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

Three Pennsylvania Forums in 2007-2009

- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg

Philadelphia Alliance for Response

- Began with large Forum in June 2007
- 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
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

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

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
For More Information

Heritage Preservation AFR Site
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