

# Safety Culture

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Developing a strong safety culture has the single greatest impact on injury/accident reduction of any process

So if a safety culture is what we aspire to achieve....

WHAT DO WE HAVE NOW?

#### Culture vs. Climate

#### **Safety Climate:**

 a temporary state that is subject to change depending on current circumstance

 a "snapshot" of employees' perceptions of the current environment or prevailing conditions that impact safety

# "If you don't like the weather now, wait a minute and it will change."



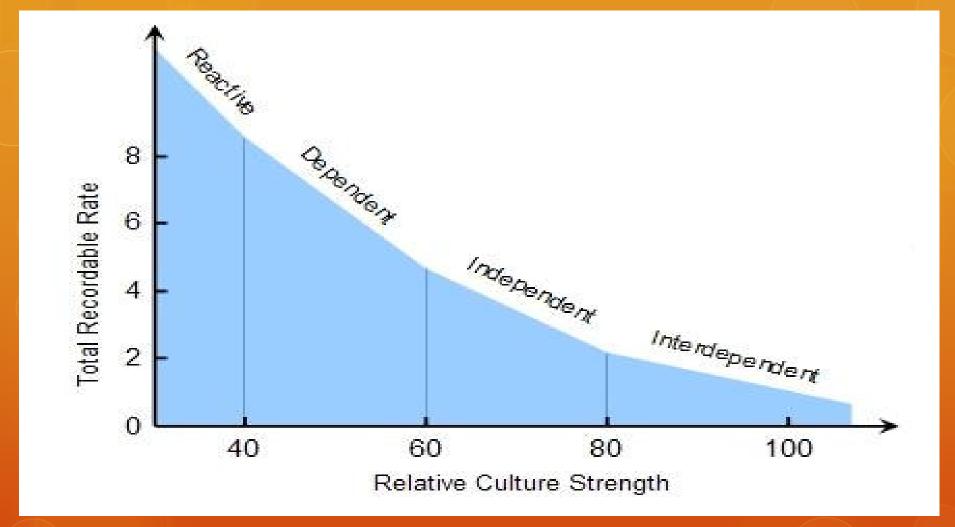
#### Culture vs. Climate

#### **Safety Culture:**

- is commonly viewed as an enduring characteristic
- is the underlying beliefs and convictions
- is a group of individuals guided in their behavior by their joint belief in the importance of safety

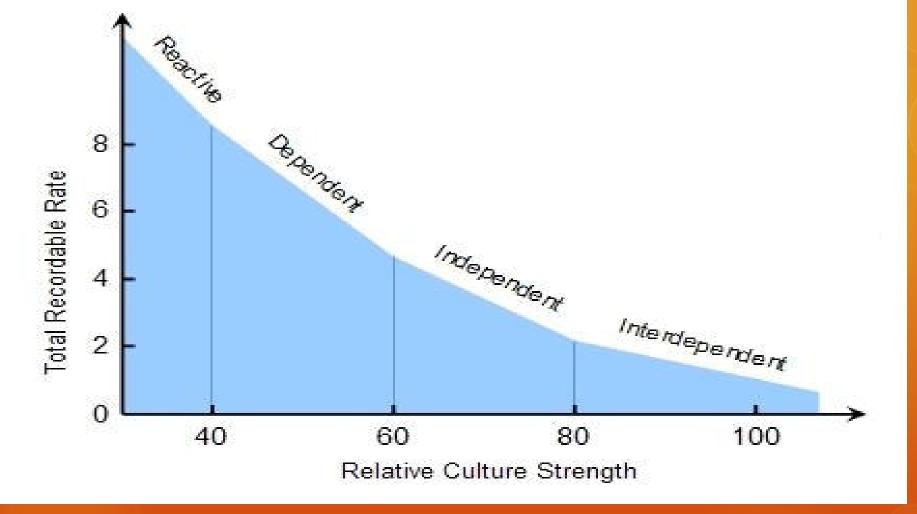
# Creating a safety culture takes time. It is frequently a multi-year process.





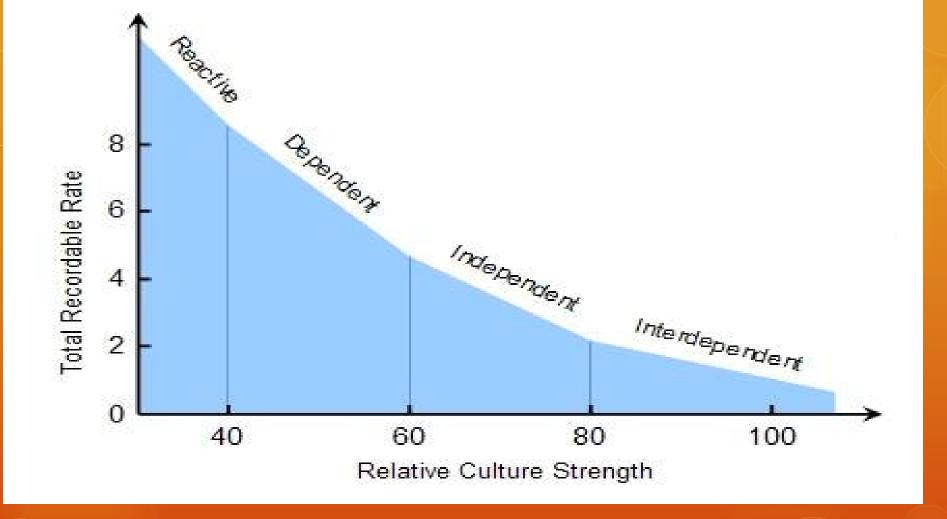
#### Reactive:

- focus on compliance instead of a solid safety culture
- Responsibility is delegated to the Safety Manager
- A general lack of management involvement in safety issues



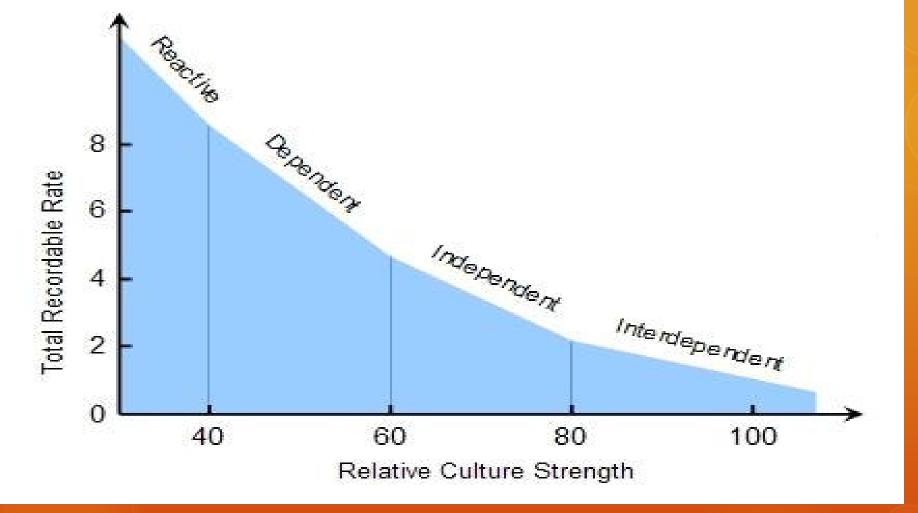
#### Dependent:

- Some management commitment
- Attention to safety is made a condition of employment
- Emphasis on fear and discipline, rules and procedures
- Companies do value their people and will provide safety training



#### Independent:

- Stress personal knowledge of safety issues, methods and personal value and care of the individual
- These companies engage in active safety practices and habits and recognize individual safety achievements



#### Interdependent:

- These companies actively help others conform to safety initiatives – they become "others' keepers"
- They contribute to a safety network and have a strong sense of organizational pride in their safety endeavors

## **Action Items**

- Focus on success and not failure
- Advocate willingness to speak up brother's keeper
- Become skilled at hazard Identification (Complacency)
- Actively demand safety
- Focus on the task/process and not the outcome

## **Action Items**

- Ownership of safety and health by all employees
- Move from "involvement" to "empowerment"
- Responsibility and accountability throughout the organization
- Routinely look out for each other and point out unsafe behaviors to each other

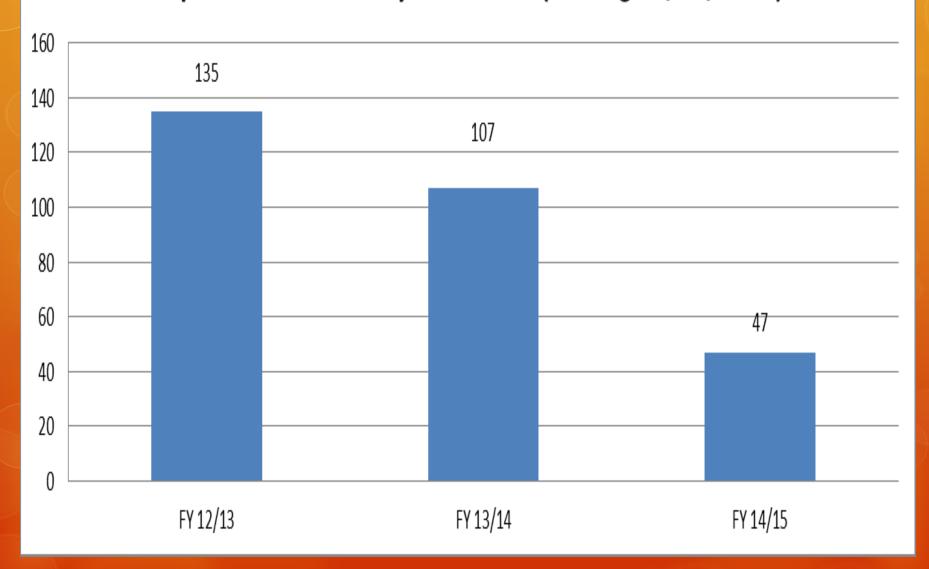
# Management-Specific Responsibilities

- Correct any and all unsafe acts when seen
- Identify unsafe conditions
- Discuss safety with your employees each and every day
- Close any outstanding remedial actions
- Conduct safety training and risk assessments

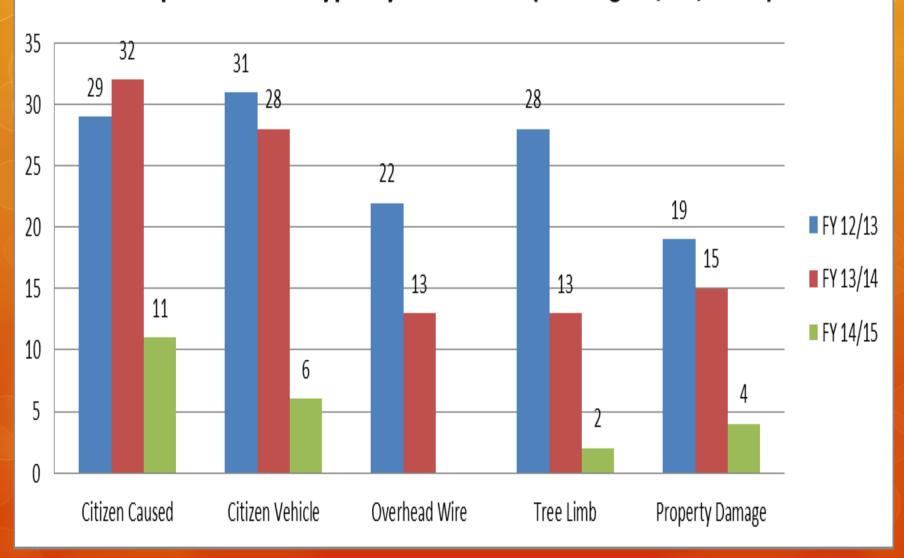
# Management-Specific Responsibilities

- Provide timely response to safety issues and concerns
- Provide continuous monitoring of performance
- Provide timely and relevant feedback on safety issues to employees
- Praise people who are doing things safely

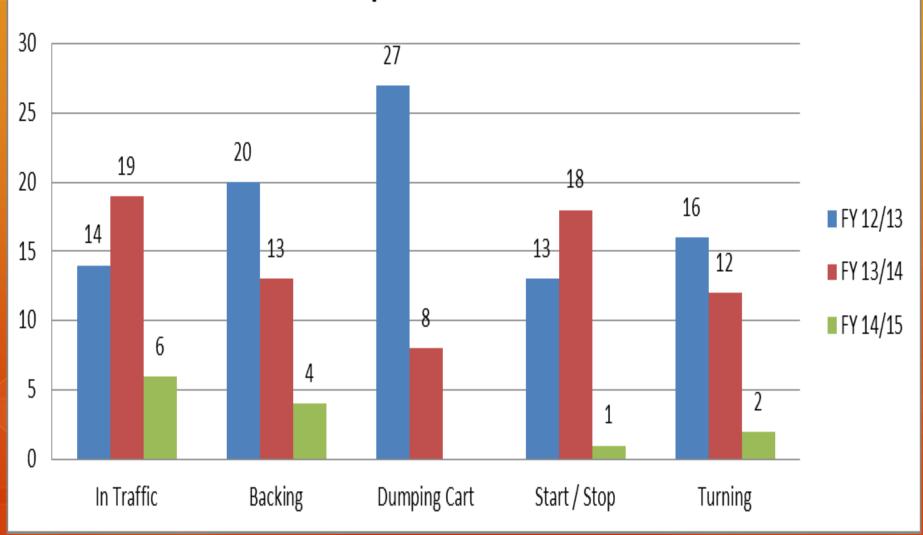
## Reported Collisions by Fiscal Year (Through 4/30/2015)



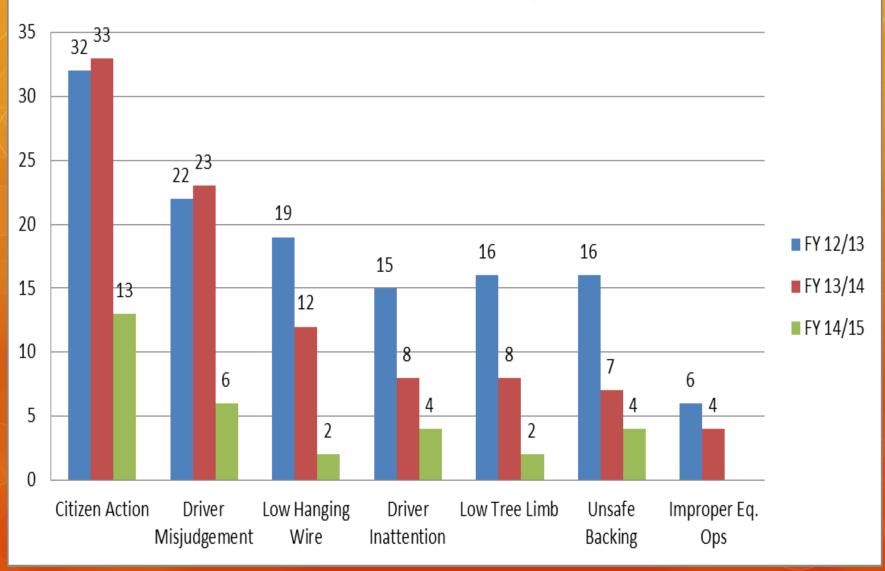
### Top 5 Collision Type By Fiscal Year (Through 4/30/2015)



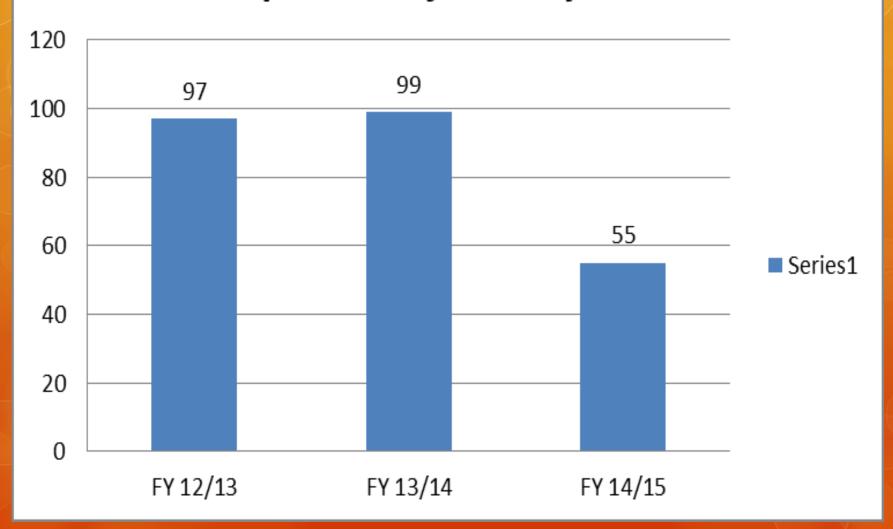
#### **Top 5 Driver Action**



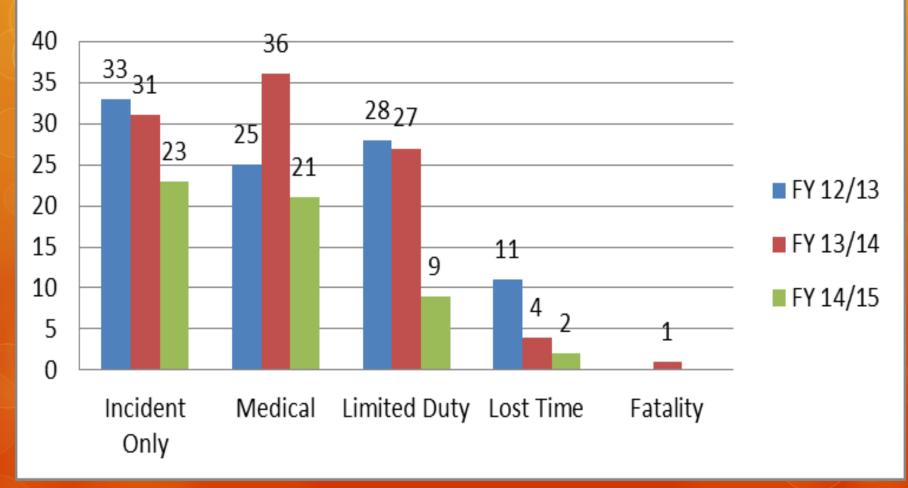
#### **Top Root Cause Type**



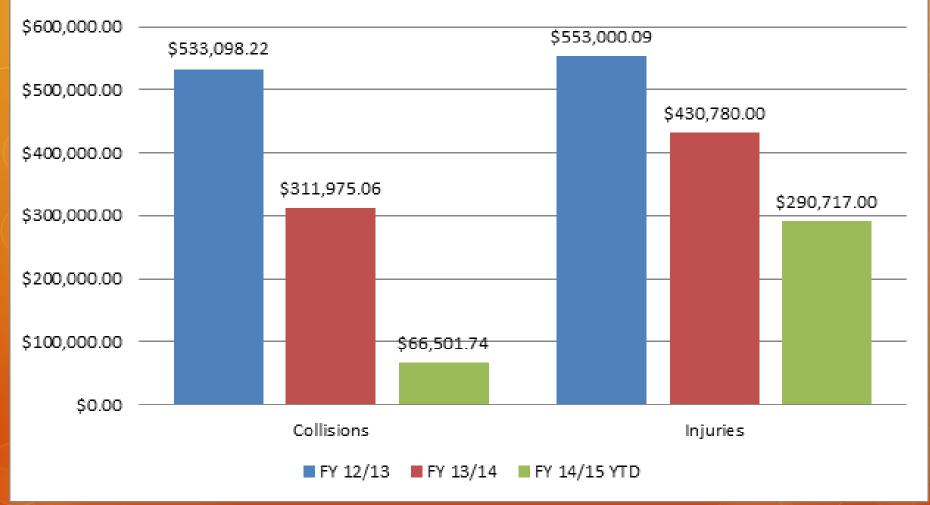
#### **Total Reported Injuries by Fiscal Year**



## Injury Class by Fiscal Year (Thru 4/30/2015)







42% decrease in overall collision claims paid 22% decrease in overall Workers' Comp claims paid

## QUESTIONS

COMMENTS