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Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference

Safety Through Cooperation - Since 1978

GOM OFFSHORE OPS AND SAFETY REVIEW



Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference

(HSAC)

HSAC pledges:

- To communicate safety-related issues.
- To recommend procedures and safety initiatives.
- To facilitate communication between the various governmental agencies and the industry.
- To develop recommended procedures and guidelines to support offshore flight operations.
- To be pro-active in resolving issues of interest to the industry.

<http://www.hsac.org>

**"SAFETY THROUGH COOPERATION"
SINCE 1978**



Any new ways to hurt ourselves? Root Causes?

- 1998 – 2018
- Myron Hillers

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First Five (5) year average Bob Williams

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Statistics
from
1999 to
2018
can be
found
on [www.
hsac.org](http://www.hsac.org)

FIVE YEAR GULF OF MEXICO OFFSHORE HELICOPTER ACCIDENT DATA Injuries

Number Of Accidents		Injury Classification						Aircraft Damages			Aviation Accident				
Aircraft Category		Injuries		Severity				Classification			Rates				
Year	# Accidents	# Fatal	# Eng Related	Pax	Crew	Minor	Serious	Fatal	Minor	Substantial	Total Losses	# Acc 100k Hrs	# Fatal Acc 100k Hrs	# Fatal 100k Occupants	# Acc 100k Flt Stages
1995	5	3	NR	7	3	1	1	8	1	1	3	1.21	0.73	0.14 E	0.33
1996	7	4	NR	7	4	0	0	11	1	2	4	1.58	0.91	0.19 E	0.42
1997	6	1	1	6	6	7	4	1	1	2	4	1.27	0.21	0.02	0.35
1998	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	0.66	0.22	0.02	0.22
1999	9	1	2	7	4	4	5	2	2	2	5	2.29	0.25	0.05	0.62
5 Yr. Avg.	6.0	2.0	0.6	5.4	3.8	2.6	2.0	4.6	1.0	1.6	3.8	1.40	0.46	0.08	0



Legacy of Safety through Cooperation

Second Five (5) year average included the FAA and HSAC Work Groups

January 13, 2005 **Bob Williams (HSAC) and Scott Horn**, FAA Manager, BTR FSDO

- Studied the Gulf of Mexico Accident Statistics from 1999 – 2004
- Identified System Elements that were completed by workgroups to address:
- Training of Flight Crewmembers Not Following Proper Procedures;
- High Sink Rate, Complacency
- Aircraft Handling; Failure Of Equipment/Component

Rotorcraft Calendar year Flight Hours/Accident Rate

<u>Accident Rate Per 100,000 Flight Hours:</u>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
U.S. Civil Rotorcraft Accident Rate ¹	7.22	8.93	8.41	9.72	9.98	7.46*
U.S. Civil Rotorcraft Fatal Accident Rate ¹	1.13	1.52	1.34	1.23	1.74	1.36*
Gulf of Mexico Accident Rate ²	2.29	2.04	1.99**	1.49	4.19	2.62*
Gulf of Mexico Fatal Accident Rate ²	0.25	0.68	0.22	0.25	1.84	1.83*

Data sources: 1.HAI/FAA APO-110, 2. HSAC flight hour estimates

*-denotes 2003 flight hours estimate used to develop rates.

** 2001 – Includes a fuel exhaustion incident which resulted in minor aircraft damage



Top 8 Root Causes for GOMEX Accidents

- **1999**
- **to**
- **2004**

- Diminished Situational Awareness
- Poor Judgment/Incorrect Decision – Operations
- Aircraft Handling
- Complacency
- Failure Of Equipment/Component
- Not Following Proper Procedures – Operations
- Undetermined
- High Sink Rate



Causal Factors 1999 to 2004

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
Loss of Engine Power / Engine Failure	2	2	1	1	4	4	14
Main / Tail Rotor Blade Strike to Object	1	1	1	2	3	1	9
Loss of Aircraft Control (Other than tail rotor)	0	1	1	1	3	0	6
Flight into Terrain/Water During IMC	1	0	0	0	4	1	6
Loss of Tail Rotor / Drive System (Mechanical Failure)	1	2	1	0	1	0	5
Loss of Tail Rotor Effectiveness	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
Fuel Contamination / Fuel Exhaustion	0	1	2	1	0	1	5
Tie Down Attached / Gear Hung up	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Personnel Hit by Main / Tail Rotor	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Others / Unknown	0	1	1	0	0	3	5



Understanding Data Mining

- **Statistics can be found on hsac.org dating back to 1999.**
- **Why are we mining data?**
- **Data Analytics help to focus on:**
- **First, Risk Mitigation and if possible Eliminate Risk (fuel past vs present)**
- **Secondary benefits: Increase Operational Efficiency**



Any new ways to have an accident?

- **Credit: Terry Duprie now compiles the data, who wrote:**
- **“Leading causes, not all inclusive, of the accidents since 1999 are listed below, and secondary causes of these events include**
- **21 engine related,**
- **25 loss of control or improper procedures,**
- **18 helideck obstacle strikes,**
- **13 controlled flight into terrain,**
- **12 other technical failures**



Ultimate Goal

- Terry ends last years letter stating, "We are optimistic that by widely and openly sharing this information with all operators and other oil industry groups that additional safety initiatives may be developed and implemented to further reduce accidents and incidents with an
- **ultimate goal of zero events."**
- **How do we do that on a daily basis?**



Back Off or Just Say No

**FDM Chair
Amanda Roberts
keeps everyone
civil during Data
Mining**





Avoid the easy button and hiding anything

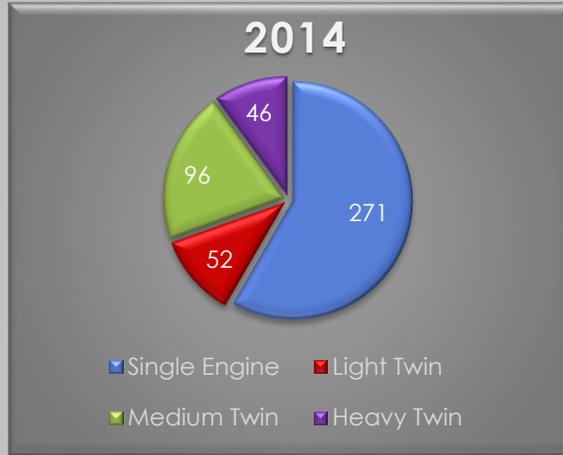
Complacency?

**Intentional
Incident of Non
Compliance?**

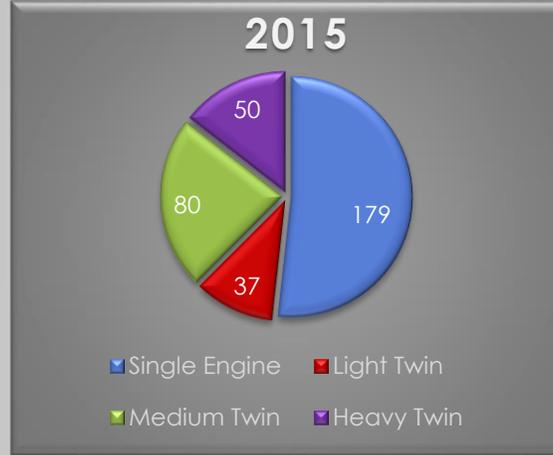




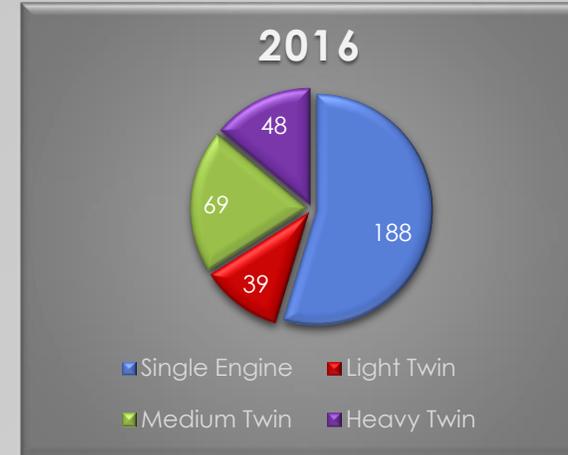
GOM Operational Data



Total Fleet - 465



Total Fleet - 346



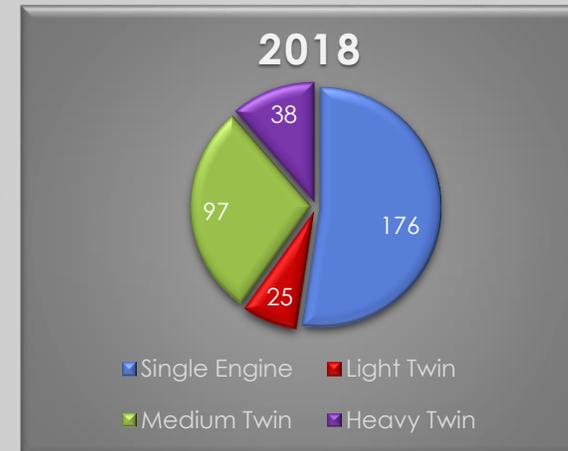
Total Fleet - 344



Total Fleet - 334

Helicopters 2017 vs. 2018 (2018 Data)

Single Engine	- 182 (176)	-6
Light Twin	- 29 (25)	-4
Medium Twin	- 80 (97)	+17
Heavy Twin	- 43 (38)	-5
Total Fleet	- 334 (336)	+2

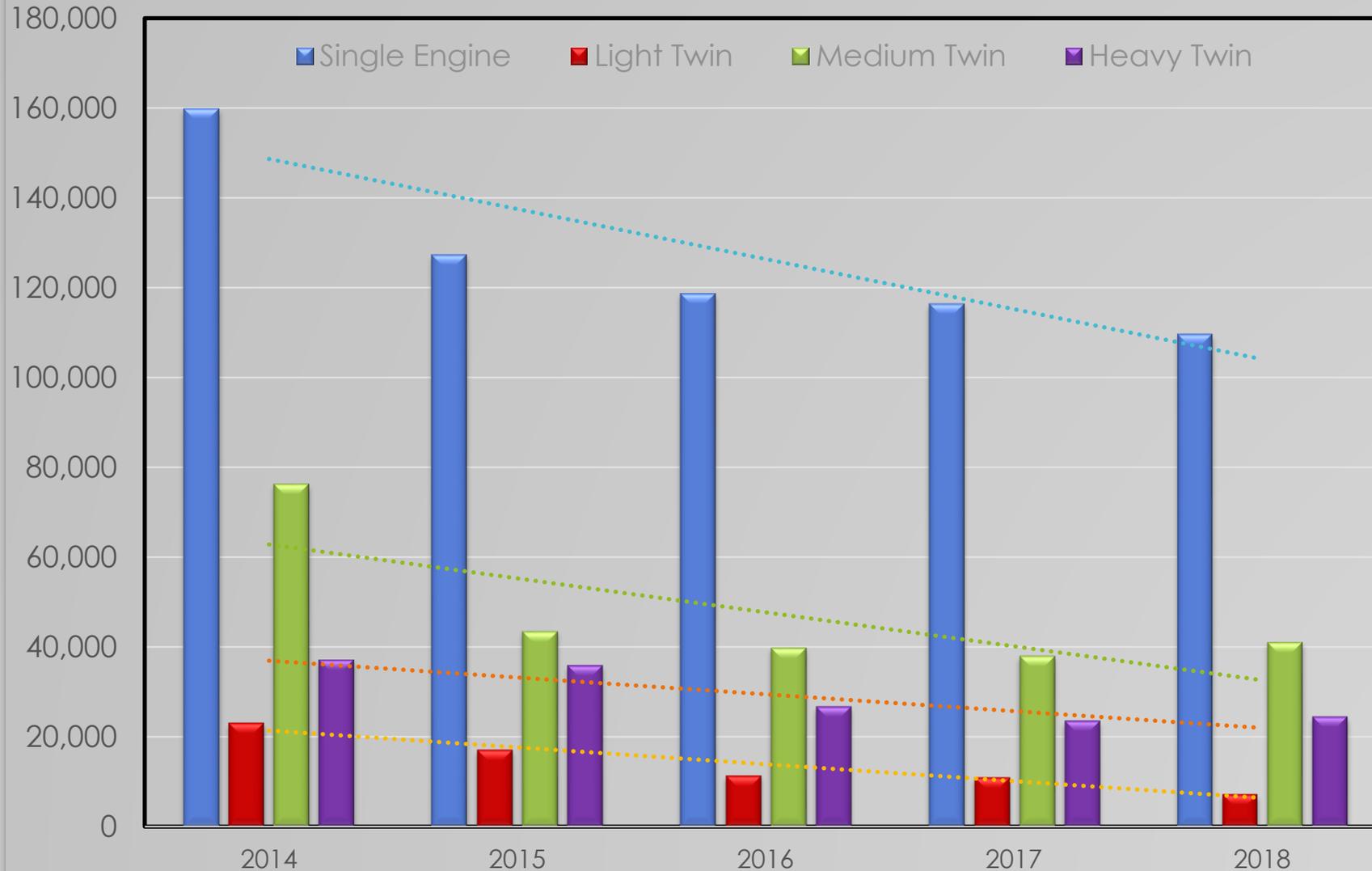


Total Fleet - 336



GOM Flight Data

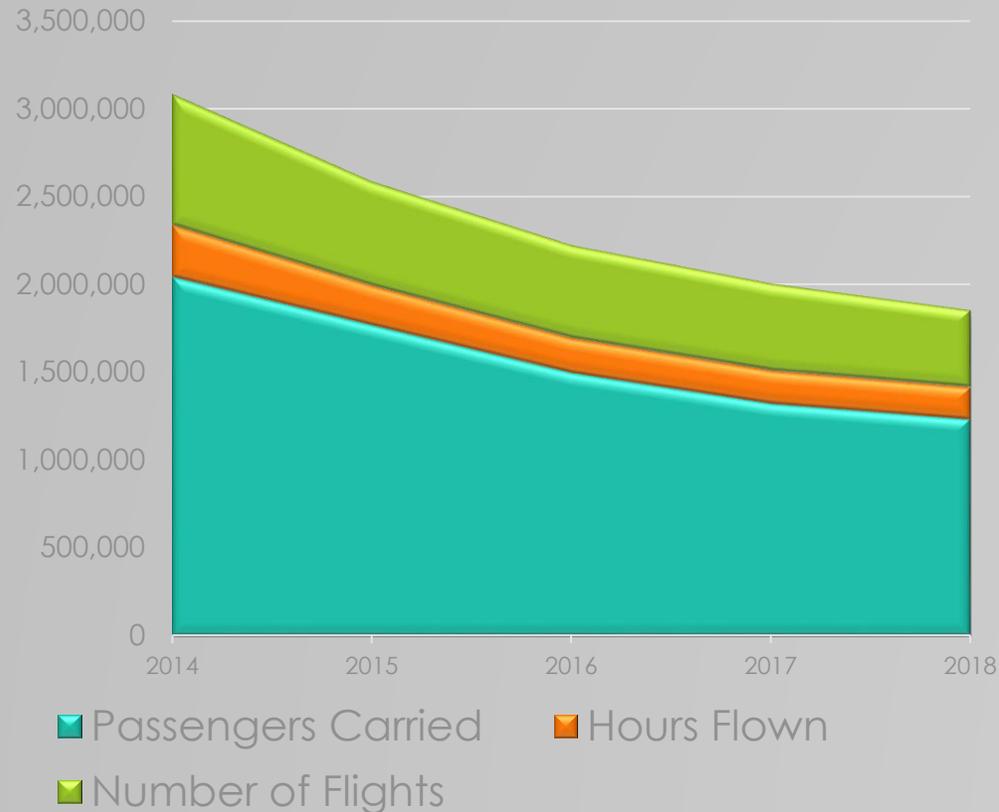
FLIGHT HOURS BY HELICOPTER TYPE





GOM Flight Data

Passengers Carried/Hours Flown/Number of Flights



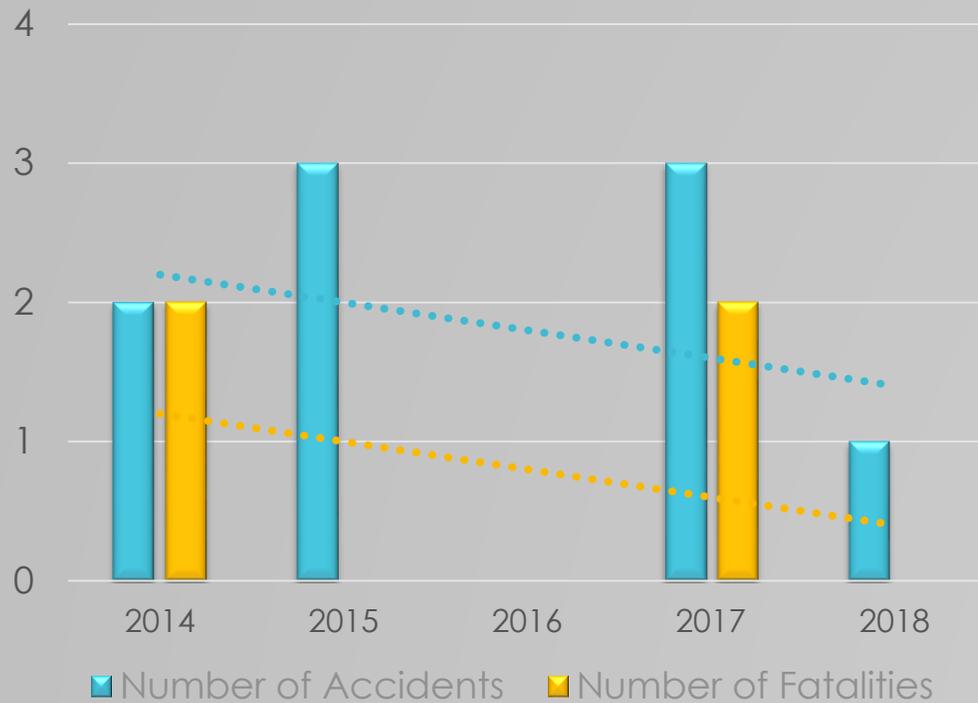
Passenger Data	2016	2017	2018
Passengers per Day per 5 Day Week	5,763	5124	4,747
Flights Per Day	1,444	1,347	1,193
Average Flight Duration in Min.	22	23	25

Single Engine Aircraft operations are lower duration yet higher in segments than their Medium and Heavy Twin counterparts!

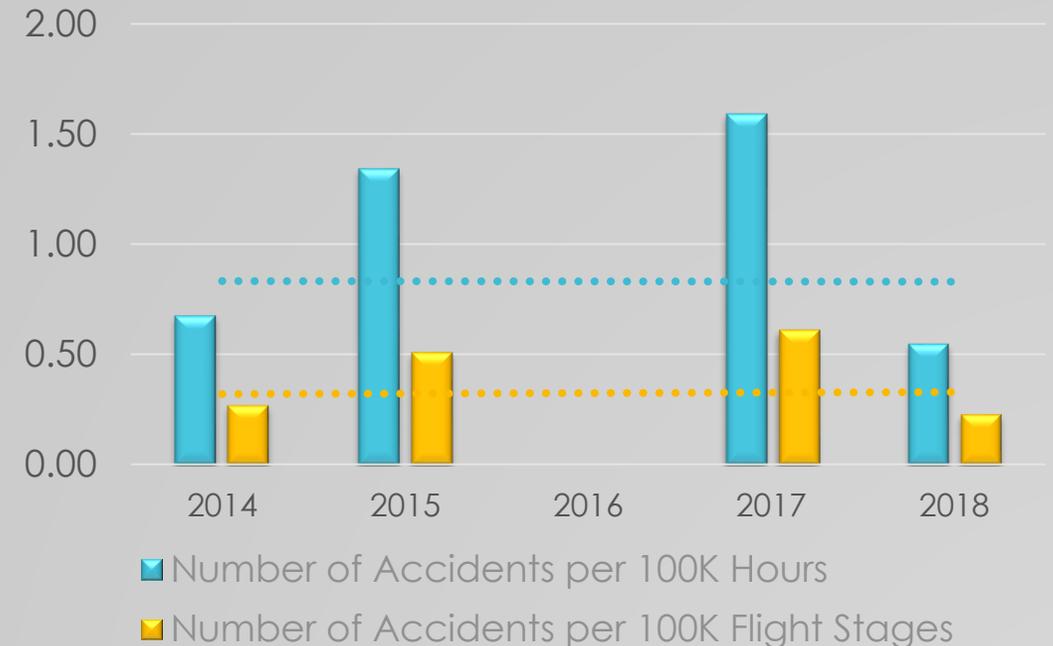


GOM Accident Data 2014 - 2018

Number of Accidents



Number of Accidents per 100K Hours/Stages



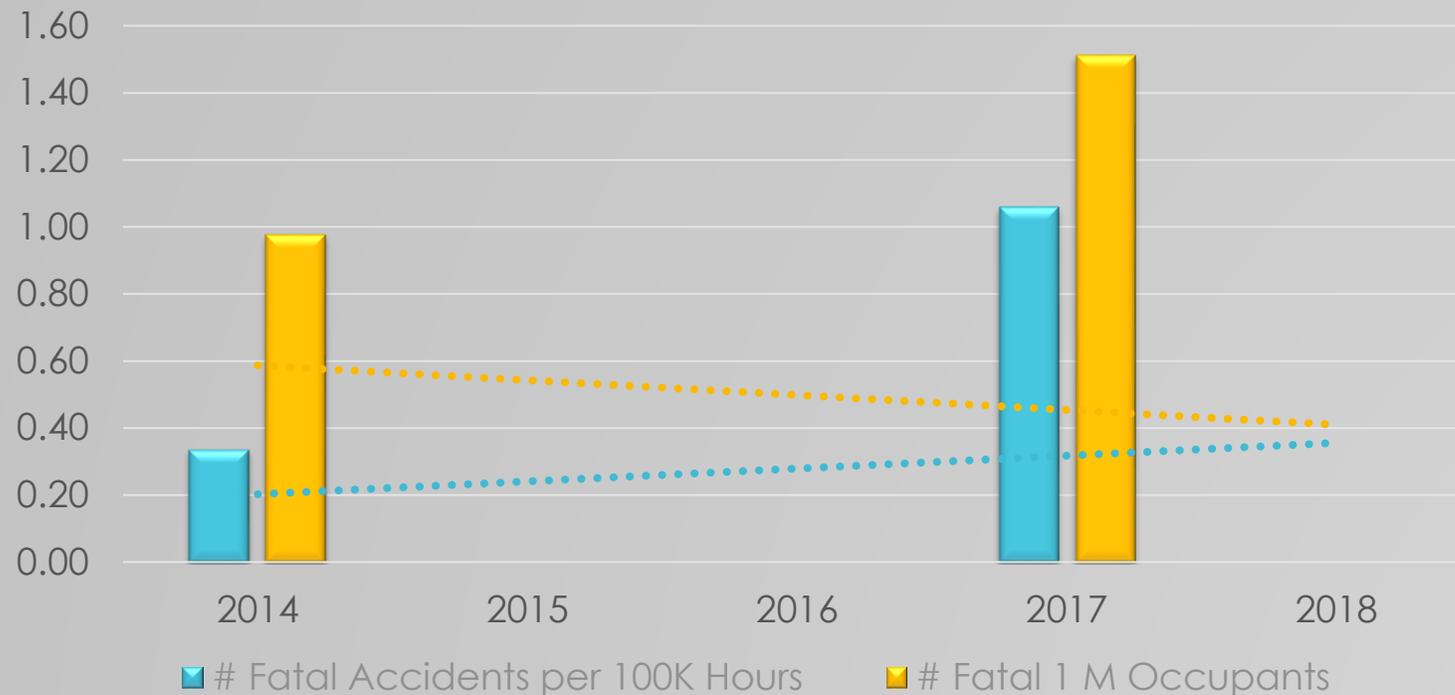
Five Year Average – **0.83 Per 100k Hours**

2018 – 0.55



GOM Accident Data 2014 - 2018

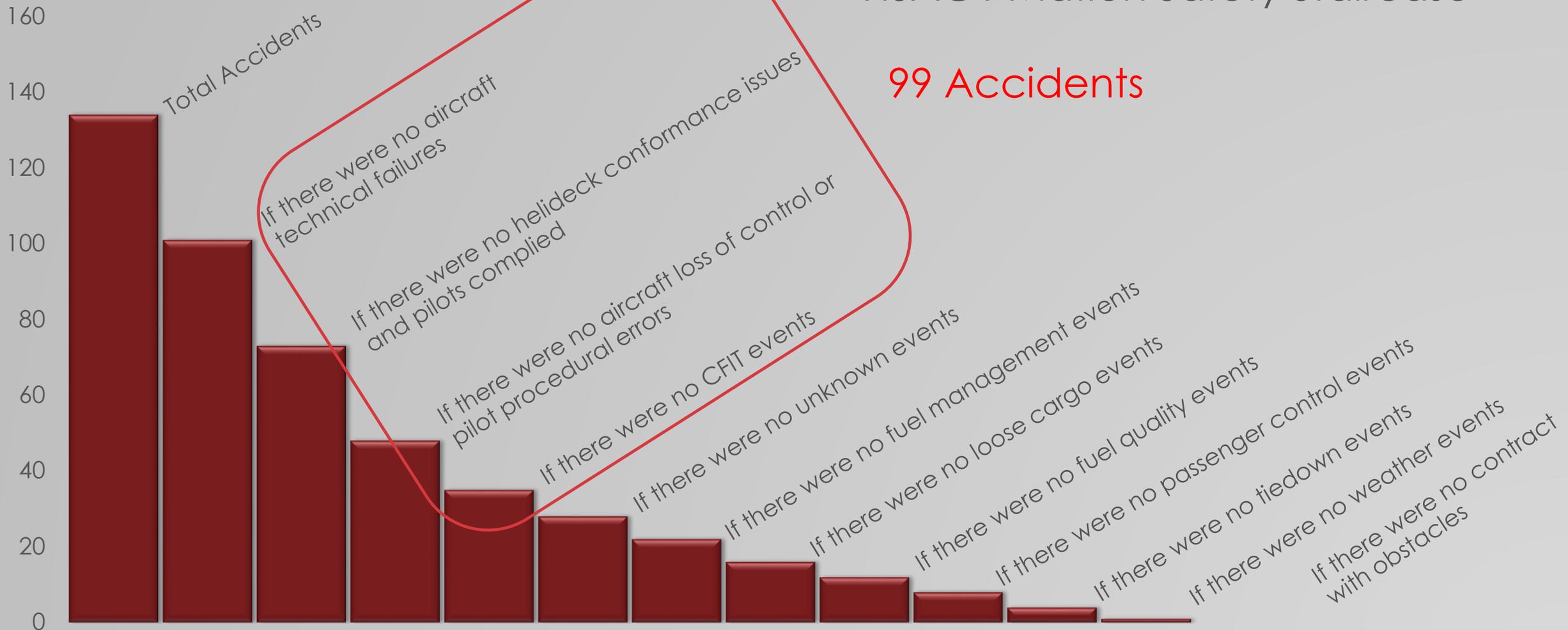
Fatal Accidents per 100K Hours /
Fatalities per 1 Million Occupants





GOM Accident Data 1999 - 2018

HSAC Aviation Safety Staircase





Workgroups

- FLIGHT DATA MONITORING
- TECHNICAL (Myron)
- CHIEF PILOTS (Training?)
- HELIDECK (how do you train pilots to use it properly?)
- How should we be identifying exposure? What other data should we be collecting?
- Near Misses for example.
- What should we be doing/ alignment with HeliOffshore



FLIGHT DATA MONITORING



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Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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