

Support an Observer Incident Report



PIRFO Debriefer Workshop

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Objectives

■To be able to identify the evidence needed to support an observer incident report



□ (RS-a) Did the operator or any crew member assault, obstruct, resist, delay, refuse boarding to, intimidate or interfere with observers in the performance of their duties?

■Answer – Yes.



What Evidence do you need to show observer interfered with?

- If an observer is to be called as a witness, he or she can only give information regarding what he or she knows.
- ■What they saw.
- ■What happened to them.
- ■How they reported it.



Issues which may arise

☐ It will be the observer's word against the Captain or the crew.

So, anything to support what happened should be noted and photographed if possible.

E.g. Captain gave him a S10 + as a bribe.



It all comes down to EVIDENCE.

- ☐ Split up into five groups to discus:
- ☐ Group 1 What evidence is needed to support RS –b
- ☐ Group 2 What evidence is needed to support NR-f
- ☐ Group 3 What evidence is needed to support WC c
- ☐ Group 4 What evidence is needed to support LC b
- ☐ Group 5 What evidence is needed to support ss –b