



Responder Knowledge Base



RKB Webinar Training

Mission

To provide emergency responders, purchasers, and planners with a trusted, integrated, online source of information on products, standards, certifications, grants, and other equipment-related information.

Objective

- Provide an overview of the RKB website
- Inform users how to navigate the RKB website
- Answer users' questions

Background

- **Project Responder** - sponsored by the Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – October 2003
 - Project Responder, through a series of surveys and focus groups, reached out to the responder community to find what their needs were (specifically equipment). Results indicated that a trusted knowledge base for emergency responders was necessary.

What is the RKB?

The RKB is the Emergency Responder Decision Support Tool

- **Products** module (with over 7,000 records) answers
“What equipment is out there?”
- **Certifications** and **Standards** modules answer
“Has it been certified and if so, to what standard?”
- **Training** module answers
“What training is needed to use the equipment?”
- **FEMA Preparedness Grants** and **Other Grants** modules answer
“What grant vehicles exist to purchase the equipment?”
- **User Opinions** answers
“Is there anyone in the community that I can talk to who has used the equipment?”

RKB Funding: Funding is provided by the FEMA National Preparedness Directorate.

The screenshot shows the FEMA Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) website. The header includes the FEMA logo and navigation links like 'Home', 'Products', 'FEMA Preparedness Grants & AEL', 'Other Grants', 'SEL & Integrated Display', 'SAVER', 'Other Content', and 'News Archive'. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area features several sections: 'Administrative Tasks' with pending actions, 'Welcome to the Responder Knowledge Base', 'RKB Highlights' with training and education news, 'RKB Recommends' with links to standards and publications, and a 'Calendars' section for grants. There are also 'Recent News' and 'Partners' sections on the right side.



RKB Users

- **Over 75,000 registered users**
- **Public Users**
 - Access to the majority of information on the RKB
- **Responders**
 - Access to public information, as well as access to limited distribution products, publications, trainings, etc.
- **Federal Government**
 - Access to all published information on the RKB
 - Ability to share relevant information with the responder community, for example with news items

RKB Users (Continued)

- **Equipment Purchasers**

- Determine whether products are certified to a standard
- Use the comparison feature
- Stay abreast of new technologies

- **FEMA Grant Applicants**

- Access to the Authorized Equipment List (AEL):

“The Authorized Equipment List is produced by the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate, (DHS). It is the generic list of equipment items allowable under several FEMA Preparedness grant programs.”

- Determine AEL categories applicable to specific grants
 - FEMA Preparedness Grants & AEL module provides a list of applicable AEL categories for each FEMA grant
 - State Administrative Agents (SAAs) provide assistance with choosing proper AEL category

Create Your Account

Login to the RKB

Email:

Password:

[Login Help](#) | [Create an Account](#)

New User Information → **User Category** → **Organization Information** → **Confirm Information** → **Finish Registration**

Step 1 of 5

New User Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Job Title:

Address:

City:

State / Territory / Province: [Are you United States Military Overseas?](#)

Zip Code / Postal Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

Note: United States Phone number should be 123-123-1234 x1234

Email Address and Password

Email Address:

Note: You will use your email address to log in to the RKB.

Password:

Password Confirm:

Note: Password is case-sensitive, must be 8 characters or more in length, and include at least 1 letter, 1 number, and 1 special character. [View additional password requirements.](#)

How Did You Hear About the Responder Knowledge Base?

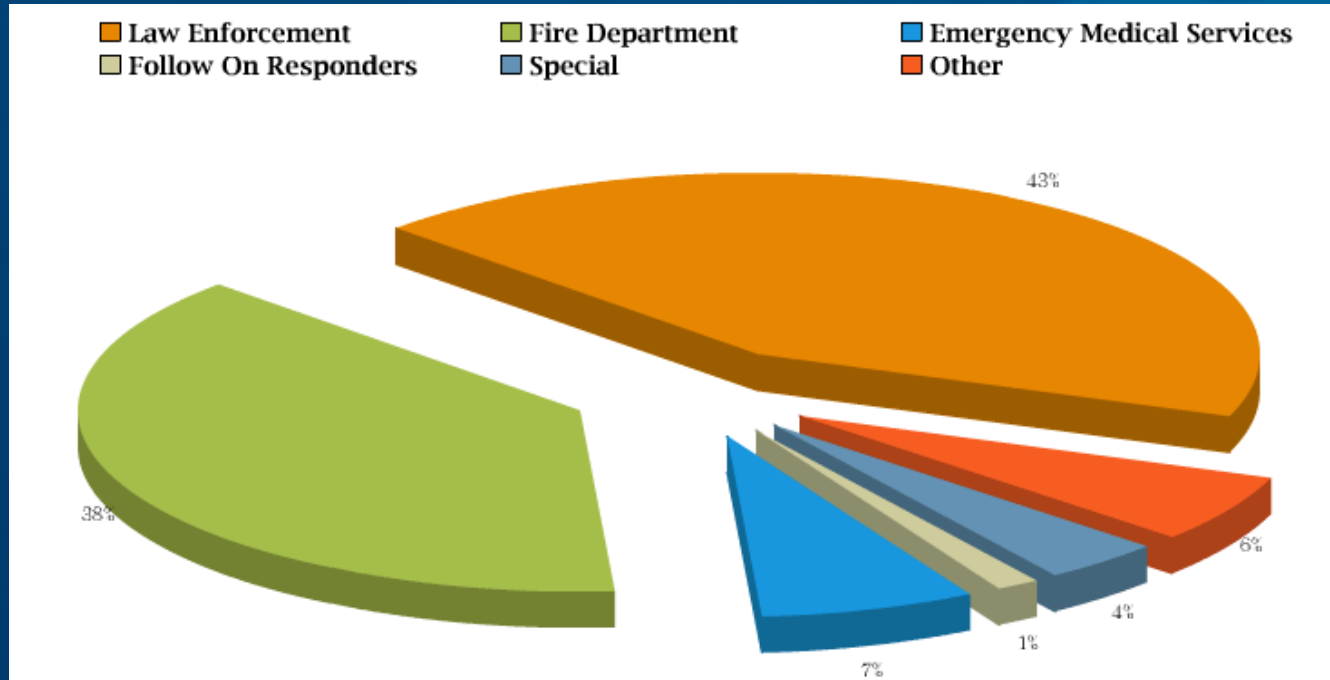
Site Referral:

Explanation:

Priority Email Notifications (You must Opt-in to receive these.)



RKB Responders



Responder	Count
Law Enforcement	21632
Fire Department	18944
Emergency Medical Services	3426
Follow On Responders	735
Special	1885
Other	3139
Total Responders	49761
Total Pending Responders	25


RKB Features

- Ask An Expert
- Calendars
- News
- Recommend the RKB
- Safety Notices
- Tutorial
- Watch Lists

Ask an Expert

If you have a question related to the content on the RKB, a good place to look first is the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. Some of the questions are linked to relevant content records and provide quick answers to popular questions.

If your question relates to possible errors or omissions on the site, or other feedback, please use the [RKB Site Feedback](#) page to contact the RKB staff.

If you are looking for an opinion on a specific product, try our User Opinion feature (*this feature is only available to registered users with Responder privileges*). Responders will see the User Opinion icon  in the Knowledge Links section of the product page if an opinion is available for that product.

For general questions about equipment, certifications, standards, or other related topics that are not answered by the content of the website, we have a network of Subject Matter Experts who are available to provide answers to your questions.

1. Submit your question using the form on this page.
2. The answer will be emailed to you using the email address we have on file (you must be a registered RKB user).
3. Questions are usually answered in a week or less; you will be notified if there is any extraordinary delay.

*Subject:

*Question: (Up to 2048 characters may be entered)

2048 characters remaining

Calendars

Conferences Grants

<< **November 2010** >>
[View all November events](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

*Days with events are highlighted

Site News Details

[Current News Item](#)

March 2011 L LIS.gov Newsletter [Edit](#)

March 2, 2011

LLIS.gov has published its March 2011 Newsletter. This month's newsletter featured topic is Flooding and the content includes technical updates, winter storms, LLIS Dispatch reminder and lessons learned on emergency communications, children and disasters, emergency operations center management and more.

Lessons Learned
Information Sharing
LLIS.gov

LLIS

Additional Information

- [March 2011 LLIS Newsletter](#)



RKB Content: FEMA Grants and Authorized Equipment List

FEMA Preparedness Grants and [Authorized Equipment List](#)

To determine which AEL categories are applicable for a grant, click on the grant record below.



[FEMA Grants Tutorial](#)

FY2010 Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)

BZPP provides funding to increase the preparedness capabilities of jurisdictions responsible for the safety and security of communities surrounding high-priority pre-designated Tier 1 and Tier 2 critical infrastructure and key resource (CIKR) assets.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

FY2010 Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP)

DLSGP is intended to address a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve the integrity and security of state-issued driver's licenses (DL) and identification cards (ID).

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

FY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

The purpose of the FY 2010 EMPG is to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

FY2010 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

FY2010 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

This core assistance program provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies and initiatives in their State Preparedness Report.

Citizen Corps Program (CCP)

The Citizen Corps mission is to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program

The MMRS program supports the integration of emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG)

The intent of OPSG is to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

This core assistance program provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies and initiatives in their State Preparedness Report.

[Link to Related AEL categories](#)



RKB Content: Grant and Associated AEL Category

FEMA Preparedness Grants and Authorized Equipment List

FEMA Preparedness Grants

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FY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) [Edit](#)

Source: Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Reference Number: Varies depending on Region

Summary: The purpose of the FY 2010 EMPG is to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.



Objectives

The purpose of the FY2010 EMPG is to assist State and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. States have the opportunity to use EMPG funds to further strengthen their ability to support emergency management mission areas while simultaneously addressing issues of national concern as identified in the National Priorities of the National Preparedness Guidelines.

Deadlines

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, January 22, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Eligibility

All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply for FY 2010 EMPG funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the state's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) are eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies, however only one application will be accepted from each state or territory.

Type of Assistance: Grant

Description

The purpose of the FY 2010 EMPG is to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

Total Funding Available in FY 2010: \$329.8 Million.



[FEMA Grants Tutorial](#)

Related AEL Categories

[Inspection](#) [Link](#)

203 Related Categories Found

Previous Year Grants

▶ [Archived: FY2007 Emergency Management Performance Grants \(EMPG\)](#)

FEMA Preparedness Grants and Authorized Equipment List



[FEMA Grants Tutorial](#)

Search Phrase:

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) - (203)

[Expand](#) | [Collapse All](#) (may take a while)

- ☐ [04] Information Technology
- ☐ [05] Cyber Security Enhancement Equipment
- ☐ [06] Interoperable Communications Equipment
- ☐ [07] Detection
- ☐ [10] Power
- ☐ [11] CBRNE Reference Materials
- ☐ [12] CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles
- ☐ [14] Physical Security Enhancement Equipment
- ☐ [19] CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment
- ☐ [21] Other Authorized Equipment
 - [21 CR-00-FOOD] Shelf Stable Ready to Eat Food Packs
 - [21 CR-00-MED] Basic Medical Supply Kits
 - [21 CR-00-WATR] Emergency Water Rations
 - [21 GN-00-CCEG] Equipment, Citizen Corps
 - [21 GN-00-CNST] Consulting Services in Support of Equipment Acquisition
 - [21 GN-00-INST] Installation
 - [21 GN-00-LEAS] Leasing of Space for Equipment Storage
 - [21 GN-00-MAIH] Maintenance, HDER
 - [21 GN-00-MAIN] Maintenance
 - [21 GN-00-OCEG] Equipment and Supplies, Information/Operations Center
 - [21 GN-00-SHIP] Shipping
 - [21 GN-00-STAX] Sales Tax
 - [21 GN-00-TRNG] Training

FEMA Preparedness Grants

- Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)
- Driver's License Security Grant Program (DLSGP)
- Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program
- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- Citizen Corps Program (CCP)
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program
- Operation Stoneheart Grant Program (OPSG)
- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program
- Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)
- Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA-SHSP)
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LETPA-UASI)
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
- Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSSGP)
- FY2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program



Products

Products (ALL - 7319)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
(1634)

Operational and US&R Equipment
(2262)

Information Technology (642)

Communications (620)

Detection (902)

Decontamination (337)

Medical (673)

Uncategorized Products (249)

Recently Added

ScanX Scout Digital X-ray Imaging
System

Personal Locator Device

GPS Vehicle Locator Device

Structural-Based Acoustic Receiver &
Sender (STARS) System

BattleSling Tactical Rescue Litter

MORE >>

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Communications



Medical



Operational and US&R Equipment



Detection



Uncategorized
Products



Information Technology



Decontamination



RKB Content: Product Example on the RKB

Product Details

[Operational and US&R Equipment](#) \ [Search/Surveillance Equipment](#)

[Volunteer User Opinion](#) [Print](#) [Side-by-Side Comparison](#) [Add to My Products](#)

10 x 26 Compact Binoculars by Steiner [Edit](#)

Manufacturer: Steiner

Model Number: Steiner 10 x 26 Predator Pro

Part Number: 236

Description

Give yourself the advantage by having these high performance compact binoculars in your bag.

FEATURES:

- Small in size, and light in weight.
- Large center focus wheel for easy operation, even when wearing gloves.
- Features wrap around eye cups.
- Water resistant and fog proof.



Steiner 10 x 26 Predator Pro

Availability: In stock

Availability Notes: In stock

MSRP: \$199.99

Product Dimensions: 4" x 5" x 2"

Weight: 12.3 oz.

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Additional Information

- [Click here for more details on this model](#)

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Knowledge Links

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No third-party certifications in the RKB

Related Product(s)

▶ [10 found; click here to see all items](#)

Related SEL Item(s)

▶ [\[030E-02-BNOC\] Binoculars/Scopes](#)

Other RKB Content

- **Operational Assessments (SAVER and NIMS STEP)**
 - Over 450 Operational Assessments
- **Publications/References**
 - Over 1700 Publications
- **Target Capabilities List (TCL)**
 - 37 TCL Categories
- **NIMS Resource Types**
- **Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS)**
 - Over 500 Lessons Learned



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