

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

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The National Institute for Conservation

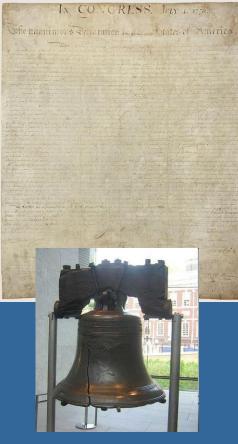


Cultural heritage resources:

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







Cultural institutions and historic sites:

- Help define our history and sense of place
- Provide services and resources to citizens
- Contribute to the economy
- Give communities sense of normalcy after a crisis







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



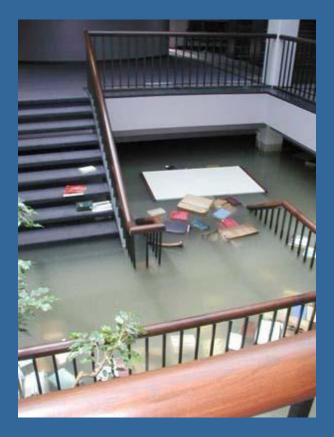
Over 4.8 billion artifacts are held in the public trust by more than 30,000 cultural heritage institutions in the US.

Collections are vulnerable, valuable, and sometimes irreplaceable.



Did you know?

80% of cultural heritage institutions in the US do not have an emergency plan with staff trained to carry it out





Who are Emergency Responders?

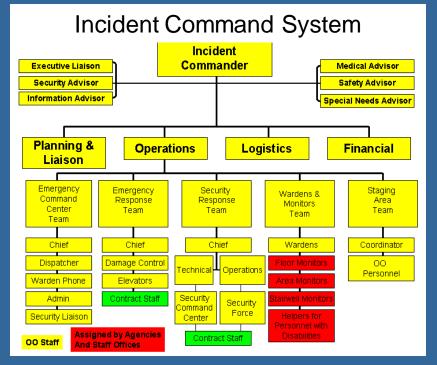
State emergency management Local emergency management Federal Emergency Management Agency Firefighters Law Enforcement Emergency Medical Technicians National Guard







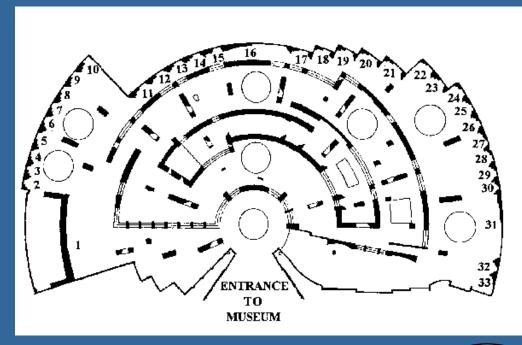
There are official systems in place. Find where you fit. Learn the lingo.





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

Knowledge is power!



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



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



Emergency Professionals Can Help Develop Realistic Plans





- Goal: to bring together heritage and emergency professionals *before* disasters happen
- Forums in 8 cities, 1 state, and 4 CA regions since 2003
- Impact on many levels:
 - Institutional plans
 - Cooperative networks
 - Local policies



Fine Examples!

- In Atlanta, HERA 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
- Pittsburgh Alliance for Response sponsored a joint tabletop exercise
- NYC-OEM taught museums & libraries how to tailor scenarios.

Find out more about Alliance for Response at:

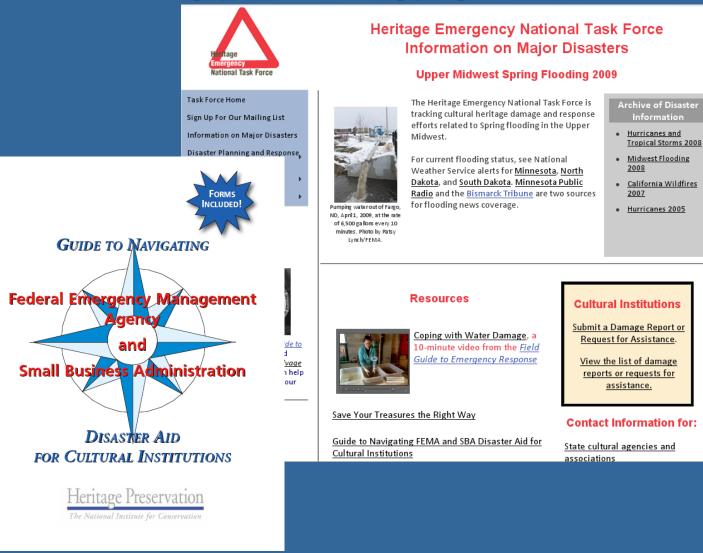
www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR



disaster networks. Find program templates, essential

Recovery Assistance

www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/TFcurrent

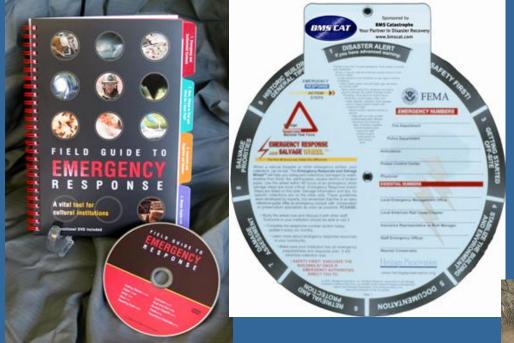


Incentives for Preparedness



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)





No dramatic illustrations, please!

It all starts now!

