



National Protection Center (NPC)

The NPC is a partnership between the NSC, the National Aeronautic Space Administration, and the National Institute of Justice.

The NPC serves as the Project Manager for research, development, test and evaluation related programs related to protective clothing and individual equipment applied to emergency response users. This effort extends the capabilities of the Natick Soldier Center to new customers within the civilian sector or other government agencies outside of DoD.

The NPC provides a **central source** of broad expertise in **protective technology** against threats to the human body. The NPC identifies opportunities where R&D needs match up to user requirements to become more efficient.

The NPC uses an **integrated systems approach** that encourages development of protective equipment that operates compatibly and synergistically in multiple missions against multiple threats. **NPC partnerships benefit all users** -Soldiers, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, HAZMAT, EMT, and Space explorers.

NPC **establishes partnerships** with other government agencies, users, industry and academia. **Together we execute** our mission, identify, consolidate and leverage requirements, projects and capabilities.

We focus on advanced, multi-functional/multi-threat protection, the safety and operational effectiveness of its intended user(s) and improving the ability to work and survive in demanding environments.

Our services include:

- Defining user requirements
- Development of performance criteria and certification standards
- Identifying future operational needs/capabilities
- Market assessment and development
- New business development
- Product assessment
- Project management
- Inter-agency coordination/project planning
- Assessment and prioritization of emerging technologies

Some of our efforts include:

- Microclimate Conditioning
- Selectively Permeable Membranes for Chemical/Biological protection
- Advanced Law Enforcement and Corrections Tactical Uniform Systems

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“Because No Single Agency Can Effectively Meet the Needs of All the Users...”



“...to Protect the Lives of those Protecting Us.”

Our Focus:

THE HUMAN BEING -

the most valuable and fragile operating platform.

Our Driver:

Tailorable/Multiple Threat Protection- Personnel Safety- Enhanced Performance.



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