

# W. O.W. Factor

## Words of Wisdom for Wisconsin FPS Coaches and Students

### Understanding the Future Scene

Reading the Future Scene carefully is the key to a great start in your problem solving experience. Here are some suggestions for how to do exactly that!

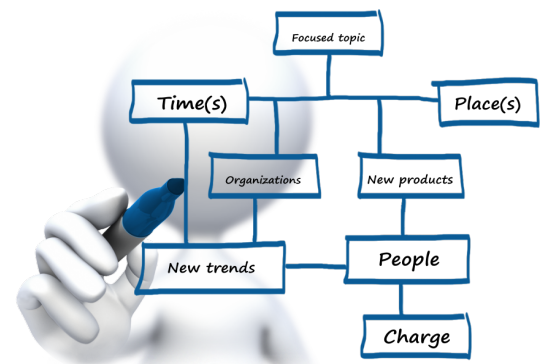
#### ➤ PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS

- Highlight, circle or underline key ideas.
- Look for important facts, dates and agencies.
- Write notes to yourself in the margins.
- Star challenge ideas that you notice right away.
- Be careful not to make assumptions that aren't substantiated in the Future Scene -- don't "make up" ideas you THINK are there, but actually aren't.
- Discuss the charge in the last paragraph – what direction does it want you to go in your problem solving?



#### ➤ PICTURE IT

- You might try organizing your thoughts by:
  - drawing a diagram or picture
  - making an outline
  - mapping out information



#### ➤ PUT YOURSELF IN THE SITUATION

- Imagine that YOU are actually experiencing what is going on in the Future Scene. What issues/problems would you experience?

#### ➤ ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

- There are typically many details and it's difficult to remember all of them after just one reading.
- Be prepared to read sections a second or third time.
- Keep looking back at the Future Scene for things you didn't notice at first.

#### ➤ STUCK FOR IDEAS?

- Assign each person 1 or 2 paragraphs.
- Have each person reread those paragraphs even more carefully for more ideas.



#### ➤ PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

- Before your actual problem solving session, practice reading old Future Scenes from past topics. Check for all of the things mentioned above.