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# Highlight

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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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## Camouflage Uniform Patterns

There are a variety of camouflage uniform patterns commercially available for procurement by tactical law enforcement teams, including multiple versions of military uniforms (e.g., Army, Marine Corps, Navy, etc.) and civilian uniforms (e.g., law enforcement, sporting, recreational, etc.). Each of these camouflage patterns provides varying degrees of concealment depending on factors such as distance and the surrounding environment.

To assist emergency responders in selecting the right camouflage uniform, the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center (NSRDEC) prepared the *Tactical Law Enforcement Camouflage Uniform Pattern Selection Guide* for the System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) Program. This selection guide provides a step-by-step approach to assist with procurement considerations.

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 evaluated by the SAVER Program can also be found on the website.



**Examples of Camouflage Uniform Patterns**