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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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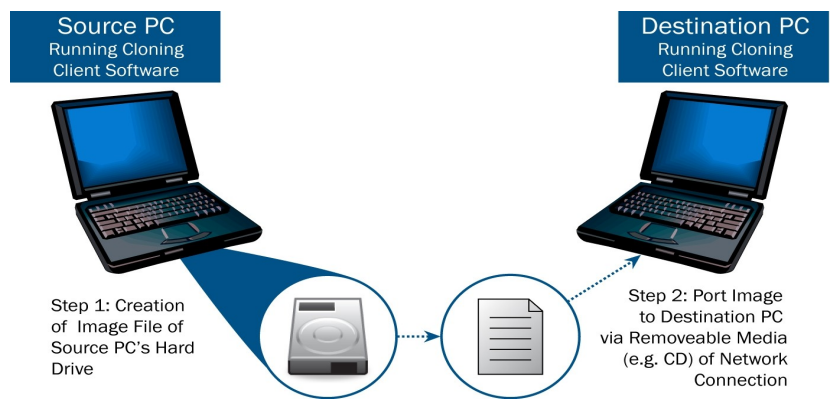
# Highlight

## Computer Forensic Software

Forensic software is used by law enforcement personnel to collect and examine evidence from computer systems and peripheral electronic devices. Forensic software generally includes tools for disk analysis, recovery of deleted files, and integrated database support. Additional software applications may include imaging/cloning capabilities, write blocking, password crackers, and e-mail analysis tools.

As a SAVER Program Technical Agent, Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) conducted a market survey in order to provide information on commercially available forensic software, and produced the *Market Survey Report on Forensic Software*.

All reports in this series, including the *Computer Forensic Software Application Note*, will be located in the SAVER section of the RKB Web site (<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 Web site.



**Depiction of the Cloning Process**