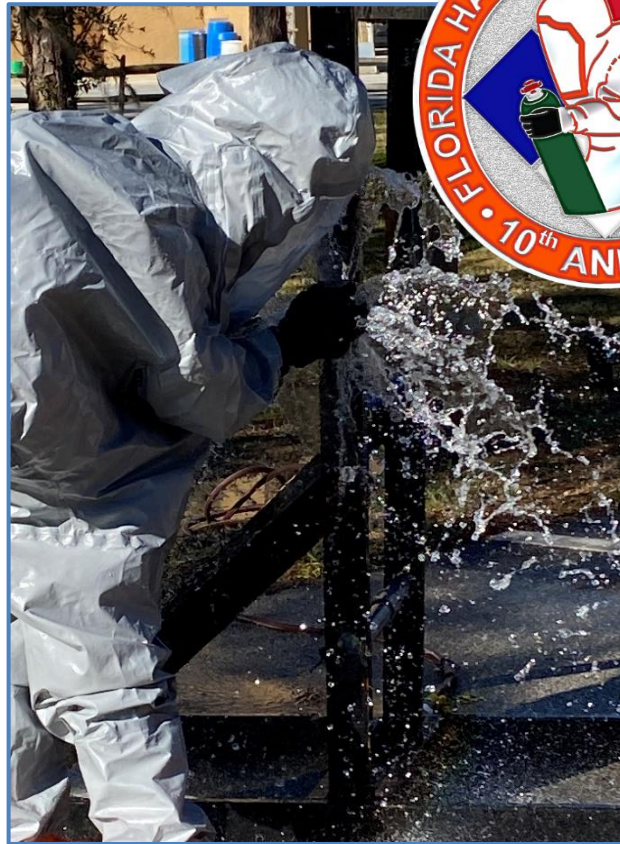




# FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM COMPETITION

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## **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES**



**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

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

**Awards announced at HazMat Team Party**

Wednesday Evening, January 17, 2024

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](http://www.flhazmatsymposium.org/competiton)

<u>Rules Released &amp; Team Registration Opens:</u>	Monday October 16, 2023
<u>Initial Registration Deadline:</u>	Friday, December 15, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Extended Registration Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> Organizational Team</u>	Friday, January 5, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Competition Date:</u>	January 16, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. Volusia Fire Training Facility 3889 Tiger Bay Road Daytona Beach, Florida
<u>Team Check-in:</u>	January 16, 2024 8:00 a.m. Team Staging Room
<u>Mandatory Rules and Safety Briefing:</u>	January 16, 2024 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 17, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hazardous Materials Team Party Daytona Beach Hard Rock Hotel

**[REGISTER YOUR COMPETITION TEAM HERE](#)**



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The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Hazardous Materials Team Competition is made possible by the Florida State Emergency Response Commission, the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium and the numerous volunteers who contribute their time to the program.

## 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.** During the initial registration period ending December 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. organizations may only register one team.

If the total field of 14 teams is not filled during the initial registration period, an extended period will be opened allowing registration of a second team. Team leaders for all current teams will be notified of the start of the extended period. Second teams will be filled on a **first come, first served basis until the final deadline of 5:00 p.m. January 5, 2024. Team rosters cannot be changed after the January 5 deadline.**

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 substitutions with the alternate will not be permitted. The alternate may travel from station to station with the team. However, except for dress-out, the alternate may not coach or assist the



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primary members during the competition. **Any coaching or assistance by the alternate member will constitute grounds for team disqualification.**

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

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

This year’s challenge will involve 10 scored stations. Each station will last 15 to 20 minutes with 5 minutes of 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 – Grounding and Bonding
	2 – Scenario
	3 – Product Field Screening
	4 – Product Hazard Analysis
	5 – HazMat Trivia
	6 – Staging (not scored)
Incident Response	7 – PPE Dress-out
	8 – Leak Control
	9 – Hot Zone Operations Part 1
	10 – Hot Zone Operations Part 2
	11 – The Game
	12 – Rehab (not scored)

## AWARDS

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1 <sup>st</sup> Place
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Individual Best – Hazard Analysis (Stations 2 – 4)
Individual Best Team Leadership (Evaluator Consensus)
HazMat Trivia Guru (Station 5)
Individual Best Game Score (Station 11)



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## TEAM EQUIPMENT

Teams will be required to bring SCBA. Training PPE will be provided onsite at no cost by Kappler, Inc. **In-suit radio communications will not be permitted**. This is to ensure that there is no outside coaching by observers.

## SAFETY

The competition shall be managed using an Incident Action Plan (IAP) including a designated Safety Officer. The 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 16, 2024**, in the Volusia Fire Training Facility staging room (Main classroom). All team members and equipment (including SCBA) must be present to register.

Requirements for check-in:

- An organization photo identification for each team member from a private sector or governmental organization.
- Any organization specific PPE equipment, SCBA and allowable hand tools such as, lights and non-radio in-suit communications devices must be brought to check-in.
- **No electronic communication devices including, cell phones, portable radios, web-enabled devices and other forms of external communications are permitted within the competition perimeter including staging. Failure to follow this rule shall constitute grounds for immediate team disqualification. THIS IS A SEQUESTERED EVENT. NO COMMUNICATION 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.**
- We recommend that beverages and snacks for the competition team members be brought to the staging area. Lunch will be provided by Florida Task Force IV.

Check-in activities:

- Team member identities will be verified with organization issued photo I.D. They will then be registered and issued participant cards.



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- Only authorized personal dress-out supplies or equipment previously discussed will be permitted. Questions concerning allowable equipment should be addressed **IN ADVANCE** by contacting [info@responsetechnologies.com](mailto:info@responsetechnologies.com).
- Filling of SCBA's 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 area 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 hours may 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.
- Mandatory Competition pre-entry and safety briefing will start 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 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.
- **No communication devices of any kind** (voice, text, web) will be permitted in the staging or competition area.
- **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.

## After-Competing

- After you have completed all your assigned stations, team members must return to staging for debriefing and demobilization.



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- Depending upon the number of competing teams, all teams should be completed between 1400 and 1600 hours.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Competition staff will compile scoring to determine the winners. 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 17, 2024, at the Hard Rock Hotel.

Check the Symposium schedule for the time and location of the **“Game-On: The FL HazMat Team Competition Overview and Insight”** presentation that will be held on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. A scoring summary will be available to each competing team. 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 15, 2023**

**Extended Registration for additional teams from the same organization will close 5:00 p.m. Friday January 5, 2024**

Questions can be directed to the competition management team at:  
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Additional Symposium Information can be found at:  
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