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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

Heritage Preservation: The National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property

- 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

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force

- 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

Why We Held These Meetings, Cont.



- First Responders want us to understand:
 - Risks particular to community
 - Local emergency protocols
 - Basic safety and disaster response techniques
- Build relationships before disaster strikes

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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

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Alliance for Response Forum

- 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

Working Together – Examples from the Alliance for Response Forums

- 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

- Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel.
Information for the public. Heritage Emergency
National Task Force. www.heritageemergency.org
- NEDCC: 978/470-1010 or www.nedcc.org
- CCAHA: 215/545-0613 or www.ccaha.org
- SOLINET: 800/999-8558 or www.solinet.org
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