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## S&T Technologies Meet Critical Response Needs

Technological leaps and bounds from the past few decades, especially the most recent 10 years, are exciting but sometimes difficult to keep up with. Many new programs, applications, and equipment get rolled out but fail to truly meet the needs of first responders and emergency managers. On top of that, many vendors might not see this market as profitable and may decide not to invest the time, effort, and money.

The Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate's First Responders Group (FRG) knows it is crucial to develop new technology that will meet first responders' needs effectively, and they work with both responders and vendors for input into the research and development phases and testing of the finished product.

The [FRG Technologies](#) site lists items that have successfully made it through this process and are available for purchase including a range of products such as gloves and other PPE, a low-light camera, wireless vital signs monitoring, and a semi-autonomous pipe bomb end cap remover.

The [Radio Internet-Protocol Communications Module](#) targets communications interoperability, something that has been a problem for decades. The module is an after-market interface allowing agencies to upgrade a legacy communications systems at low cost. This lengthens the life of existing systems another 10 years or more.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's [Authorized Equipment List](#) and the InterAgency Board's [Interactive Standardized Equipment List](#) both list many of these new options. When looking to purchase equipment or technology, be sure to check and see what new options are available to your department.

(Source: [DHS S&T](#))

## Tribal Mitigation Plan Review, Upcoming Webinar

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is updating its policy that guides how agencies interpret regulatory requirements in their review and approval of tribal mitigation plans. The updated Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide will supersede the 2010 [Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance](#). FEMA is seeking comments on the "[Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide Draft, January 2017](#)."

Tribal officials can submit comments either by mail to: ATTN: National Mitigation Planning Program, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472-3020; or by email to [tribalcon-](mailto:tribalcon-)

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[sultation@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:sultation@fema.dhs.gov). All comments must be submitted either by mail or e-mail no later than April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

[Webinars to present information on the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) will be on Wednesday, March 1st, 4:00 PM EST and Monday, March 13th, 3:30 PM EST. For audio, please call 800-320-4330 using conference code 905506#.

Visit FEMA's [Tribal Affairs](#) page for more information on this tribal consultation. For additional information or questions, contact your [Regional Tribal Liaison](#).

FEMA is also hosting a webinar on the [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#), which describes the process tribal governments will use to request Stafford Act declarations and the criteria FEMA will use to evaluate them and make recommendations to the President. This webinar is scheduled for Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern; [preregistration is not required](#). Call in at 1-800-320-4330; Pin 265976#.

If you have any other questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov).

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## National Advisory Council Seeking Applications

FEMA is looking for [experienced individuals interested in serving on the National Advisory Council \(NAC\)](#). The NAC is a federal advisory committee created to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

Appointments are for 3-year terms starting September 2017. All applications must be received by close of business on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Some discipline areas available include Emergency Management; Emergency Response Providers (fire, law enforcement, hazmat response, EMS); Elected and Non-elected Tribal Government; Individuals with Disabilities; and Standards Setting and Accrediting Organizations.

(Source: [FEMA](#))

## Webinar: Ventura County Violent Incident Response

The next International Public Safety Association (IPSA) webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern and will provide details on the Ventura County Violent Incident Response Task Force program. [Those interested in attending the IPSA webinar must register.](#)

Responding to violent incidents threatens the lives of all responders regardless of uniform. Ventura County has trained nearly 3,000 first responders including firefighters, EMS personnel, law enforcement officers, and dispatchers on cohesive and fast response to these events while simultaneously managing medical care of casualties.

Developed to handle any scale of violent event, these techniques apply to incidents of all sizes and skills can be ramped up to meet a larger need.

A [Firehouse magazine podcast](#) from 2015 looks at this program in more detail to include what the fire service can do to support law enforcement activities, such as forcible entry or using ladders to evacuate people. The Firehouse podcast would complement the IPSA webinar.

(Source: [IPSA](#))

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