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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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Property Tracking Systems

Property tracking systems facilitate and standardize inventory and asset management processes. The most common types of property tracking systems are based on barcode, memory button, radio frequency identification (RFID), and global positioning system (GPS) technologies. Emergency responders must maintain an extensive inventory on properties such as medical supplies, uniforms, firearms, firefighting equipment, police vehicles, and other assets. Property tracking systems streamline and automate these processes, increasing overall efficiency and accuracy.

To assist emergency responders in selecting the right property tracking system for their jurisdiction, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWARSYSCEN), Charleston, has prepared documents for the SAVER Program. The *Property Tracking Systems TechNote* provides details on property tracking system technologies and operational usage, as well as their advantages and limitations. The *Property Tracking Systems Market Survey Report* provides a snapshot of the current commercial marketplace for property tracking system technology.

All reports will be placed on the SAVER 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.