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The InterAgency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability (IAB)

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“Improving All-Hazards Response for all disciplines”

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What is the IAB?



Voluntary and diverse working group of emergency preparedness and response practitioners. (Approx 150 participants from 24 states)

Resource for federal, state and local levels of government:

- Sanctioned in 1998 by US Attorney General.
- Founded by DoD and DoJ FBI WMD Countermeasures Unit.
- Evolved from WMD focus to all-hazards incident response focus with a special emphasis on CBRNE issues.

A trusted, authoritative, representative, and valid repository of field perspective, operational knowledge, and technical expertise.



What is the IAB Mission?



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:

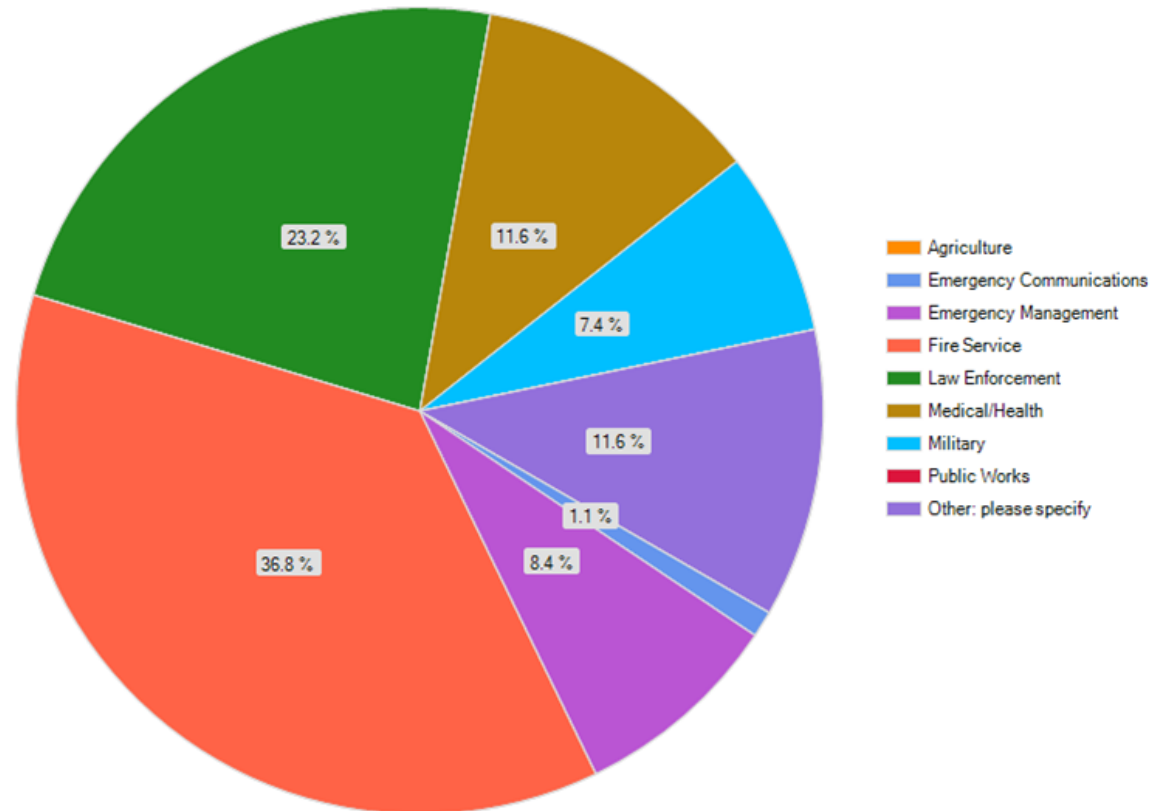
- Emphasizing interoperability, compatibility, and standardization
- Fostering a multi-disciplinary perspective
- Facilitating effective intergovernmental partnerships
- Being a credible voice of the responder community
- Being proactive
- Sharing field operational experiences and practices



The IAB Membership- Demographics



Responder Role Diversity

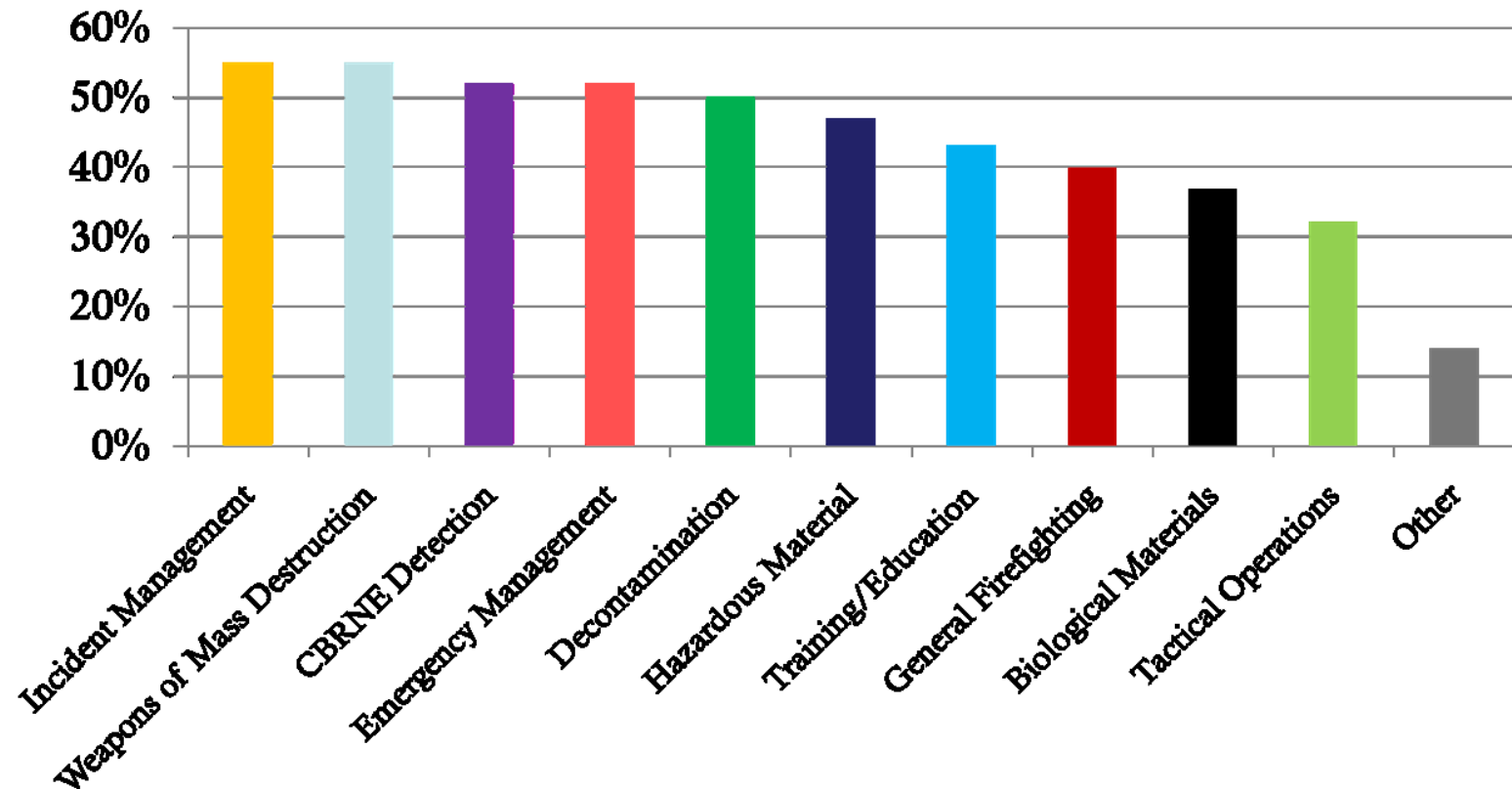




The IAB Membership- Subject Matter Expertise

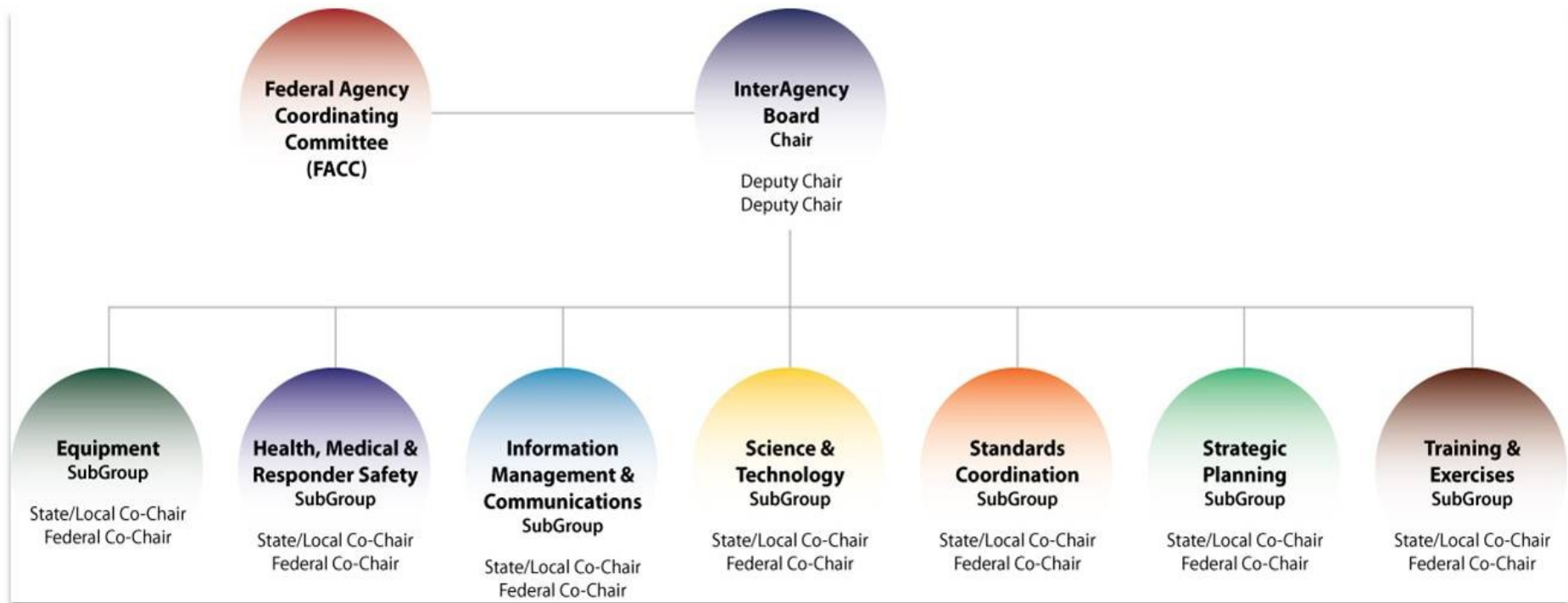


Areas of Expertise





What Committees and SubGroups make up the IAB?



- Chair and 2 Deputy Chairs are State/Local Representatives
- Each Sub Group Chaired by a Federal and a State/Local Rep

Who are the Members of the FACC?



DHS, Science and Technology Directorate, Command, Control, and Interoperability Division (current FACC Chair)

The Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical/Biological Defense

DHS; Science and Technology Directorate, Test & Eval and Standards Division

DHS; FEMA, National Preparedness Directorate

DHS; Office of Health Affairs, BioWatch Program

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, National Personal Protective National Laboratory (NPPTL)

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance

DHS, Critical Infrastructure Division, Emergency Services Sector (new in 2011)

Federal Agency Coordinating Committee and the current IAB work plan



The **FACC** coordinates the interests and initiatives of the federal and the first responder communities.

- 48 potential projects identified by the subgroups for the 2009/2010 IAB work plan
- 17 projects identified by the FACC partners
- 25 of these IAB projects align with one or more of the FACC priorities
- IAB Sub Groups were given lead or support status on each FACC priority – all FACC priorities are being worked on this year.



What is the Standardized Equipment List (SEL)?



The Standardized Equipment List (SEL) is a generic, **minimum** list of equipment and supplies recommended by the IAB to local, state, and federal government organizations in preparing for and responding to all-hazards incident response.

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Revised annually - to request a hard copy, or to download a pdf, visit the IAB Website at www.iab.gov

An interactive version of the SEL is available through the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) at www.rkb.us





What else does the IAB do?



Feedback directly from the responders

Pool of first responders for federal agencies to tap into quickly for opinions and perspectives.

Ad hoc work from multiple subgroup members on specific, timely issues for the federal partners (responder gap analysis on bio threats)

Populate federal work groups and respond to calls for feedback (TCL review, DHS S and T First responder IPT, DHS QHSR, etc.)

Constantly RECRUIT new membership and seek collaboration opportunities.



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