Igniting the Spirit and Skills of Leaders



# Emotional Intelligence: The Key to Effective Response

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"Because of the furious pace of change in business today, difficult to manage relationships sabotage more business than anything else - it is not a question of strategy that gets us into trouble, it is a question of emotions.

> John Kotter Harvard Business School









# Emotional Intelligence is...

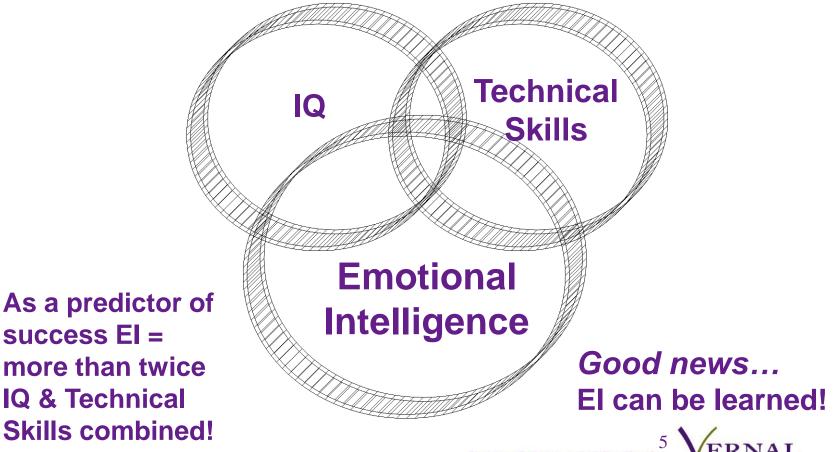
1. Recognizing, understanding and managing our own emotions

2. Recognizing, understanding and influencing the emotions of others



# **3 Domains of Competence**

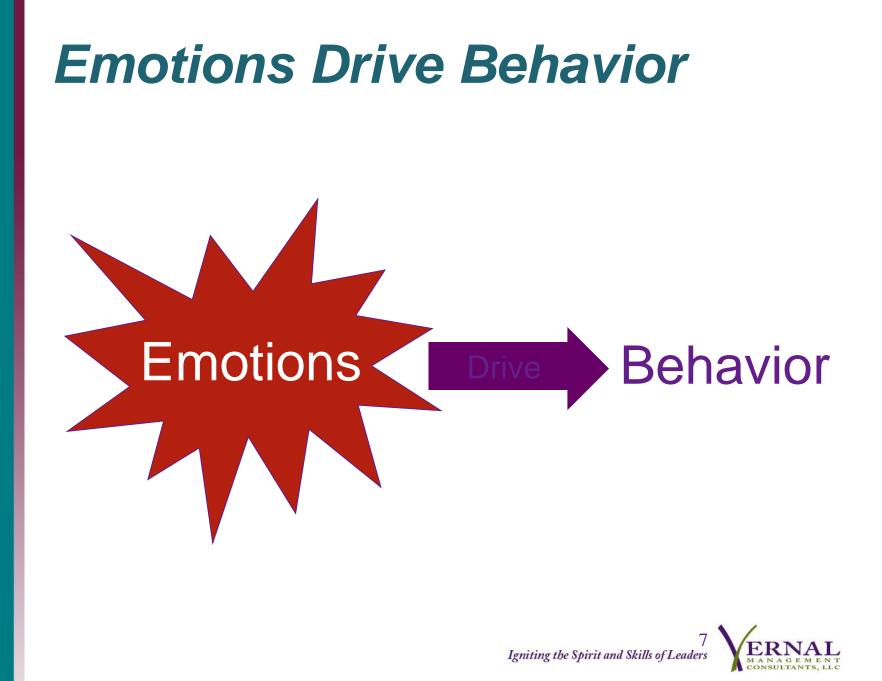
## **Threshold Competencies**

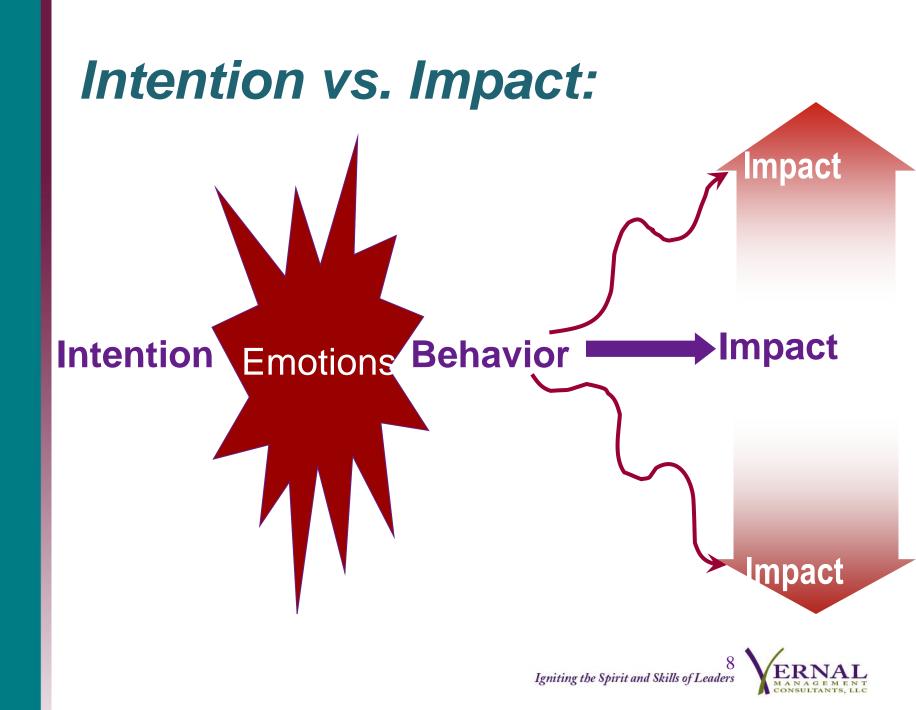


# Hurricane Sandy 2012

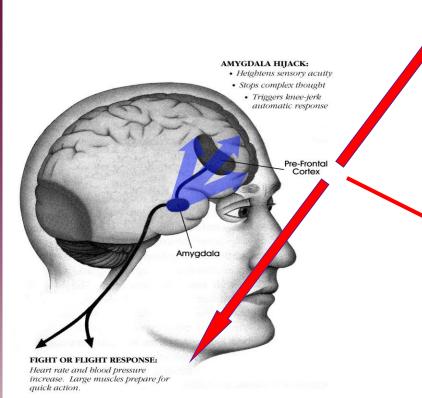








# **An Emotional Hijack Results** In...



- 1. Body Responds Increase in heart rate
- **Increase in breathing**
- **Increase in reflexes**

### 2. Decrease in working memory

- 4 variables  $\rightarrow 1$
- The "1" is the one we default to for protection

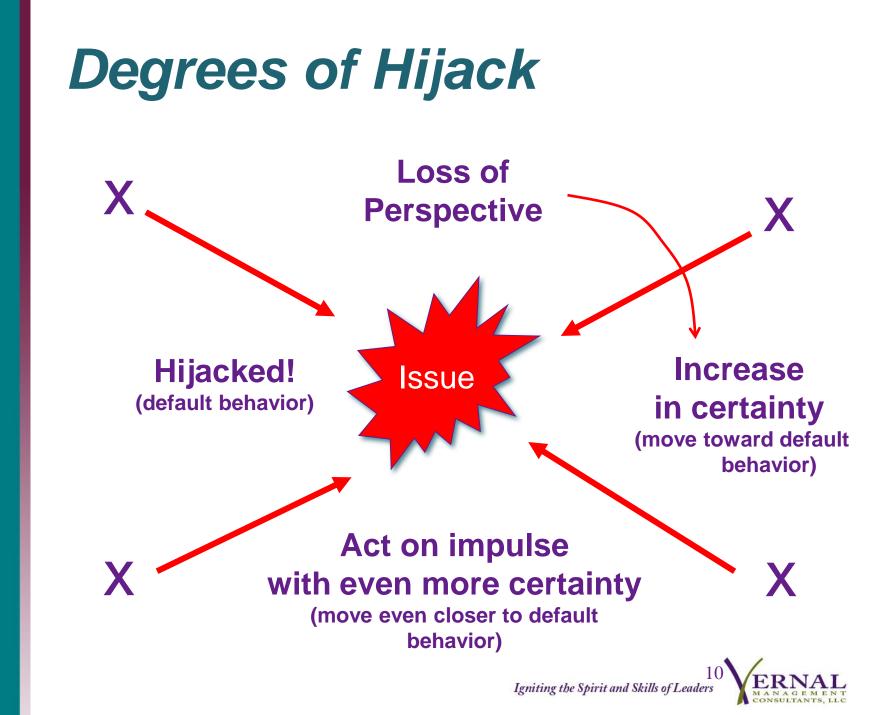
Unaddressed - effect lasts for 18 minutes!

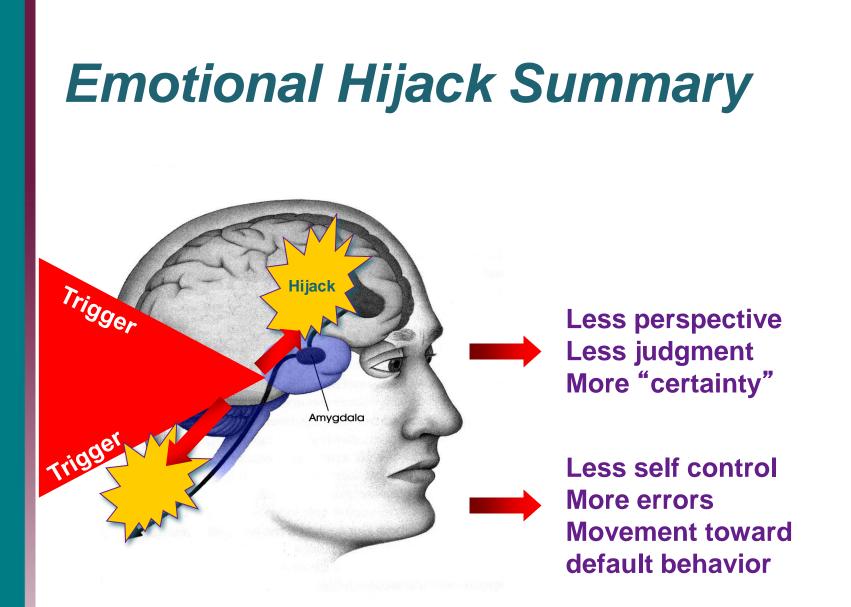
### 3. Toxicity

**Chemicals released into** bloodstream

Takes 3 - 4 hours for the blood to clear!







Your body responds to the amygdala in .85 milliseconds!

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# Strategy: Early Warning System

# Your body is your EWS...

*... it responds to the amygdala in .85 milliseconds!* 

What are your "symptoms" when you feel a hijack coming on?

*Body?* S*peech*? *Eyes? Behavior?* 



- Soss Stop Disengage...
- ...to re-engage more *powerfully*!
   Pattern Interrupt
   SOSS Oxygenate
- Conscious lengthening of the breath
- Gain control of the flow of Cortisol!



# Strategy: SOSS SOSS - Strengthen Gratitude Frame and practice using a story - (go to your "happy place".)

- **soss Seek Information**
- Strengthen your Curiosity
- Access information that the amygdala needs to remove the trigger!



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# "The real voyage of discovery lies not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

**Marcel Proust** 

