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Due to a planned upgrade, the First Responder Communities of Practice (FRCoP) is temporarily unable to accept new members. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to welcoming you to the community soon.
To request to be alerted when the upgrade is complete, email FR.Communities@hq.dhs.gov.

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Authority to Collect This Information: The Homeland Security Act of 2002 [Public Law 1007-296, §302(4)] authorizes the Science and Technology Directorate to conduct "basic and applied research, development, demonstration, testing, and evaluation activities that are relevant to any or all elements of the Department, through both intramural and extramural programs." In exercising its responsibility under the Homeland Security Act, S&T is authorized to collect information, as appropriate, to support R&D related to improving the security of the homeland.

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Who We Are

First Responder Communities of Practice is a professional networking, collaboration and communication platform created by the Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Directorate to support improved collaboration and information sharing amongst the nation's First Responders and other Federal, State, Tribal, Territorial, and local governments supporting homeland security efforts. This vetted community of members focuses on emergency preparedness, response, recovery and other homeland security issues.

Who Can Join?

- First responders
- Members of the following groups engaged in homeland security:
  - Government employees
  - Government-sponsored contractors
  - Government-sponsored academia
  - Government-sponsored citizens

Site Security

All prospective members of the site are vetted to verify their identity. Members of First Responder Communities of Practice may post public, For Official Use Only (FOUO) or Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) documents and information. Users may not post Classified or Law Enforcement Sensitive information or documents to the First Responder Communities of Practice under any circumstance. It is the user's responsibility to avoid the creation of information that could be considered SENSITIVE of CLASSIFIED in aggregate. For more information, click here. To read the site Rules of Behavior, click here.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Can I Do Here?

- Join Communities that interest you
- Collaborate on wikis, blogs and discussion boards
- Find, share and store documents and best practices
- Create and search profiles
- Connect, chat, and email with other professionals

About Us

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate's (S&T) First Responder Technologies (R-Tech) program works to protect America against terrorism and disasters by providing first responder solutions for high-priority capability gaps through rapid prototyping, technical assistance, and information sharing to save lives and maximize preparedness.

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FirstResponder Communities of Practice is a network of vetted, active and retired first responders, emergency response professionals and Federal, State, local, or Tribal Homeland Security officials sponsored by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate's First Responder Technologies (R-Tech) program. Registered members of this professional network share information, ideas, lessons learned and best practices, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively prepare for all hazards. Members use tools such as wikis, blogs and RSS feeds to collaborate online on the creation and management of critical planning, training, and other initiatives. Through information sharing and active participation in community workspaces, members are able to leverage each other's experiences to meet mission objectives. FirstResponder Communities of Practice not only offers information repositories and content creation tools, but also provides networking capabilities for practitioners across the country to connect with one another in a trusted, online environment.

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