



# 7th ANNUAL FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM COMPETITION

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## 2020 FLORIDA HAZ-MAT TEAM COMPETITION PRELIMINARY RULES

(revised 11/28/19)



### Date of Competition

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – Check-in 8:00 a.m.  
Mandatory Briefing 8:30 a.m.

Volusia County Fire Training Facility  
3889 Tiger Bay Road • Daytona Beach, Florida

Awards announced at HazMat Team Party  
Wednesday Evening, January 22, 2020  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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## **IMPORTANT COMPETITION DATES and TIMES**

<u>Final Competition Rules Released:</u>	November 11, 2019 www.flhazmatsymposium.org
<u>Initial Registration Registration Deadline:</u>	December 6, 2019 5:00 p.m. www.flhazmatsymposium.org
<u>Extended Registration Deadline</u> <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Organizational Team:</u>	December 20, 2019 5:00 p.m. www.flhazmatsymposium.org
<u>Competition Date:</u>	Tuesday, January 21, 2020
<u>Competition Location:</u>	Volusia Fire Training Facility 3889 Tiger Bay Road Daytona Beach, FL
<u>Team Check-in:</u>	January 21, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. Volusia Fire Training Facility Staging Room
<u>Mandatory Rules &amp; Safety Briefing:</u>	Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 8:30 a.m. All teams must be signed-in Start time drawing during briefing
<u>Competition Times:</u>	Competition Start 9:00 a.m. Competition Ends 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Depending upon number of teams
<u>Awards Ceremony:</u>	Wednesday Evening January 22, 2020 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Location to be announced

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## INTRODUCTION

The 7th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Team Competition is being sponsored by the Florida State Emergency Response Commission, the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium and various vendors to the emergency response community including:



The standards utilized for the development of this competition have been drawn from: a) the current SERC training standard, b) the Florida 160 hr HazMat Technician training program, and c) Standard NFPA 472.

The competition for 2020 will be comprised of 12 stations. Each station shall be a maximum 15 to 20 minutes in duration with 5 minutes travel/reset time between stations. During travel/reset times, team members must remain in designated locations as directed by competition staff.

Station No. & Topic	
Hazard Analysis	1 – Calculation of Class B Foam Application
	2 – Container Evaluation
	3 – Field Hazard Screening
	4 – Product Hazard Analysis
	5 – Brief the I.C.
	6 – Bonding & Grounding
Incident Response	6 – PPE Dress-out
	7 – Non-Pressurized Leak Control
	8 – Spill Control
	9 – HazMat Technician Rapid Intervention
	10 – Emergency Responder Decontamination
	11 – Best Game Score
12 – Mandatory Rehab	



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## REGISTRATION and MAKE-UP

**This year there will be a maximum of 14 teams.** Organizations may only register one team during the initial registration period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019.

If the total field of 14 teams is not filled by the close of the initial registration period, then the extended registration period will be opened to allow second teams from an organization to register. At the start of the extended registration, all currently registered teams will be notified of the ability to register field a second team on a first come, first serve basis.

All competition teams shall be comprised of three primary team members and one (1) optional alternate. **The alternate may only be used if one of the primary team members becomes physically incapable of continuing the competition. Otherwise, mid-competition substitution with the alternate is not permitted.** The alternate may travel with the team however, except for dress-out, may not coach or assist the primary members during the competition. Any coaching or assistance by the alternate member may lead to team disqualification.

All team members must be a hazmat technician assigned to a hazardous materials team from a local, state or federal government agency or industry.

## AWARDS

<b>AWARD</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Individual Best – Hazard Analysis (Stations 1 – 5)
Best Game Score – (Station 11)

## SAFETY

The competition shall be managed using an Incident Action Plan (IAP) including a designated Safety Officer. As with any incident, the Safety Officer shall have the authority to suspend, alter or terminate any activity deemed to be a safety risk to participants or competition staff.



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## CHECK-IN AND PROCESSING

Check-in starts promptly at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Volusia Fire Training Facility staging room (Main classroom). All team members and equipment (including SCBA) must be present to register.

### Requirements at check-in:

- Organization photo identification for each team member from an established private sector or governmental hazmat team.
- Any organization specific equipment brought for use as allowed in stations 6 – 11 (See individual final station rules for equipment considerations).
- Any personal dress-out equipment that is allowed for in Station 6 must be enclosed in gear bags or cases capable of being secured (sealed).
- Cell phones, web enabled devices and other forms of external communication **are not permitted in the competition area including staging. Failure to follow this rule shall constitute grounds for immediate team disqualification. AGAIN, THIS IS A SEQUESTERED EVENT. NO COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES PERMITTED.**
- **NO video, photography or audio recordings inside the competition areas will be permitted. Photos and video can be taken from outside the sequestered areas.**

### Check-in activities:

- Team member identities will be verified with organization issued photo I.D., registered and issued participant number card.
- Any personal dress-out supplies or equipment permitted for use (except SCBA and face pieces) must be contained in a gear bag or case which is sealable with a tag. This tag must remain intact until the team reaches the dress-out area. The seal shall be removed only by the competition staff assigned to the dress-out area.
- Filling for SCBA will be available onsite until 0830. No SCBA cylinders will be filled after the start of the safety briefing.
- The competition will be live streamed to the main conference at the Plaza Hotel and available for public access. Therefore, all competition participants will be required to sign a photo/video release to allow transmission and future use of individual participant images by the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium, its vendors and Response Technologies Corporation.

### After check-in:

- All team members will be held in the staging area. **All team members must be registered and in the staging area by no later than 0830 hrs.**
- **Any late team members not in the staging area by 0830 hrs shall be disqualified from participation.**



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- Except for the restrooms located immediately next to the staging area, team members will not be allowed to leave the staging room. Any need to leave the staging area will be evaluated by competition command on a case-by-case basis and, if deemed necessary, will be facilitated by an escort.
- Competition pre-entry and safety briefing will be conducted starting at 0830 hrs.
- During the briefing, there will be a drawing for team start times. Two teams will be started at scheduled times (20 minutes) beginning at 0900 hrs based upon an established time table.
- Teams will be escorted to their starting point.
- All team members must remain in the staging area until they enter their first competition station. Therefore, teams are encouraged to bring snacks or drinks.
- **No communication devices of any kind** (voice, text, web) will be permitted in the staging or competition area. Exception: In-suit communications systems brought by teams for use in leak control activities and have been secured in sealed gear bags. These devices must remain sealed and off in the gear bag until they reach the PPE Dressout Station.
- **Any communication by competition participants with persons or information sources outside the competition area shall disqualify the full team from competition.**
- **No video, photography or audio recording by participating teams will be allowed inside the sequestered area.**
- Any travel by competition participants to areas outside the sequestered area must be approved by command and escorted by competition staff.

## AFTER THE COMPETITION

Depending upon the number of participating teams, the competition will complete sometime between 1400 – 1600 hrs.

Competition staff will compile scoring and times to determine the winners in the areas previously discussed. All decisions by the evaluators are final.

Awards shall be made during the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium Team Party on Wednesday evening, January 22, 2020 starting at 7:00 p.m. at a **location to be announced**. After the presentation of awards, a scoring summary will be available to each competing team.

On Friday morning, January 24 from 0800 to 1000 hours “Game-On: The FL HazMat Team Competition Overview and Insight” presentation will be held in Granada G & H of the Plaza Hotel. This presentation will provide useful information to future and current competition teams to help them tighten their skills.



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**Initial Registration will close at 5:00 p.m. December 6, 2019**

**Extended Registration for additional team from the same  
organization will close at 5 p.m. December 20, 2019**

Questions can be directed to the hazmat competition management  
team with Response Technologies at:  
[info@responsetechnologies.com](mailto:info@responsetechnologies.com)

Additional information concerning the Symposium and  
HazMat Team Competition can be found at: [www.flhazmatsymposium.org](http://www.flhazmatsymposium.org)