Involve Or Negotiate With The Public?

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Introductions

- Alvin Chun
- Dedicated to Bringing Out The Best in People
- Trainer, Mediator, Negotiator, Advisor
- 30 Years Service at EPA
- 10 Years Private Practice
Goal of Involvement?

• To Inform?
• To Placate?
• To Complete My Task?
• To Go Through The Motions?
Expected Results?
Goal of Involvement?

• To Persuade?
• To Be Believed?
• To Be Understood?
• To Get Agreement?
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*Expected Results?*
How Best To Proceed?

• Involve?
• Negotiate?
A Framework

- A - Assumptions, Attitudes
- B - Behaviors
- C - Consequences
Elements of Negotiations

- **Build Trust**
- **Acknowledge Concerns**
- **Be Transparent**
- **Propose Options**
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Key Rules

• **Expect Surprises**
• **Test The Waters**
• **Be Curious, Honest and Respectful**
Expect Surprises!

- Distrust
- Emotions
- Power
- Disinterest
- Inconsistency
Remember

• *Reach Out When You Are Unsure*
• *Be Patient with Yourself & Others*
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The Challenge For You & Your Organization

Be and Do Your Best

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Topics & Suggested Reading

- I. Relationship and Trust Building
  - Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  - Readings:
    b. Primal Leadership: Learning to Lead with Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman, 2002
    c. Good to Great by Jim Collins, 2001
    d. On and Off the Record: Colosi on Negotiation by Thomas Colosi, 1993
    e. One Small Step Can Change Your Life – The Kaizen Way by Robert Maurer
    f. Principled-Centered Leadership by Stephen Covey, 1992
- II. Attitude Formation ... Basis for Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication
  - Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  - Readings:
    b. You Are The Message by Roger Ailes, 1995
    c. Influence by Robert Cialdini, 1993
- III. Goal Setting ... To Assure/Persuade
  - Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  - Readings:
    a. One Small Step Can Change Your Life: The Kaizen Way by Robert Maurer
    b. On and Off the Record – Colosi on Negotiation by Thomas Colosi, 1993
- IV. Dealing with Fear, Anger, Conflicts
  - Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Video Case Studies/Relatable Experiences
  - Readings:
    c. On and Off the Record - Colosi on Negotiation by Thomas Colosi, 1993
    d. Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High by Kerry Patterson, 2002
    f. "Risk Communication with Grieving Communities" by Melissa Finucane,
V. Verbal and Non-verbal Communication
  Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  Readings:
  a. You Are the Message by Roger Ailes, 1995
  b. How to Read Someone Like a Book by Gerard Nierenberg, 1990

VI. Strategic Planning: Understanding the Power of Potential Stakeholders and the social/political landscape
  Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  Readings:
  a. Winning Community Support for Land Use Projects (1992) and Making Meetings Work (1996) by Debra Stein
  b. One Small Step Can Change Your Life: The Kaizen Way by Robert Maurer

VII. Risk Perception: Understanding How Risk is Perceived
  Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  Readings:
  a. "Trust, Emotion, Sex, Politics, and Science: Surveying the Risk-Assessment Battlefield" by Paul Slovic (from Psychological Perspectives to Environmental and Ethics in Management, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass)

VIII. Risk Communication:
  Teaching Method: Interactive Demonstration/Discussion/Relatable Experiences
  Readings:
  a. "Explaining Environmental Risk" by Peter Sandman, 1985
  b. "Informing and Educating the Public About Risk" by Paul Slovic, Decision Research Report 85-5, November 1984
  c. "Communicating Scientific Information about Health and Environmental Risks: Problems and Opportunities from a Social and Behavioral Perspective" by Vincent Covello, Detlof von Winterfeldt and Paul Slovic
  d. "Hazard versus Outrage in the Public Perception of Risk" by Peter Sandman, 1989
Biographical Sketch for
Alvin Chun
Motivational Trainer and Consultant in
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Alvin Chun is a San Francisco native who provides training and consultation worldwide on risk communication and public negotiations. “Bringing out the best in people,” has been the theme of his 40 year career. His work is intended to help managers, staff, and their organizations better understand how they can work and communicate to achieve vital results which may have been overlooked. One result that is often not discussed is the need to improve an organization’s ability to manage communication and negotiations to build a stronger reputation for securing public support. Alvin has provided workshops and consultation to a host of organizations including: State Environmental Departments, the US Navy, the USEPA, the Department of Homeland Security, the Army Corps of Engineers, Native American Tribes, the American Bar Association, the British Columbia Ministry for the Environment, China SEPA, the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment, South Australian EPA, and the South Australian Centre for Public Health.

Alvin is former Director of USEPA’s National Center for Risk Communication and Public Involvement and served as USEPA’s risk communication and public involvement expert. At the Center he mentored trainers and provided workshops to government agencies involved with controversial environmental issues. Captain Chun is also a retired U.S. Public Health Service Officer. While on active duty, he held a variety of technical and managerial positions in the U.S. Environmental Agency and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. His last tour of duty was at the USEPA where he served as their Senior Environmental Health Policy Advisor. At USEPA, Captain Chun provided consultation and facilitated workshops and motivational seminars around the world to help organizations improve their reputation and gain public support to accomplish their work. He has helped to negotiate constructive relationships and solutions between USEPA and its States, and between different agencies and the public.

His clients included organizations within the U.S. and abroad. Among these organizations are health and environmental agencies, corporations, professional organizations and the U.S. military. In the environmental field, Captain Chun has worked with a range of government agencies including Federal, State and local environmental protection and health agencies, Departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Transportation, Defense, and Homeland Security.

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Alvin is Adjunct Professor at the U.S. Navy's Civil Engineer Corps Officers School, where he has taught Environmental Negotiations and Leadership to all branches of the military and environmental agencies. He was also a workshop leader at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, and currently teaches at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. At Flinders University he works with health and environmental professionals in Australia and Pacific Rim countries. He has also provided guest lectures at the University of California Medical School in San Francisco, University of California, Davis Extension Program, and does guest presentations at various professional organizations.

Alvin received his B.S., in engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, and M.S., in engineering at Stanford University. He can be contacted at (415) 385-7276 or by email at riskcom1@yahoo.com.