



Building Your Disaster Recovery Network: Heritage Protection Partnerships in Pennsylvania

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Cooperative Disaster Planning

- Saving Money
- Resource Utilization
- Service Resumption Issues
- Group Education and Information
- Insurance Issues
- Recovery Planning
- Technical Issues



Cooperative Disaster Planning – Proposed Action Steps

- Review of Plans and Risks
- Disaster Assessment Surveys – Buildings,
Collections, Staff & Patrons
- Consortial/Joint Disaster Planning
- Preparedness, Response, and Recovery
Training
- Establish Joint Response Team



Cooperative Disaster Planning – Proposed Action Steps, continued

- Recovery Vendor Presentations
- Insurance Issue Discussions
- Develop Technical Response Plan
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Start with Quarterly Meetings, less often once firmly established

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Three Pennsylvania Forums in 2007-2009



- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg

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Philadelphia Alliance for Response

- Began with large Forum in June 2007
- Strong “buy-in” from Office of Emergency Management, Fire Chief, & Commissioner of Records
- OEM modified their Business Planning and Response workshops specifically for cultural institutions
- Text-alert system grows from 11 cultural institution representatives to over 100
- OEM working to locate cultural institutions on City GPS system
- Credentialing for site re-entry is a future project

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Pittsburgh Alliance for Response

- Began in June 2008; initial Forum meeting had strong corporate and community support
- Regular elections for Chair and Committee Heads
- Strong focus on education:
 - Tabletop exercises
 - Insurance, Mold Remediation presentations
 - Half-day workshop on Fire Protection Systems
 - Institutional site visits with survey report outcomes
 - Winterizing Your Collections discussion
- Received NEH Preservation Assistance Grant to develop cooperative disaster supply cache

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Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response

- Most recent group in PA before today's meeting; "Metro" Model centered in Harrisburg area
- Kickoff Forum in late October, 2009
- Emergency Management "Superstars" on Program; invited to present longer programs at later meetings
- Exploring connections with allied initiatives:
 - IPER (Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records) workshops
 - National League of Cities training
 - Department of Homeland Security presentations

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A Grant to Assist in Planning

- National Endowment for the Humanities – Preservation Assistance Grants
- Up to \$6,000 for preservation consulting, education, and supplies/equipment
- Preservation Site Survey projects including Disaster Risk Assessments and Disaster Plan Development; Pittsburgh used funding for Disaster Cache
- 2014 Estimated Deadline: Mid-May
- Information at www.neh.gov

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For More Information

Heritage Preservation AFR Site

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/index.html>

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