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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 responder 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 response equipment; and
- Providing information, in the form of knowledge products, that enables decision makers and responders to better select, procure, use, and maintain emergency response equipment.

Information provided by the SAVER Program will be shared nationally with the emergency 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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Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tactical Communication Devices

Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) tactical communication devices are low-powered, point-to-point, encrypted communication devices used by hazardous device technicians during EOD response operations. These devices enable responders to send and receive messages from remote locations and in varying terrains.

To assist emergency responders in selecting the right EOD tactical communication device for their jurisdiction, Science Applications International Corporation prepared a series of documents for the System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) Program. The *Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Tactical Communication Devices Market Survey Report* provides a snapshot of the current commercial marketplace. A focus group was also conducted to identify equipment selection criteria for the assessment, determine evaluation criteria, and recommend assessment scenarios. Results can be found in the *Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Tactical Communication Devices Focus Group Report*.

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.



EOD Tactical Communication Device