



Minneapolis – St. Paul Alliance for Response Kick-off Forum

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Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The February 1st Twin Cities kick-off forum, hosted by the Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC), was particularly successful. Over 60 representatives attended the event divided equally between delegates from the Police, Fire, Homeland Defense, and National Guard and cultural heritage stewards (curators, librarians, archivists, etc.). Important connections and understandings were reached at this first-time gathering. Emergency management and cultural heritage representatives gave several presentations on their work and preparedness training, with lively and informative question-and-answer periods and audience engagement after each presentation.

MACC will be using its experiences in this Alliance for Response meeting to educate and encourage other communities across the Midwest to replicate this special outreach effort. This fall, MACC, in conjunction with representatives from both groups, will develop some practical, replicable steps that collecting institutions can use to improve communications with their local first responders.