



FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM COMPETITION

2025 COMPETITION RULES



Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

Awards announced at HazMat Team Party

Wednesday Evening, January 15, 2025
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HARD ROCK HOTEL – DAYTONA BEACH

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMPETITION MISSION

Strengthen the knowledge, skills, and response capabilities of Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams through competition and learning.

IMPORTANT RULE CHANGES FOR 2025

For the 2025 competition, two new rules will take effect.

No Hybrid Teams Permitted

The intent of the competition is to allow established teams, supported by their organizations, to engage in a competition to enhance the skills of all teams. Competing teams are welcome from both Florida and from out of state. Teams must be comprised of members from the same organization or established regional HazMat teams. Teams comprised of members from multiple organizations developed for the sole purpose of participating in the competition will not be permitted.

Organization Membership Documentation Requirements

At the time of check-in, all competition team members will be required to show photo ID issued by their supporting department or agency.



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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>	Monday October 28, 2024
<u>Initial Registration Deadline:</u>	Friday, December 13, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Extended Registration Deadline for 2nd Organizational Team</u>	Friday, January 3, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>Competition Date:</u>	January 14, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. Volusia Fire Training Facility 3889 Tiger Bay Road Daytona Beach, Florida
<u>Team Check-in:</u>	January 14, 2025 8:00 a.m. Team Staging Room
<u>Mandatory Rules and Safety Briefing:</u>	January 14, 2025 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 15, 2025 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hazardous Materials Team Party Daytona Beach Hard Rock Hotel

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The 2025 Florida Hazardous Materials Team Competition is made possible by the Florida State Emergency Response Commission, the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium and the numerous volunteers and sponsors who contribute time and resources to the program.

REGISTRATION and TEAM MAKE-UP

All competing teams must be associated with, and supported by a local, state or federal government agency or other response organization. Teams must register under the name of their sponsoring organization or regionally established team. Team members assembled from various organizations for the sole purpose of competing (hybrid teams) are not permitted. Proof of organization employment or membership will be required at the time of check-in.

This year there will be a maximum of 14 teams. During the initial registration period ending December 13, 2024, 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. No more than two teams per organization will be allowed. Team leaders for all teams registered during the initial registration period will be notified of the opportunity to field a second team. Second teams will be filled on a **first come, first served basis until the final deadline of 5:00 p.m. January 3, 2025.**

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



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substitutions with the alternate will not be permitted. The alternate may travel from station to station with the team to observe. Accept with assisting with PPE dressout, the alternate cannot assist or coach the 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 Florida SERC HazMat Technician 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 minutes with 5 minutes station evaluator discretionary and travel/reset time. During travel/reset times, team members must remain in designated locations as directed by competition staff.

Station No. & Topic	
Hazard Analysis	1 – Product Hazard Analysis
	2 – PPE Selection
	3 – Brief the HazMat Group Leader
	4 – Field Screening
	5 – HazMat Trivia
	6 – Staging (not scored)
Incident Response	7 – Container Assessment
	8 – PPE Dressout
	9 – Entry Operations
	10 – Leak Control Situation
	11 – The Game
	12 – Rehab (not scored)

Special note: During Product Hazard Analysis, each member will be challenged to conduct a rapid initial product hazard analysis of two products within 15 minutes using their knowledge and available resource materials. Available electronic resources will include: CAMEO Chemicals, ERDSS (www.ChemicalCompanion.org), DOT ERG, and the NIOSH Pocket Guide. Available printed information resources will include: DOT ERG, NIOSH Pocket Guide, CHRIS Manuals, and the Condensed Chemical Dictionary.



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AWARDS

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1 st Place
2 nd Place
3 rd Place
Individual Best – Hazard Analysis (Stations 1 – 4)
Individual Best Leadership (Evaluator Consensus Stations 7 - 10)
HazMat Trivia Guru (Station 5)
Individual Best Game Score (Station 11)

TEAM EQUIPMENT

Teams will be required to bring SCBA. Training garments 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. Logistical Support for out of state teams traveling by air may be available by contacting the Symposium or Competition management.

SAFETY

The competition shall be managed using an Incident Action Plan (IAP) including a designated Safety Officer and ICS 215A. 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 14, 2025**, in the Volusia Fire Training Facility staging area. 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 such as lights and non-radio in-suit communication devices must be brought to check-in. SCBAs will be secured in a staging area.
- **No electronic communication devices including, cell phones, portable radios, web-enabled devices and other forms of external communications**



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Will be 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 perimeter.**
- Lunch will be provided by Florida Task Force IV Food Unit.
- We recommend that teams bring beverages and snacks to the staging area. Bottled water will be provided.

Check-in activities:

- Team member identities will be verified with organization issued photo I.D. They will then be registered and issued participant cards.
- 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.
- 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 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 timetable.
- Teams will be escorted to their starting point.



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- All team members must remain in the staging area until they enter their first competition 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.

After-Competing

- After you have completed all your assigned stations, team members must return to staging for debriefing and demobilization.
- 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 awards. 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 15, 2025, 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 16th. 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.

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Initial Registration will close 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2024

Questions can be directed to the competition management team at:

info@responsetechnologies.com

Additional Symposium Information can be found at:

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