IAB

InterAgency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability

IAB Partnership with the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB)

The Responder Knowledge Base provides:

- A trusted, integrated, online source of information on products, standards, certifications, grants, and other equipment-related information for emergency responders, purchasers, and planners
- Access to the IAB Standardized Equipment List (SEL) and the DHS Authorized Equipment List (AEL)
- Rapid cross-references via "Knowledge Links" to connect commercial products to key information such as standards, available grants, and operational suitability tests

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Strengthening the nation's ability to prepare for and respond safely and effectively to emergencies, disasters, and CBRNE incidents

"Out of Many, One"

The IAB was sanctioned in 1998 by the U.S. Attorney General and founded by the Department of Defense's Consequence Management Program Integration Office and the Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Investigation Weapons of Mass Destruction Countermeasures Unit.

Mission

The mission of the InterAgency Board (IAB) is to strengthen the nation's ability to prepare for and respond safely and effectively to emergencies, disasters, and CBRNE incidents.

The IAB will accomplish this by:

- Emphasizing interoperability, compatibility, and standardization
- Fostering a multidisciplinary perspective
- Facilitating effective intergovernmental partnerships
- Being a credible voice of the responder community
- Being proactive
- Sharing field operational experiences and practices

Federal Agency Coordinating Committee (FACC)

The FACC provides the interface between the IAB Chair and Deputy Chairs and the sponsoring federal government agencies to coordinate the interests and initiatives of the federal and first responder communities.

The FACC is comprised of the following federal agencies, which provide financial support to the IAB: Department of Defense, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense • Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate • DHS, Science and Technology Directorate, Command, Control and Interoperability Division • DHS, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate • DHS, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Grants Program Directorate • National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory. Other federal agencies are encouraged to consider sponsorship.

Membership

The IAB is a voluntary working group of emergency preparedness and response practitioners from a wide array of professional disciplines across all levels of government and all sectors of society. To accomplish its mission, the IAB depends on its members, who enable the IAB to be trusted as an authoritative, representative, and valid repository of field perspective, operational knowledge, and technical expertise.

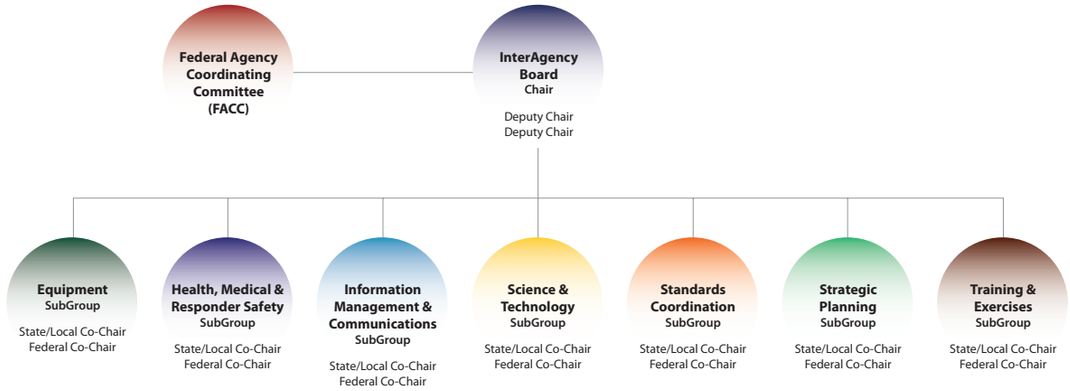
Demographics

The IAB membership is comprised of first responders from the fire service, law enforcement, medical/health, emergency management, military, emergency communications, agriculture, and public works communities. Members and subject matter experts also represent government agencies, information technology, professional associations, academia, and other disciplines.

Standardized Equipment List (SEL)

The Standardized Equipment List (SEL) is provided to the responder community by the IAB. The SEL has traditionally contained a list of generic equipment recommended by the IAB to local, state, and federal government organizations preparing for and responding to all chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) events. Recent editions continue the transition to a broader "all-hazards" SEL, while maintaining an emphasis on CBRNE events.

The SEL is a guideline, and its use is voluntary. The SEL promotes interoperability and standardization across the response community at the local, state, and federal levels by offering a standard reference and a common set of terminology. The SEL is continually updated and does not identify specific products or manufacturers. A copy of the SEL can be obtained by visiting www.iab.gov.



Organizational Structure

The IAB leadership consists of state/local first responders designated as Chair and two Deputy Chairs. The IAB is divided into seven SubGroups that focus on specific mission areas. SubGroups are co-chaired by a first responder and a federal representative and are responsible for maintaining their respective section of the Standardized Equipment List (SEL). SubGroups also prepare an annual report of activities. An electronic copy of the annual report and SEL can be found at www.iab.gov.