

International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection Working Group May 23rd, 2012



# **Presentation Agenda**

- UPS/IPA Safety Task Force
- Air Transportation of Batteries
- Safety Task Force Strategy

## **September 3, 2010** "A need to develop solutions to complex issues"



### **Composition of the UPS/IPA Safety Task Force**



#### **Mission Statement**

"The Safety Task Force will provide solutions which increase safety by developing methods, evaluating technology and enhancing training for successfully managing smoke or fire events in an aircraft."



## The Goal

Develop a layered solution set which expands the time a crew has to address a smoke or fire situation.





# The Issue of Air Transportation of Batteries

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### The UPS Air Business Model Has Changed

#### How has our Business Changed?

- A growing percentage of our payload involves technology
- Growing consumer demand
- Why are we transporting more batteries?

**Battery Energy Cost** 

- 1991 \$3.17/ watt hour
- 2010 \$0.18/ watt hour

Bottom Line – Transportation of Batteries and Energy is Increasing









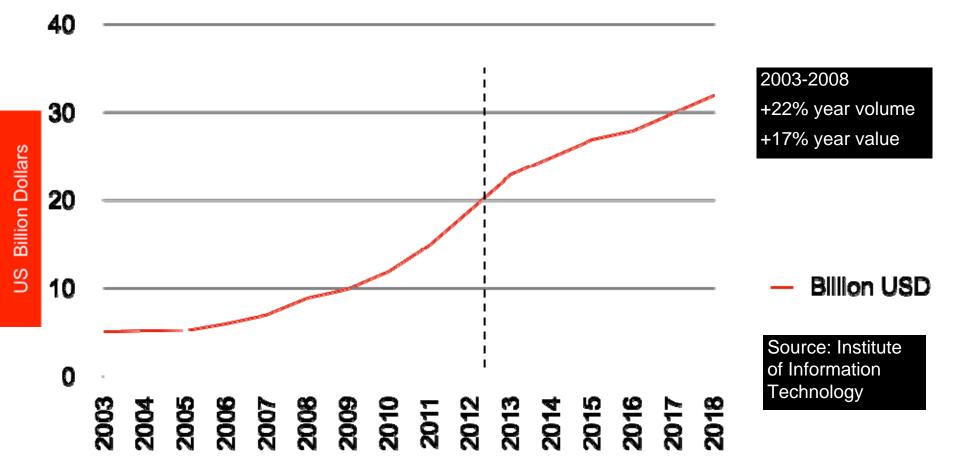






### **Global Lithium Battery Market in (\$US) Billions**

#### Norldwide Lithium Batteries in U.S. Billions of Dollars

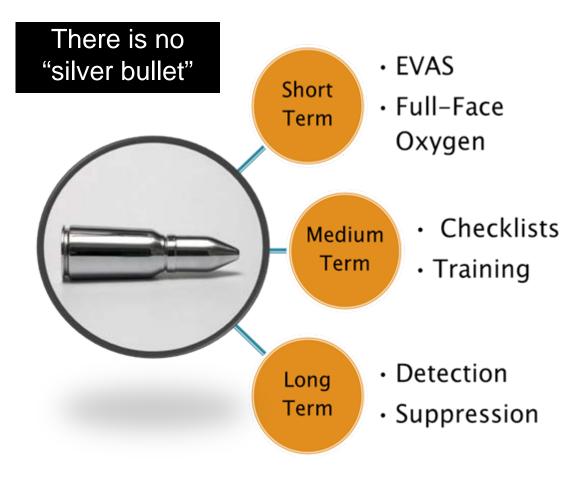




# Safety Task Force Strategy



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#### **Protecting the Flight Deck** (Important facts about cockpit smoke)

- "Smoke is the leading defined cause of emergency landings for ETOPS (Air Safety Week)
- "The time from first indication of smoke to an out-of-control situation may be very short." (Boeing Aero 14)
- In-flight smoke events on transport jets are twice as likely as in-flight engine failures (ALPA Safety Report)



### The Combination of Two Technologies Greatly Improves Safety

# Full Face Oxygen Masks

## Emergency Vision Assurance System (EVAS)



### Full-Face Oxygen Masks

- Flight crews must be protected not only from smoke, but also from toxic fumes like sulfur dioxide
- Smoke goggles have been found to be ill-fitting for some eyeglass wearers
- Full-Face Masks don quicker, reduce operational complexity and allow a better fit and more effective mask purging



### **Emergency Vision Assurance System (EVAS)**



#### **Emergency Vision Assurance System**

- Pilot vision during a smoke event is essential
- The pilot still relies on the oxygen mask for breathing and eye protection
- EVAS represents the last line of defense for the flight crew



#### **Training Center and Checklists**

- The Flight Training Center is beginning to emphasize the importance of training on aircraft emergency equipment
- Enhanced training courses and human factor friendly checklists are being developed to support each recommendation incorporated
- Our goal is to lead the industry in training to manage in-flight smoke/fire events



#### **Fire Suppression** Multiple paths are being explored



#### **Fire Containment Cover (FCC)**

- Cover is designed to suppress a 1500 degree fire for four (4) hours
- Testing began June 2011
- FCC reengineered to increase durability in UPS system
- Phase 3 testing of redesigned cover underway



# Container-Based Solutions are Being Evaluated

- Fire resistant container materials under evaluation
- Suppression agents are being tested
- More research and testing is necessary



#### **Improved Temperature/Fire Detection**

- Early notification of rising container temperatures allows for improved task management
- Container temperature data also allows a crew to confirm the effectiveness of fire suppression systems
- During fire and smoke events every minute counts!







