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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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WASP III Micro Air Vehicle

The AeroVironment WASP III Micro Air Vehicle is a small, portable, unmanned aerial system designed for low altitude day/night reconnaissance and surveillance. The vehicle can be operated manually or programmed for autonomous navigation. Possible applications for the WASP III Micro Air Vehicle include general surveillance or search and rescue operations.

The Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) has conducted a validation test of the WASP III Micro Air Vehicle for the SAVER Program to verify the manufacturer's claims regarding the product, and in conjunction with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWARSYSCEN) Atlantic produced the *WASP III Micro Air Vehicle Validation Report*.

All reports 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.



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