

PROTECT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS



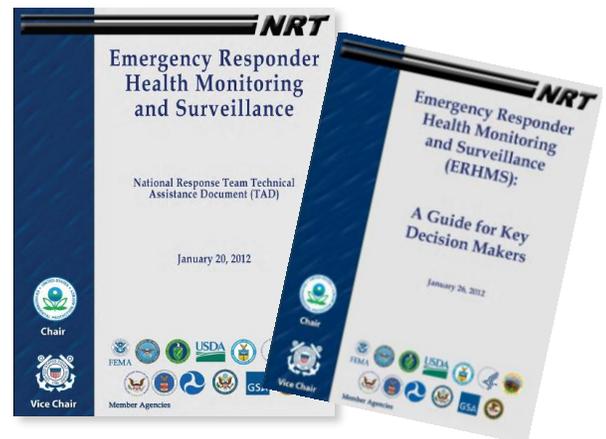
Emergency Responders Health Monitoring and Surveillance

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The nation depends on emergency responders to preserve the public's safety and health when disasters strike. To successfully meet this challenge, emergency responders must be protected from the hazardous conditions that disasters and other emergencies create, whether natural or a result of human action. A plan for monitoring emergency responder health and safety is an important part of protecting them.

Recognizing this, NIOSH worked with the U.S. National Response Team (NRT), and a number of federal agencies, state health departments, labor unions, and volunteer emergency responder groups to develop the **Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS)** system. The ERHMS provides guidelines for protecting emergency responders over a full range of emergency types and settings. It is for use by all who are involved in deployment and protection of emergency responders. This includes incident management and response organization leadership, health, safety and medical personnel, and emergency responders.

The ERHMS consists of an **NRT Technical Assistance Document** and **A Guide for Key Decision Makers**. These documents can be found at: <http://ERHMS.nrt.org>.



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