental risks and threats before they occur
- A strategic process that identifies and addresses safety issues for employees and the company
- Aside from being a pre-emptive and preventative process, safety management also corrects deficiencies and performance errors.

National Safety Management Society



Safety management

 Organized efforts and procedures for identifying workplace hazards and reducing accidents and exposure to harmful situations and substances

Business Dictionary



Safety Management

 Think most often of it in terms of a Safety Management System



What it looks like...

- Compliance
- Audits
- DART/TCIR
- Lagging indicators



"Measuring (safety)performance by the numbers of injuries you have is like measuring parenting by the number of smacks you give."

- Dr. Robert Long



Systems

- OSHA
 - -12P2
 - -VPP
- ANSI Z10
- ISO 45000



"Paper doesn't save people, people save people."

- Dan Peterson



Safety leadership

 The process of interaction between leaders and followers, through which leaders can exert their influence on followers to achieve organizational safety goals

Craig White



The ISL (Informal Safety Leader)

- We all have them
- We've all seen them
- We have to win them



Leadership isn't...

- Seniority
- Position in the hierarchy of a company
- Title
- Personal attributes
- Management



What it looks like...

- Near miss reporting
- 5(a)(1)
- Leading indicators



Direction

- Management
 - System
 - Planning and budgeting
 - Focus on bottom line (production, cost, schedule)
 - People
 - Policies, rules, regs
 - Command and control
- Leadership
 - Clear vison and a strategy to achieve it



Alignment

- Management
 - Organization and boundaries
 - Provides direction, expects compliance
- Leadership
 - Shared culture and set of values
 - Everyone aligned and moving in the same direction



Relationships

- Management
 - Positional hierarchy
 - Focus on objects
 - Production of goods or services
- Leadership
 - Focus on people through motivation and personal influence



Relationships

 Do your people follow our rules when nobody is watching?

 Would people choose to follow a manager if you took away his or her formal position?



Personal qualities

- Management
 - Command and control
 - Interaction is top down
- Leadership
 - Positive and emotional connection
 - Open mind
 - Listen and communicate respectfully



Outcomes

- Management
 - Expect a degree of stability and order through the system
 - Strict adherence
- Leadership
 - Change
 - Openness and honesty
 - Innovation



Safety Leadership

Safety Management



Lollipop Moments

 https://www.ted.com/talks/drew_du dley_everyday_leadership#t-345144



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