



Boston Alliance for Response Kick-off Forum

November 17, 2003

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts

The Massachusetts forum, held November 17 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, was developed by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, in cooperation with the MFA, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Vermont Museums & Galleries Alliance, Naval War College Library, and Fire Safety Network. Speakers represented a range of organizations, including FEMA, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Boston Public Library, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Presentations included "Our Community's Historic and Cultural Assets," "State and Local Risks: Preparedness and Response," and "Joint Training Efforts." In the afternoon, four breakout sessions were held: "Developing and disseminating information resources for the community," "Incorporating cultural and historic resources in local plans," "Building cultural heritage response and recovery teams," and "Sharing resources: emergency supplies and trained personnel." The forum concluded with a group discussion facilitated by Lawrence Reger, president of Heritage Preservation.