Changing the Culture Through Logistics

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Where/Why We Started

- Our Maintenance Operations division included:
 - Day-to-day execution
 - Accountability for results
 - As well as management/maintenance of all the resources behind the work
 - Fleet
 - Facilities
 - Materials
 - Technology
 - Analytics



An Old Concept in a New Place

- Logistics and Supply Chain Management are not new concepts
- It was a new way of doing business for INDOT just 18 months ago
 - Three Districts (Crawfordsville, LaPorte & Seymour) are leading a pilot to validate the concept in our environment





That's a LOT of Resources



Materials and Inventory

In the Crawfordsville District Alone

- Over \$42M in Fleet assets
- Over 250 structures across 15 counties, including 10 Rest Areas with 24/7 operation
- An annual maintenance materials budget of approximately \$7M
- IT issues from tablets, to GPS devices, to specialized software
- Analytics across all business areas and performance unit costs, how/where man hours are spent, work progress tracking, etc

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Too much capacity under the span of one area Director who was spread too thin





- Let experts truly own these specialized areas for more agile and efficient management
- Let the folks that execute concentrate on doing that well



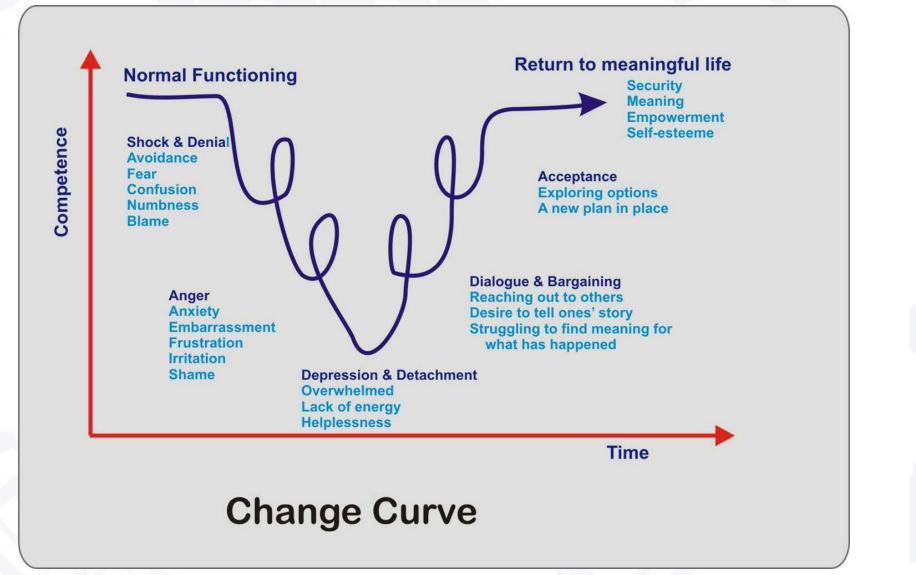


Summed up, it really meant one thing



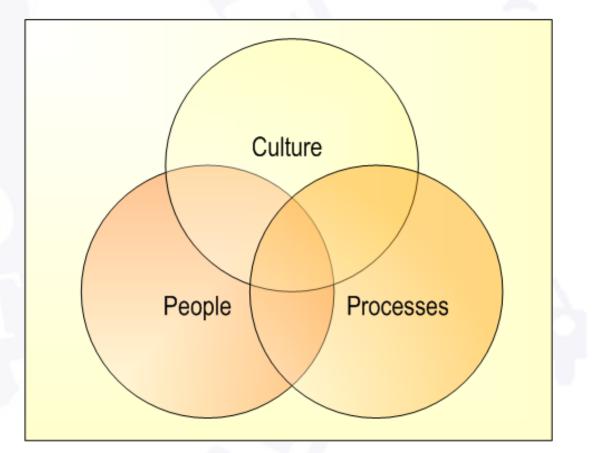
Change...It's Not a 4 Letter Word

Change is HARD...even when it's freeing

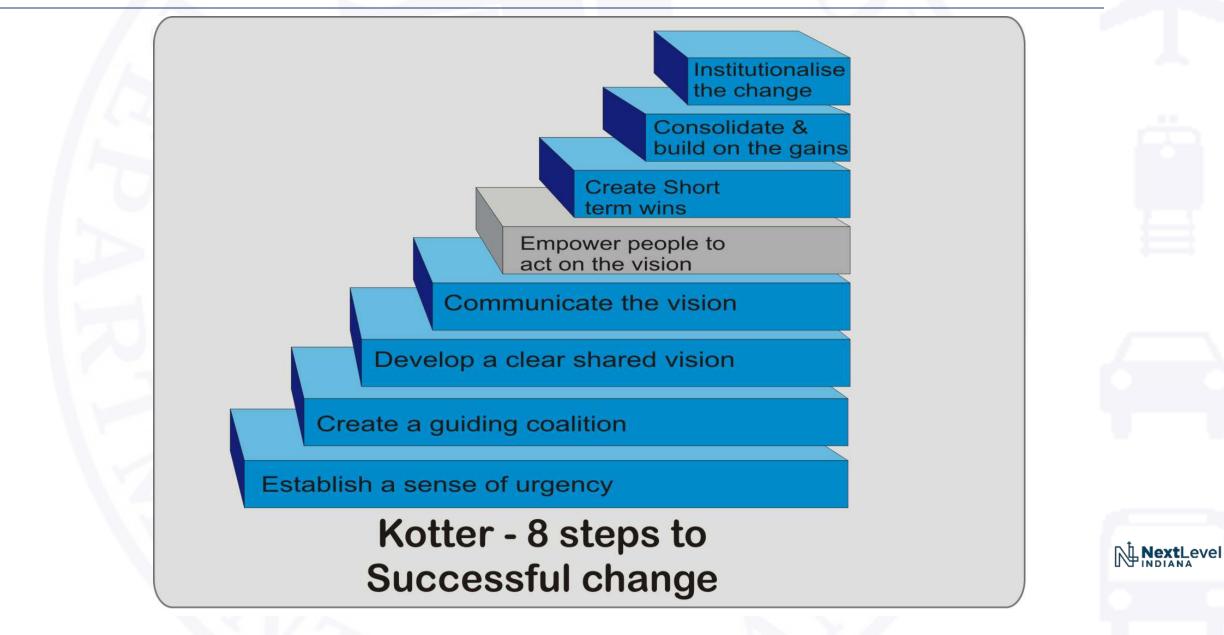


Is It Really a Big Change?

- Managers felt as if they were losing control
- Started running every "What if..."
- Insisted that it would not work and was "just another change we'd outlive"
- People went through shut down, sabotage, total withdraw and silence to a different degree in different locations







- Establish a sense of urgency
 - This is based on data/facts and not feelings
 - Support services were being unmanaged or undermanaged
 - Dollars were not being directed to the right asset/consumable at the right time and in the right quantities – loss of opportunity



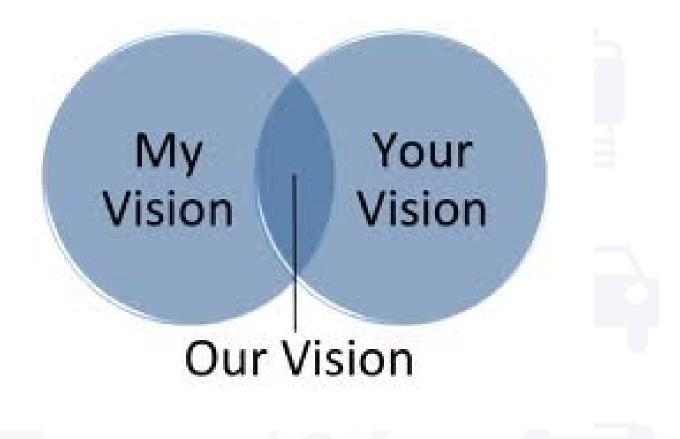
• Create a guiding coalition

- Pick the right place(s) to launch
- Who all will be effected? Get a representative from that group to help champion the progress and the change
- Have executive buy in and check in





- Develop a clear, shared vision
 - Create milestone with deliverable dates
 - Ownership for that is shared across the guiding coalition
 - Develop measurables and apply them uniformly



Communicate the vision

- Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Get information out early
- Get information out often
- Keep repeating the message
- Transparency is everything







Empower people to act on the vision

• When you have a team and a plan, <u>let them execute</u> without micromanaging every aspect



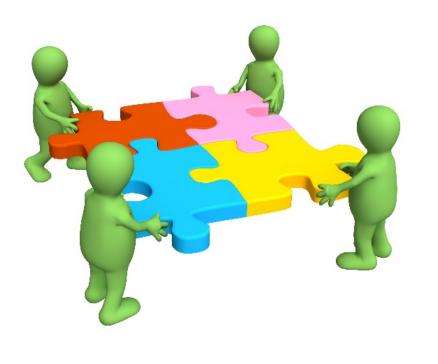
- Create short term wins
 - Identify some easy wins that will get and keep folks onboard
 - Track and share your successes along the way and with anybody that will listen

- Consolidate and build on the gains
 - It's important to keep the change moving in the same direction if implementing in multiple locations

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- Keep regular check-in meetings to ensure consistency in processes, reporting, staffing
- Be open to change when best practices are found elsewhere
- Keep sharing your metrics and your success stories

- Institutionalize the change
 - When it works, put it in place everywhere
 - No need to start over just because it's expanding the groundwork has been laid
 - Place the expectation that this is the new "normal"
 - Provide honest support and feedback to those newer to the structure early and often



NextLevel

What are we talking about today?

The *Integration* of a Logistics Division into a workplace culture. This integration of a new Logistics Division in the agency had two cultural elements:

- People Business
- Technical Business

People Business will always create variables in any business...

- Personalities
- Experiences
- Beliefs
- Adaptability to change ...to name a few

The creating "synergy" within the gray areas of people business was ultimately the bigger challenge in our Pilot.

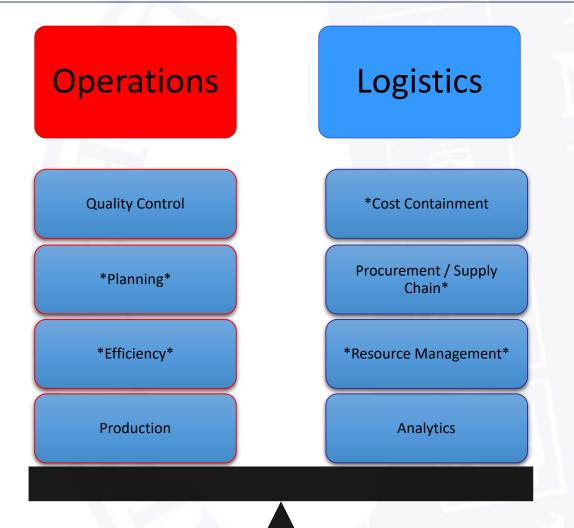






- People trusting the vision
- People trusting each other
- People trusting the process
- People not reverting to old practices when hitting obstacles, early.



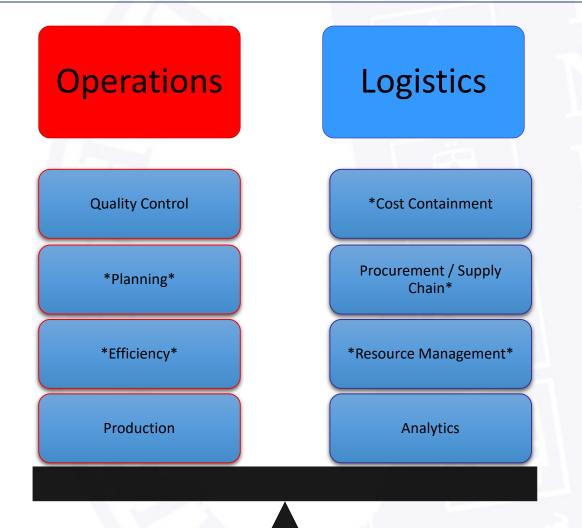


- Logistics took over resource management
 - Fleet
 - Facilities
 - Information Technology
 - Materials



- Logistics owned the supply chain and flow of needed "stuff" to the customer (Operations).
- Operation's focus became deep and narrow to enhance our transportation infrastructure!





This wasn't easy...

- We had to sort out who will own what, to drive accountability.
- We had to create communication forums and drive this to repetition.
- We had to manage robust, efficient processes.
- We had to correlate activity to results.
- We had to trust each other!

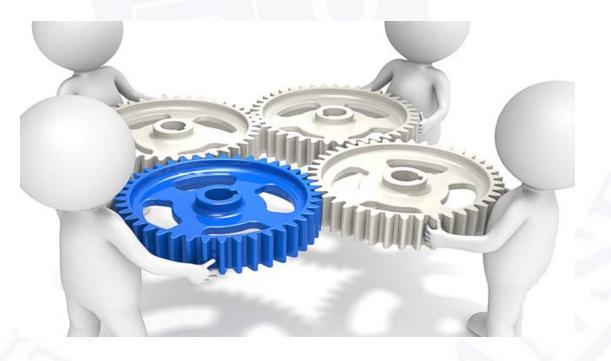


Driving Change... Technical Business

Technical business...

How is "Technical business" related to culture?

- Part of the Logistics business model was creating "process owners" to focus on specific technicalities of business.
- Resource management was now a front and center focus area, which required change in how people worked together at a regional and statewide level.





Driving Change...

So what is the benefit?

• Logistics' product is providing the required resources to support the success of Operations; IE equipment, materials, analytics, technology.

• Operations is Logistics' Customer.

The "Global Operation" benefitted:

- Unit Costs are down
- Production has increased
- Overhead reduced

Essentially, we are <u>MORE</u> done in a <u>MORE</u> efficient manner with tax payer dollars!

Questions?



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