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Creating Alliances With Emergency Responders: Part I -- The Alliance for Response

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Cultural Heritage Institutions: Who We Are

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museums
- Historical Societies
- Records Centers
- Historic Sites

OCCLC: 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