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SMS and Enterprise Risk Management

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Overview

- FTA initiatives
- SMS & Enterprise Risk Management

FTA Initiatives

The FTA has adopted the principles and methods of Safety Management Systems (SMSs) as the basis of its Safety Program.

- Safety rulemaking
- Research & pilot programs
 - SMS Implementation Pilot Program
 - Employee Safety Reporting Demonstration Project
- Safety promotion, education and training, and technical assistance

Components of SMS in Enterprise Risk Management

Safety Management Policy	 Clear accountability for decision-making Incorporate risk-based thinking into everyday decisions
Safety Risk Management	 Prioritize safety hazards based on safety risk Choose safety risk mitigations based on safety risk
Safety Assurance	 Ensure mitigations are working as intended Identify new sources of safety risk by managing changes and investigating safety events
Safety Promotion	 Train personnel on risk-based approach Support a dialogue around safety risk and resource allocation

How Effective Enterprise Risk Management Prepares Agencies to Implement SMS

SMS implementation is easier for transit agencies with:

- Performance and management analytics experience
- Widespread, effective recordkeeping practices
- Resources for data collection and analysis
- Organization-wide planning and strategy development experience
- Formal decision-making processes

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