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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; and
- 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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Rapid Deployment Shelter Systems

Rapid deployment shelter systems support emergency readiness and response by protecting personnel from the environment, housing command and control centers or medical centers, providing cover for evidence collection operations, and providing a location to store or distribute supplies. These shelter systems are available in assorted structures, materials, sizes, and configurations; they consist of a primary structure, optional complementary components, and auxiliary support equipment such as environmental control units, generators, and lighting.

To assist emergency responders in selecting the right rapid deployment shelter system for their jurisdiction, the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center has prepared the *Rapid Deployment Shelter System Market Survey Report* for the System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) Program. The market survey report provides a snapshot of the current commercial market place.

All reports in this series will be placed in the SAVER section of the Responder Knowledge Base website (<https://www.rkb.us/saver>) as they become available. Information on other technologies being evaluated by the SAVER Program can also be found on the website.



Soft Wall Shelter