



9th ANNUAL FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM COMPETITION

2023 FLORIDA HAZ-MAT TEAM COMPETITION RULES



Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Volusia County Fire Training Facility
3889 Tiger Bay Road • Daytona Beach, Florida

Awards announced at HazMat Team Party
Wednesday Evening, January 18, 2023
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>	November 18, 2022
<u>Initial Registration Deadline:</u>	Friday, December 23, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Extended Registration Deadline for 2nd Organizational Team</u>	Friday, January 6, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Competition Date:</u>	January 17, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. Volusia Fire Training Facility 3889 Tiger Bay Road Daytona Beach, Florida
<u>Team Check-in:</u>	January 17, 2023 8:00 a.m. Team Staging Room
<u>Mandatory Rules and Safety Briefing:</u>	January 17, 2023 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 18, 2023 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hazardous Materials Team Party Daytona Beach Hard Rock Hotel

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We are proud to be involved with the 10th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium

INTRODUCTION

The 9th Annual Florida Hazardous Materials Team Competition is being sponsored this year by the Florida State Emergency Response Commission, the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium and various vendors to the emergency response community including:



REGISTRATION and TEAM MAKE-UP

All competing teams must be supported by a local, state or federal government agency or private industry organization. Teams must register under the name of their sponsoring organization.

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 December 23, 2022.

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, the team leaders for all currently registered teams will be notified of the ability to register a second team. Once the official notice of the extended registration period is released, organizations may register a second team on a **first come, first served basis and must be completed by the deadline listed in the important dates.**

All competition teams shall be comprised of three (3) 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



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the competition. Only the physical act of assisting with dress-out is permitted by the alternate. **Any coaching or assistance by the alternate member may lead to team disqualification.**

The standards utilized for the development of this competition are drawn from:

- Current SERC training task book,
- Florida 160 hr HazMat Technician training program
- NFPA Standard 470, Chapter 10 “Competencies for Hazardous Materials / WMD Technician”.

This year’s challenge will involve 10 scored stations. Three stations will be complete surprises of unannounced risk assessment and field tactical operation topics. Evaluation stations should be considered “Back to Basics” for the Hazardous Materials Technician. Each station will last 15 to 20 minutes 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 – Know your Detector Technology
	2 – To be announced
	3 – Product Hazard Screening
	4 – Product Hazard Analysis
	5 – Brief the HazMat Safety Officer
	6 – Staging (not scored)
Incident Response	7 – PPE Dress-out
	8 – Leak Control
	9 – To be announced
	10 – Victim decontamination
	11 – To be announced
	12 – Rehab (not scored)

Teams will be required to bring SCBA. Training PPE will be provided onsite. The only additional equipment that may be used by the competing teams are in-suit communications systems that must be managed as directed in the “Check-in and Processing” section of these rules.



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AWARDS

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1 st Place
2 nd Place
3 rd Place
Individual Best – Hazard Analysis (Stations 1 – 5)
Individual Best Team Leadership (Evaluator Consensus)
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 authority to suspend, alter or terminate any activity deemed to be a safety risk to participants or competition staff.

CHECK-IN AND PROCESSING

Check-in starts promptly at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 organization.
- Any organization specific PPE equipment allowed for in PPE Dress out Station 7 (See individual station rules for PPE Station 7). Any personal dress-out equipment that is allowed for in Station 7 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.**



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Check-in activities:

- Team member identities will be verified with organization issued photo I.D. They will then be 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 sponsors 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.**
- 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 Station 7 – PPE Dressout and 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 result in the immediate disqualification of the team from competition.**
- Any travel by competition participants to areas outside the sequestered area must be approved by command and escorted by competition staff.



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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, starting at 7:00 p.m. January 18, 2023, at the Hard Rock Hotel.

On Friday morning, January 20 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 current and potential future competition teams to help them tighten their skills.

REGISTER YOUR COMPETITION TEAM HERE

Initial Registration will close 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2022

Extended Registration for additional teams from the same organization will close 5:00 p.m. Friday January 6, 2023

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: <http://www.flhazmatsymposium.org>