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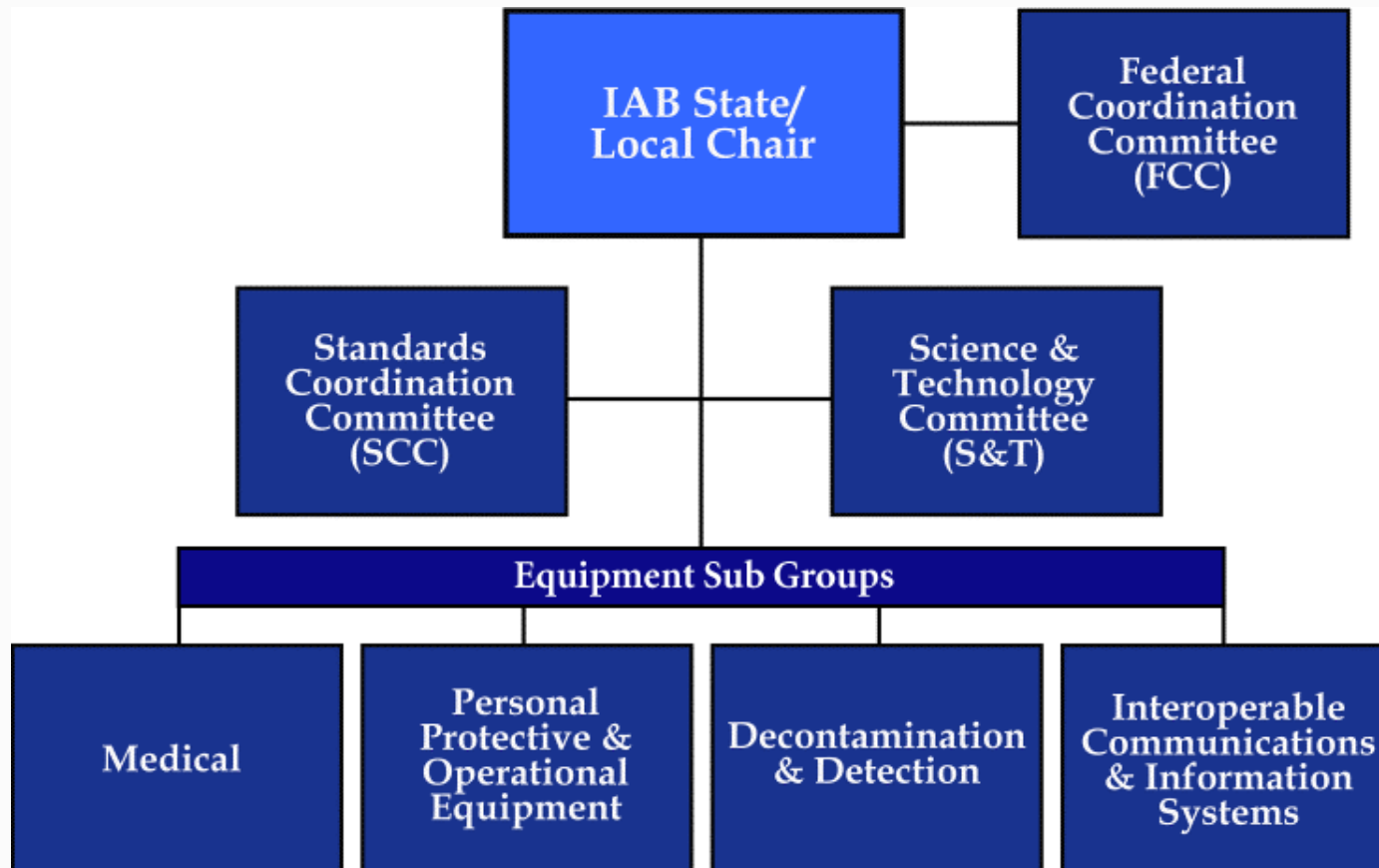


IAB Mission

The InterAgency Board (IAB) for Equipment Standardization and InterOperability is designed to establish and coordinate local, state, and federal standardization, interoperability, and responder safety to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from any incident by identifying requirements for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosives (CBRNE) incident response equipment.



IAB Organization



Issues

- IAB is Not a Standards Making Body
- Advocate for First Responders
- Partner with Standards Professionals



Responder Safety

- Current Equipment Requires Responders to Enter the Hazardous Atmosphere to Evaluate
- There are No National Standards for the Performance of currently available WMD Detection Equipment



Areas of Need

- Biological
- Chemical Detection
 - Stand Off
 - Point



Issues

- Who Develops Standards?
- Who Validates the Standards?
- Who Tests Equipment to Verify that Standard is Met?



Issues

Without standards for WMD response, first responders will choose equipment and practices that are driven by the latest hype and advertising claims; the safety of our nations domestic defenders and the communities they serve, deserves better.

