

## **Alliance for Response-Miami Committee Thursday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:** Kim Bergen  
Steve Detwiler  
Lauren Hall  
Jessica Unger  
Antonio Hidalgo

### **Introductions**

Kim Bergen welcomed everyone on the conference call. Since our last meeting we had two new institutions (Miami Seaquarium & National Park Service) join the Alliance.

### **Preparedness Survey**

The Southeast Florida Art and Cultural Community Preparedness Survey had 17 participants. Steve will be reaching out to those participants who provided their contact information. The results of this survey were sent as an attachment to the committee members.

### **By-Law Status**

Kim Bergen read through the new bylaws. Copies were provided to the membership for their review.

### **American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC)**

Heritage Preservation was disbanded and the Alliance for Response program was moved to AIC. Jessica Unger is the new director for the emergency management program which includes the Alliance for Response program and the Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC-CERT). Part of the AIC-CERT program includes a 24-hour hotline that conservators can call for free to get advice on emergency protective measures. This hotline was activated for Tropical Storm Erika. Jessica Unger was pleased that we had begun writing our bylaws. She also noted some recent activities of AIC. A Richmond, VA Alliance for Response was formed in July 2015. They will be adding an Alliance in Albany, NY and Biloxi, MS in 2016. AIC will also be added a discussion forum to the Alliance Network website and the ability to subscribe to the different Alliance list servers. They are also planning a series of six webinars in the near future promoting the Alliance.

### **Florida Association of Museums Conference Presentation**

Robin Kilgo reported that the conference had over 200 attendees. Our presentation had about 17 attendees from museums mainly in Central and Northern Florida. The presentation focused on preparedness and response best practices and was well received.

### **Upcoming Training**

The Florida Connecting to Collections is hosting a free training class at FIU Frost Art Museum on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline to apply is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. You can register at:

<http://www.flamuseums.org/professional-development/connecting-to-collections/2015-emergency-plan-collections-care-enhancement/>

Also the State of Florida has numerous classes scheduled for South Florida, these include:

- Basic Public Information Officer, Sept 21-22
- Active Shooter training for Law Enforcement, Sept. 28-30
- Rapid Needs Assessment, Oct. 5
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Course, Oct. 13-15

You can register for these classes at: <http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx> If you register please let Steve Detwiler know so he can get your application approved.

### **Miscellaneous**

Steve Detwiler provided an update from the National Weather Service regarding a Flood Watch which was in place at the time of the meeting for Southeast Florida. Also regarding Tropical Storm Erica Steve reviewed the comments he received from the ESF 18 (Business & Industry) hotwash. Generally the comments were good, all of the partners liked receiving the e-mail updates each day. This will be codified into an ESF 18 Situation Report that can be used before and during an incident. If any of the Alliance members has any additions comments or recommendations please let Steve know.

### **Conclusion**

The next meeting will be held in January 20, 2016 from 1:30-2:30pm. If anyone wishing to host this meeting please let Kim or Steve know.