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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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Portable Identification Card Systems for Emergency Response Credentialing

To control access to emergency scenes, especially where multiple agencies may be part of the response, lead agencies may want to issue scene-specific identification (ID) cards to on-scene emergency response personnel. Portable ID card systems allow an agency to issue cards to personnel at the scene after their identity and qualifications are validated.

In order to assist emergency response agencies in making purchasing decisions, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWARSYSCEN), Charleston, developed the *Portable Identification Card Systems for Emergency Response Credentialing TechNote* for the SAVER Program to provide more detailed information on this technology.

All reports are placed on the SAVER Web site (https://www.rkb.us/SAVER) as they become available. Reports on other technologies can also be found on the Web site.

Emergency Responder Identification Card