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System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) Program to assist emergency responders making procurement decisions.

Located within the Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) of DHS, the SAVER Program conducts objective assessments and validations on commercial equipment and systems, and provides those results along with other relevant equipment information to the emergency response community in an operationally useful form. SAVER provides information on equipment that falls within the categories listed in the DHS Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The SAVER Program mission includes:

- Conducting impartial, practitioner-relevant, operationally oriented assessments and validations of emergency responder equipment;
- Providing information that enables decision makers and responders to better select, procure, use, and maintain emergency responder equipment.

Information provided by the SAVER Program will be shared nationally with the responder community, providing a life- and cost-saving asset to DHS, as well as to federal, state, and local responders.

The SAVER Program is supported by a network of technical agents who perform assessment and validation activities. Further, SAVER focuses primarily on two main questions for the emergency responder community: "What equipment is available?" and "How does it perform?"

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Emergency Fire Response Software Tools

Emergency Fire Response (EFR) Software Tools are designed to improve response times and operational efficiencies. These tools provide EFR teams rapid, comprehensive capabilities that enable response planning while en route to a crisis situation or on-site during response efforts.

As a SAVER Technical Agent, The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWARSYSCEN), Charleston authored the following reports as part of a series of SAVER documents pertaining to EFR software tools:

The Emergency Fire Response Software Tools Needs and Requirements Analysis Report documents EFR software tools needs and requirements identified by two panels of focus group participants.

The Emergency Fire Response Software Market Survey Report provides a snapshot of the commercial EFR software tools currently available to the responder community.

The Emergency Fire Response Software Tools Product and Vendor List identifies available commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and government off-the-shelf (GOTS) collaboration software applications.

Visit the SAVER program Web site at <https://www.rkb.us/SAVER> for more information on the SAVER Program, or to view additional reports on EFR software tools and other technologies.