Creating Alliances With Emergency Responders

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Cultural Heritage Institutions: Who We Are

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museums
- Historical Societies
- Records Centers
- Historic Sites
OCLC: Who We Are

- Library membership organization
- Assist libraries in organizing (cataloging), sharing (interlibrary loan), utilizing (reference services), providing web access (digitizing) and preserving collections
- Reaching out to Archives, Museums, Historical Societies
- Staff with Preservation and Emergency Preparedness Training and Consulting
For more than 25 years, Heritage Preservation has been promoting the proper care of art, artifacts, and records.

Based in Washington, DC

Advocacy Group for Cultural Heritage Institutions

Programs include CAP, SOS, HHI
A Heritage Preservation Program, co-sponsored by FEMA

Started in 1995

34 Organizations: SPNHC to SBA to OCLC

Developing Tools for Response
  – Disaster Wheel
  – Resources for Recovery funding booklet
  – Alliance for Response Forums
  – *Cataclysm and Challenge* Report
The Alliance for Response

- Four Forums in 2003-2004
- Funded by the Fidelity Foundation
- Held in Dallas, Boston, Cincinnati, and New York
- Bringing together Cultural Heritage professionals with Emergency Responders
Why We Held These Meetings

Museums, libraries, and archives are important resources for communities
  - Lots of people utilize our facilities
  - Many collections are of great value

We want first responders to understand special needs
  - Volume and composition of collections
  - Vulnerability of materials
First Responders want us to understand:
- Risks particular to community
- Local emergency protocols
- Basic safety and disaster response techniques

Build relationships before disaster strikes
Cincinnati Alliance for Response Forum

Held December 12, 2003 at the Cincinnati Art Museum

Cultural Heritage Presenters:
- Wes Boomgaarden, Ohio State University
- Julie Page, UC-San Diego/SILDRN

Responders Presenting:
- J. R. Thomas, Franklin Co. EMA
- Greg Keller, State of Ohio EMA
- Ed Buikema, Director, FEMA Region 5
Result: Development of Cooperative Disaster Response Networks in:
- Southwestern Ohio (Cincinnati Area)
- Southeastern Ohio (Athens)
- Central Ohio (Columbus)
- Northern Ohio (Cleveland)

Developing Alliances with Emergency Responders in these areas and throughout the State
Where We Need Expert Help

- Developing Realistic Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Planning Documents
- Building Walk-Throughs for Fire Safety, Security, Ingress & Egress
- Risk Assessment
- Practice of Plans (Tabletops to Drills)
- Ongoing Recovery Resources
- Understanding Local Protocols
Benefits of a Cooperative Disaster Planning Network

- Saving Money
- Resource Utilization
- Service Resumption Issues
- Group Education and Information
- Insurance Issues
- Recovery Planning
- Technical Issues
Cooperative Disaster Recovery: Network Models

- New Mexico Preservation Alliance
- California Preservation Networks
  - 49-99 Cooperative Library System
  - LAPNET
  - SILDRN
  - IELDRN
  - (Info at cpc.stanford.edu/about/networks/html)
New Mexico Preservation Alliance

- Volunteer Organization
- Institutional Representatives and Interested Professionals
- Publications
- Education
- Expert Responders
- No Web Page
SILDRN – San Diego/Imperial County Disaster Response Network

- Formed 1995; Early Grant Funding
- Web Literature on Preparedness & Recovery
- Cooperative Supply Containers
- Supply Sources and Vendor Directory
- Regular Education Programs
- orpheus.ucsd.edu.sildrn
IELDRN – Inland Empire Libraries Disaster Response Network

- Began 1987, Early Grant Funding
- New Members with One-Time $150 Fee
- Supply Caches
- Training
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- www.ieldrn.org
Cooperative Disaster Planning Needs

- Point Person at Each Institution
- Sharing of Disaster Plans
- Consulting and Training Activities
- Central Supply Cache – Identify Host
- Consortial Vendor & Insurance Contracts
Cooperative Disaster Planning – Proposed Action Steps

- Review of Plans and Risks
- Disaster Assessment Surveys
  - Buildings, Collections, Staff & Patrons
- Consortial/Joint Plan
- Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Training Models
- Establish Response Team
- Recovery Vendor Presentations
- Insurance Issue Discussions
- Develop Technical Response
- Mutual Aid Agreement
Cultural Institutions now have a regular seat at the Boston Emergency Operations Center.

Boston’s Emergency Operations plan will have a new section on cultural and historic resources.

One Texas County is adapting CERT training for museums and libraries.

FEMA is exploring an EMI training course with a cultural heritage component.
Resources on Disaster Recovery

- NEDCC: 978/470-1010 or [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org)
- CCAHA: 215/545-0613 or [www.ccaha.org](http://www.ccaha.org)
- SOLINET: 800/999-8558 or [www.solinet.org](http://www.solinet.org)
- Amigos: 800/843-8482 or [www.amigos.org](http://www.amigos.org)
- Tom Clareson, Manager, Education & Planning, Digital Collection & Preservation Services, OCLC: [Tom_Clareson@oclc.org](mailto:Tom_Clareson@oclc.org) or 800/848-5878, ext. 6071