



# THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

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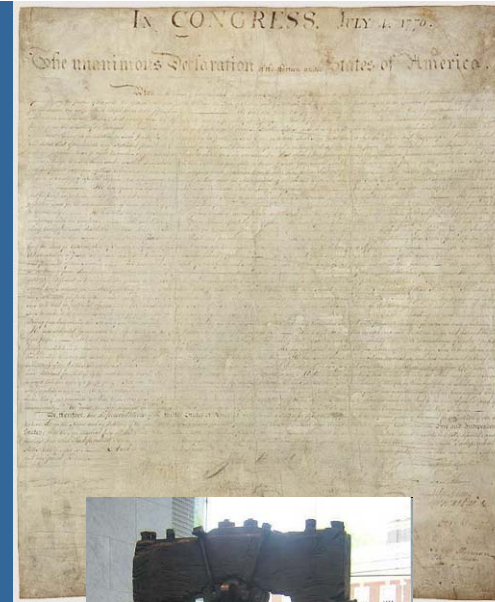
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## Historic Ropes Mansion Saved!



Photo by Frank Cutietta

- 2-alarm fire on August 15 (a weekend of course).
- 1727 mansion on NRHP, with original furnishings
- **Plot Spoiler:** But they had a plan and knew responders
- PEM disaster team evacuated treasures
- Firefighters knew exactly what to do
- Performance was “nothing short of miraculous”
- Everything of value was salvaged.



## Cultural heritage resources:

- Libraries
- Museums
- Historical societies
- Monuments
- Historic buildings
- City archives
- Zoos
- Arboreta



**Collections are vulnerable, valuable, and sometimes irreplaceable.**



American libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and scientific research organizations are visited **2.5 billion** times a year.



The visitors can be as vulnerable as the collections.

## After disasters, historic sites and cultural institutions can:

- Reaffirm our sense of place
- Provide services and resources to citizens
- Give communities sense of normalcy after a crisis



2005: **80%** of cultural heritage institutions in the US did **not** have emergency plans for collections with staff trained to carry them out.



# Who are Emergency Responders?

State emergency management

Local emergency management

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Firefighters

Law Enforcement

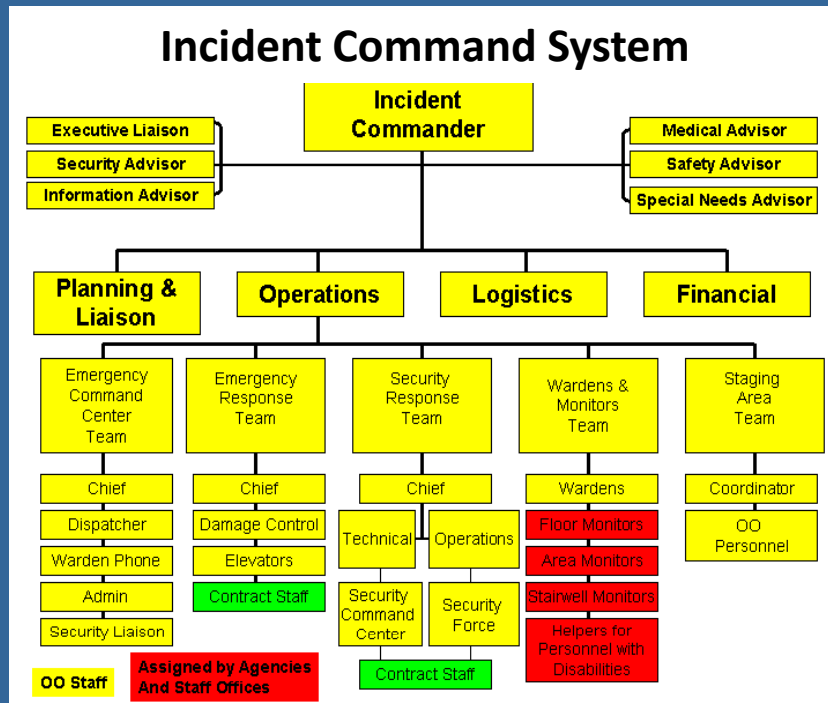
Emergency Medical Technicians

National Guard





There are official systems in place.  
Find where you fit. Learn the lingo.

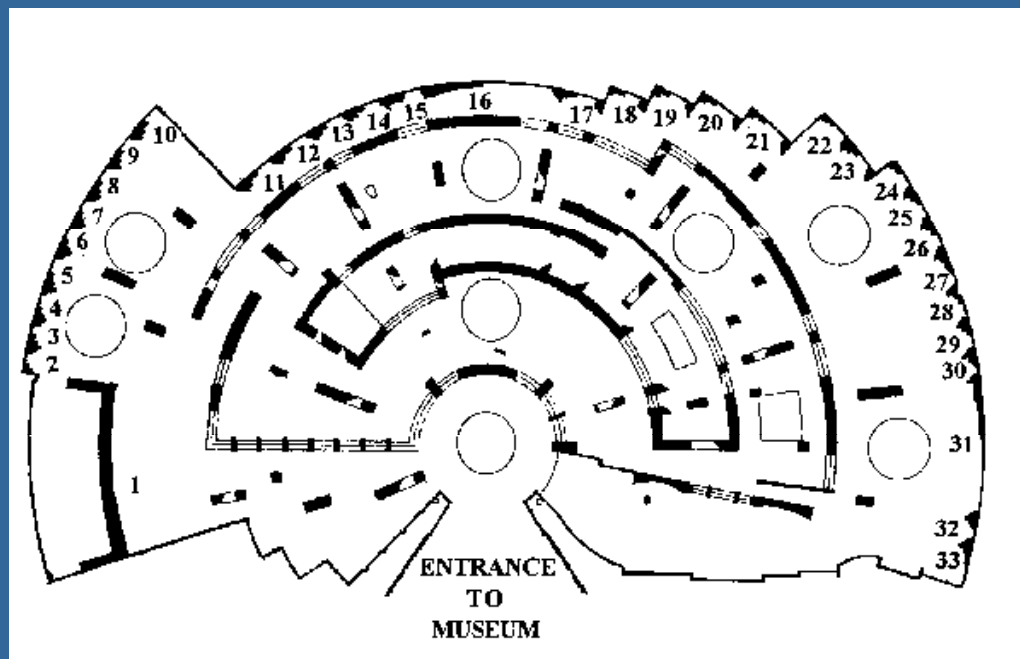


Emergency Operations Center



CERT...COOP...EOC...GIS...ICS...JFO...MOU...NCH...NIMS...NIPP...PNP...NCEMA...

## What emergency responders need to know...



Hi! Do you keep a lot of toxic chemicals in your maintenance closet?



These walls might not be in the same place the next time I'm here?!



**Emergency professionals  
can help develop  
realistic plans**





## About the Program



- Goal: to bring together heritage and emergency professionals *before* disasters happen
- Forums in 11 cities, 1 state, and 4 CA regions since 2003
- Impact on many levels:
  - Institutional plans
  - Cooperative networks
  - Local policies



## **Results:**

### **Educational Programs & Training**

- Pittsburgh Alliance for Response sponsored a joint tabletop exercise with emergency managers
- Ohio sponsored a workshop on fire protection
- NYC-OEM taught museums & libraries how to tailor scenarios
- A tour of restoration after fire damage is scheduled
- Several cities will be offering workshops on continuity of operations planning (COOP)



## Results: Networks and Policies

- In Atlanta, HERA meets quarterly and established a list-serv to track damage & recruit volunteers
- Cultural institutions in the “Alert Philadelphia” program increased from 11 to 100+
- Credentials are next!
- In Boston, CEMT gained an official response role through a statewide framework
- The new Denver Alliance for Response is building a roster of key contacts

# Find out more about Alliance for Response at: [www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR)

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**Alliance for Response is:**

Alliance for Response is a national program on cultural heritage and disaster management. Through a series of local Forums, it builds bridges between the cultural heritage and emergency response communities before disasters happen. The Forums lead to new partnerships, policies, and cooperative planning efforts.

**Explore Alliance for Response**

Atlanta	Boston	California	Denver
New York City	Ohio	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Raleigh	Seattle	Texas	Vermont

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**News from Alliance for Response Communities**

- NEW! Listen to an audio presentation about working with emergency responders, building disaster networks, finding funds, and planning Alliance for Response Forums
- New York City Alliance for Response sponsors May 13 program with the NYC Office of Emergency Management
- Leadership Roundtable Sparks Creative Strategies

**Alliance for Response Tool Kit**

The **Tool Kit** contains resources to help plan Alliance for Response Forums, work with emergency responders, identify allies in your community, and help sustain local disaster networks. Find program templates, essential

DISCUSS REGISTER  
TOOL KIT EVALUATE

# Disaster Resources

[www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/TFcurrent](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/TFcurrent)

**FORMS INCLUDED!**

**GUIDE TO NAVIGATING**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency and Small Business Administration**

**DISASTER AID FOR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS**

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The award-winning *Field Guide to Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* are resources that can help you deal with damage to your collection.

Want to keep up with all the latest news? [Sign up for our mailing list!](#)

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## Heritage Emergency National Task Force Information on Major Disasters

### Upper Midwest Spring Flooding 2009



Pumping water out of Fargo, ND, April 1, 2009, at the rate of 6,500 gallons every 10 minutes. Photo by Patsy Lynch/FEMA.

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force is tracking cultural heritage damage and response efforts related to Spring flooding in the Upper Midwest.

For current flooding status, see National Weather Service alerts for [Minnesota](#), [North Dakota](#), and [South Dakota](#). [Minnesota Public Radio](#) and the [Bismarck Tribune](#) are two sources for flooding news coverage.

### Archive of Disaster Information

- [Hurricanes and Tropical Storms 2008](#)
- [Midwest Flooding 2008](#)
- [California Wildfires 2007](#)
- [Hurricanes 2005](#)

## Resources



[Coping with Water Damage](#), a 10-minute video from the *Field Guide to Emergency Response*

[Save Your Treasures the Right Way](#)

[Guide to Navigating FEMA and SBA Disaster Aid for Cultural Institutions](#)

## Cultural Institutions

[Submit a Damage Report or Request for Assistance.](#)

[View the list of damage reports or requests for assistance.](#)

## Contact Information for:

State cultural agencies and associations



# Do One Simple Thing to Prepare

• ARCHIVES • HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LIBRARIES • MUSEUMS



• HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

# MayDay

**SAVING OUR HERITAGE**

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PREPAREDNESS PROTECTS OUR HERITAGE

# Risk Evaluation and Planning Program (REPP)

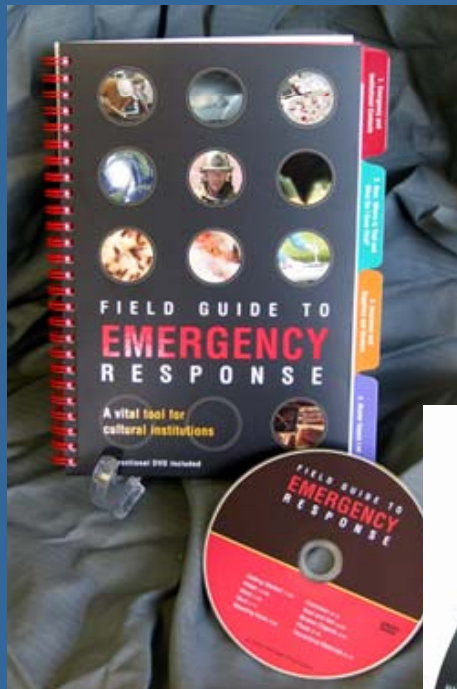
With IMLS funding, Heritage Preservation's REPP pilot project:

- Conducted site visits by preservation and emergency assessors at 15 museums
- Provided a report, mitigation "menu," and guidance for planning
- Demonstrated that a risk evaluation by professionals *will* increase preparedness
- Resulted in written emergency plans and new partnerships



# Expert Advice Made Easy

For cultural heritage:



And for the general public:



- Saving Treasures the Right Way
- Coping with Water Damage (video)
- Dealing with Soot (video)

This doesn't have to be hard.



**The partnerships  
begin today!**

