Homeland Security – Innovation, Collaboration, Standardization

Codes & Standards for Emergency Preparedness and Response

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Standards For First Responders

- First responders need standards on all aspects of homeland security
- ◆ The U.S. private-sector standards development community has been developing codes and standards relating to homeland security for quite sometime

Safety vs Security Challenge

- There can be a direct conflict between safety vs security goals
- Any change in one generally has a direct impact on the other
- Restricting external building access for security can compromise first responders needed access for emergency response and rescue
- A balance needs to be achieved

Standards for Emergency Management

- ◆ Disaster/emergency management and business continuity programs (NFPA 1600) NFPA/FEMA/NEMA/IAEM
- ◆ Emergency Services Incident Management System (NFPA 1561)
- → Health Care Facilities (Health Care Emergency Management) NFPA 99 (Chapter 12)

Standards For Emergency Response

- Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents (NFPA 471)
- Protective Ensembles for Chemical/Biological Terrorism Incidents (NFPA 1994)
- Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents (NFPA 1670)
 - Structural Collapse/Rope Rescue/Confined Space/Vehicle and Machinery/Water/ Wilderness Search and Rescue/Trench and Excavation

Coordination of Standards for Homeland Security

- ◆ IAB (Inter-Agency Board) (Federal and State Emergency, 1st Responders Organization) – Standardization and Equipment Compatibility for the Threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- ◆ IAB SCC (Standards Coordination Committee) Coordinating the CBRNE (Chemical/Biological/Radiological/ Nuclear/Explosive) Equipment Standards Projects of IAB

Coordination of Standards for Homeland Security (Cont'd)

◆ IAB – SCC Members

-DOE -NIOSH

-DHS -NIJ

-EPA -OSHA

-FEMA -OLES

-NFPA -NIST



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