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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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Mobile Communications Centers

Mobile communications centers are essential during a critical incident or a planned event. Numerous vendors provide deployable communications centers in various forms and with diverse capabilities. In order to provide emergency responders with information on mobile communications centers, mobile communications vehicular packages, and current and emerging interoperable voice communication technologies, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston (SPAWARSYSCEN) published a series of reports on mobile communications centers.

The *Mobile Communications Center Product and Vendor List* is an initial market survey that identifies mobile communications vehicular packages offered by vendors. The product list can be a starting point and tool for functional application or acquisition discussions.

The *Mobile Communications Centers Comprehensive Report* provides a roadmap for procuring a mobile communications vehicle and identifies proven project controls and planning tools that can be applied to any size project. The report assists emergency responders in their decision to acquire mobile communication assets based on their organizational requirements.

All reports in the series are located on the SAVER Web site (<https://www.rkb.us/SAVER>). Reports on other technologies can also be found on the Web site.



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