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## BACKGROUND

The InterAgency Board (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. To accomplish its mission, the IAB investigates and prioritizes research and development opportunities for first responder equipment, technology, standards, training, and strategic planning; maintains and updates the Standardized Equipment List (see SEL section header) to evolving responder needs; recommends new standards for first responder areas of improvement; and produces topic-specific white papers regarding compelling emergency response issues.

## MEMBERSHIP

The IAB is a voluntary working group of over 150 emergency preparedness and response practitioners from a wide array of professional disciplines across the country. The membership represents state, local, and federal first responders from the fire service, law enforcement, medical/health, and military sectors. Subject matter experts from standards development, information technology, professional associations, academia, and other disciplines also participate. The IAB is led by a Chair and two Deputy Chairs from the state and local first responder disciplines. The map to the right illustrates our national representation.

## FACC

The Federal Agency Coordinating Committee (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 (DOD), Chemical and Biological Defense Program
- DOD, Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs
- DOD, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Joint Project Manager Guardian
- DOD, National Guard Bureau
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Protection and National Preparedness
- DHS, FEMA, CBRNE Office
- DHS, National Programs and Protection Directorate, Office of Infrastructure Protection
- DHS, Office of Health Affairs, BioWatch
- DHS, Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate, Acquisition Support and Operations Analysis Group, Office of Standards
- DHS, S&T Directorate, Support to Homeland Security Enterprise and First Responders Group
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institutes of Justice
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory

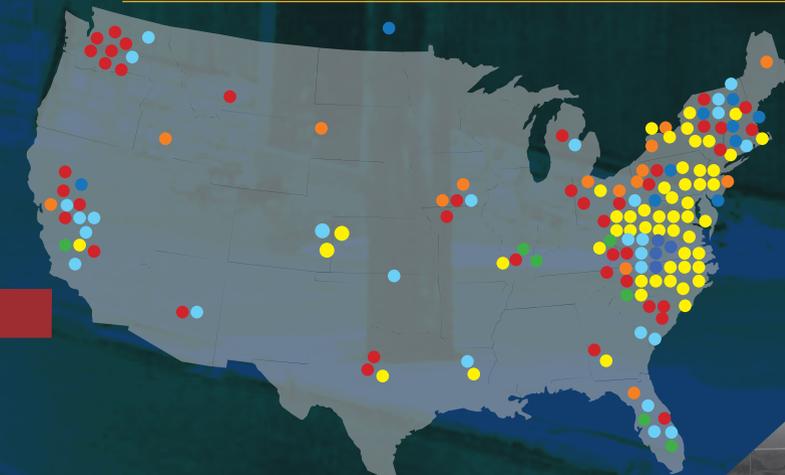
## FOCUS AREAS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The IAB is divided into seven SubGroups that focus on specific mission areas addressing:

- equipment standardization, interoperability, and use
- safety guidance for health, medical, and responder needs needed for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive (CBRNE) events
- information management and communications capabilities at all phases of operations
- research and development requirements for detection, protection, decontamination, and operational support
- multiagency/level coordination of standards projects including minimum equipment performance standards
- feedback on plans and programs that affect the emergency responder community
- training doctrine, standards, and guidance developed for the responder community and needed for mission performance.

Yearly accomplishments include the publication of the Annual Report, R&D and Standards Development Priority Lists, and position/white papers related to the first responder community as well as participation at federally run committees and working groups. Visit [www.iab.gov](http://www.iab.gov) to view IAB publications and position/white papers.

IAB Membership by Discipline



Emergency Management	15
Fire Services	41
Law Enforcement	27
Medical/EMS	14
Military	7
Other	52

MISSION:

# STRENGTHENING THE NATION'S ABILITY TO **PREPARE** FOR AND **RESPOND** SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO EMERGENCIES, DISASTERS, AND CBRNE INCIDENTS

## STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT LIST

The SEL, a collaborative and regularly updated effort of the IAB, strategically identifies the minimum "generic" equipment recommendations needed to prepare for and respond to all-hazard emergencies and disasters, with an emphasis on CBRNE events.

The SEL is continuously updated and its use is voluntary. It promotes interoperability and standardization across

the response community at the state, local, and federal levels by offering a standard reference and a common set of terminology. In addition, the SEL includes training requirements, selection factors, and mission-specific sublists, and is aligned with the Department of Homeland Security's Authorized Equipment List, found at the Responder Knowledge Base website. Visit [www.iab.gov](http://www.iab.gov) to view the SEL today!