



8th ANNUAL FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM COMPETITION

2022 FLORIDA HAZ-MAT TEAM COMPETITION RULES



Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Volusia County Fire Training Facility
3889 Tiger Bay Road • Daytona Beach, Florida

Awards announced at HazMat Team Party
Wednesday Evening, January 19, 2022
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
HARD ROCK HOTEL – DAYTONA BEACH



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IMPORTANT COMPETITION DATES and TIMES

All information and registration links can be found at
www.flhazmatsymposium.org/competiton

<u>Rules Released & Team Registration Opens:</u>	October 1, 2021
<u>Initial Registration Deadline:</u>	November 19, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Extended Registration Deadline for 2nd Organizational Team</u>	December 31, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. has been extended for the registration of any team.
<u>Competition Date:</u>	January 18, 2022 – 8:00 a.m. Volusia Fire Training Facility 3889 Tiger Bay Road Daytona Beach, Florida
<u>Team Check-in:</u>	8:00 a.m. Team Staging Room
<u>Mandatory Rules and Safety Briefing:</u>	8:30 a.m. Team Staging Room
<u>Competition Times:</u>	Start 9:00 a.m. Ending 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. depending upon number of teams
<u>Awards Ceremony:</u>	Wednesday Evening January 19, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hazardous Materials Team Party Daytona Beach Hard Rock Hotel

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INTRODUCTION

The 8th 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.

Now that we are back in 2022, we will challenge the teams with 10 scored stations. Two of the stations will be complete complete surprises with NO ADVANCED INFORMATION. Each station will 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 – Container Evaluation
	2 – Field Hazard Screening
	3 – Product Hazard Analysis
	4 – Brief the I.C.
	5 – To be announced
	6 – Staging (not scored)
Incident Response	7 – PPE Dress-out
	8 – Leak Control 1
	9 – Leak Control 2
	10 – Leak Control 3
	11 – To be announced
	12 – Rehab (not scored)



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REGISTRATION and TEAM MAKE-UP

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

This year there will be a maximum of 14 teams. Organizations may only register one team during the initial registration period that will end at 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2020.

If the total field of 14 teams is not filled by the close of the initial registration period, then an 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 served 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, the alternate may not coach or assist the primary members during the competition. Any coaching or assistance by the alternate member may lead to team disqualification.

AWARDS

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1 st Place
2 nd Place
3 rd Place
Individual Best – Hazard Analysis (Stations 1 – 5)
Individual Best in Station 11

SAFETY

The competition shall be managed using an Incident Action Plan (IAP) including a designated Safety Officer. Safety Officer has the 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 18, 2021 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 by spectators from outside the sequestered areas.**

Check-in activities:

- Team member identities will be verified with organization issued photo I.D., registered and issued participant 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.
- Photo Video Release: 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 every 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 and/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.**
- 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 competition evaluation team are final.

Awards shall be made during the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium Team Party on Wednesday evening, January 19, 2020 which will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Hard Rock Hotel.

On Friday morning, January 21 from 0800 to 1000 hours “Game-On: The FL HazMat Team Competition Overview and Insight” presentation will be held at the symposium hotel. A scoring summary will be available to each competing team during this presentation. Check the symposium schedule for the location. 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. November 19, 2021

Extended Registration for additional teams from the same organization will close at 5:00 p.m. December 17, 2021

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

Additional information concerning the Symposium and HazMat Team Competition can be found at: www.flhazmatsymposium.org