

How safe is safe enough?

Safety crew onboard passenger trains

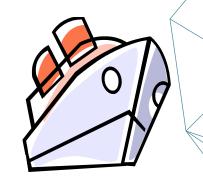
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Aim of the study

- To perform a study of the rules, regulations and best practice regarding manning of passenger trains
 - In Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany
 - Selected operators
 - Only manning with tasks related to evacuation and passenger safety
- To identify principles for manning in other types of transportation (i.e. aviation and shipping)
- Compare, and learn from them!







Collecting of information

- Existing rules, regulations and internal requirements regarding
 - Train operation
 - Rolling stock
 - Manning in general
 - Education of personnel (drills, continuous education)
 - Passengers and their luggage

were identified with respect to evacuation and passenger safety

Interviewed train operators: DSB, NSB, SJ, Flytoget, A-Train and DB



Safety Crew - Definition

"Onboard personnel with special education within passenger safety, and with responsibility to assist in a situation when evacuation of passengers is needed"

The "train manager"

SWE – Ombordansvarig

NO – Ombordansvarlig

DK - Togfører

DE – ??

...is normally the overall <u>responsible</u> for evacuation and passenger safety



Findings - General

- No unacceptable conditions
- Norway the only country with defined minimum requirements regarding number of onboard personnel
- Authority requirements within the studied countries are similar

• Internal requirements (train operators) are more or less

the same

- Technical safety systems are different
- Tasks with respect to passenger safety among the safety crew are different





Findings – Train operation

SIMILAR

- Smoking is prohibited
- Standard marking of emergency exits and emergency tools

DIFFERENT

- Detailed requirements depending on track section more used in Denmark
- Communication systems and requirements are different (both related to train types and operators)
- Internal evacuation possibility are different (both for train types and operators)
- Checklists for emergency situations are being used by a few of the operators



Findings – Rolling stock

SIMILAR

All operators use international fire protection regulations

DIFFERENT

- Traction in Denmark
 - Requirement regarding minimum traction before entering a tunnel
- Fire cells only in "modern" train types



Findings – Manning

SIMILAR

Assignment of responsibilities among personnel

DIFFERENT

- Big difference in how education and training is performed among operators
 - Practical training and "table top" education
 - Different approach and aim of education





Conclusions - Safety Crew onboard passenger trains

- Onboard personnel are of relatively less importance for the consequences of a train fire
- The technical safety solutions, choice of material, door opening function, emergency tools and marking are of significant importance for successful evacuation
- Onboard personnel do have important assignments in emergency situations
- Personnel in sight have a preventive effect against arson



What can we learn from aviation?

RULES, REGULATIONS ETC

- Education and training
 - More specific requirements
 - Higher demands regarding education content and recurring training/education
- Specific defined minimum requirements regarding number of safety crew onboard aircraft
 - Example:

1-50 seats: minimum 1 cabin crew

51-100 seats: minimum 2 cabin crew

101+ seats: additional 1 cabin crew/50 passengers



What can we learn from shipping?

RULES, REGULATIONS ETC

- Education and training
 - More specific requirements
 - Higher demands regarding education content and recurring training/education
 - Example:

Muster List

Type of checklist for emergency situation, well trained and well known among personnel



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