



# Models for Building Local Response Networks

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## Considering joint response efforts





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## Cooperative Disaster Planning



- Saving Money
- Resource Utilization
- Service Resumption Issues
- Group Education and Information
- Insurance Issues
- Recovery Planning
- Technical Issues
- Alliance for Response Toolkit:  
<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/tool-kit-3-2/>

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## Saving Money Through Cooperative Planning



- Group Training and Consulting
- Central Supply Caches
- Consortial Contracts with Recovery Vendors
- Consortial Insurance Contracts

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## Better Resource Utilization

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- Greater Number of Trained Responders
- Familiarity with Institutions in Consortia
- Utilizing Strengths of Each Staff
- Larger Community Volunteer Base

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## Service Resumption Issues

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- Reciprocal Borrowing
- Computer Hot Sites
- Interlibrary Loan Fulfillment
- Donation Processing Centers

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## Group Education and Information



- Shared Disaster Plans
- Shared Building/Floor Plans
- Familiarizing Staff and Physical Plant
- Baseline Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Training
- Annual Disaster Plan Update/Practice
- Recovery Vendor Presentations

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## Education



- Show & Tell
- Speakers & Events
- Group Training
- Tabletop exercises
- Community Wide Simulations



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## Possible Training Sessions



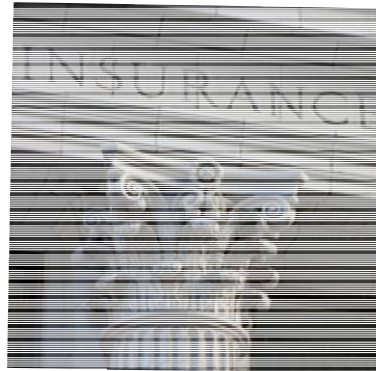
- First Aid
- Service Resumption Issues
- Insurance
- Recovery Techniques
- Incident Command Structure

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## Insurance Issues



- Consortial Policies and Buying Power
- Collection Valuation
- Identification of High-Probability Risks



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## Recovery Planning

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- Local Efforts
- The First 48 Hours
- Business Resumption
- Long-Term Recovery

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## Technical Issues

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- Review of Safety Systems
- Archiving of Digital Data and Electronic Resources/Records
- Computer Hot Sites

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## Mutual Aid Agreements



- Written Document
- Defines Response
- Administration Support
- Exit Clause

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## Memorandum of Agreement Info



### SILDRN

- Member participation
- Member fees to pay for supplies
- Disaster assistance

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## Supply Caches



- Centralized Supplies for an Individual Institution or for Joint Use in a Regional Disaster
- Supplies for Your Agency



Disaster Response Supplies

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## Mutual Aid Agreement Models



- San Diego (SILDRN):  
<https://sites.google.com/site/sildrn/sildrn/mutual-aid-agreement-1>
- Savannah/Atlanta (SHER/HERA):  
<http://www.heritageemergency.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/SHERN-Mutual-Aid-Agreement-2.pdf>
- Seattle (SHERN):  
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Seattle/News.html>

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## Philadelphia Alliance for Response



- Began with large Forum in June 2007
- Strong “buy-in” from Office of Emergency Management, Fire Chief, & Commissioner of Records
- 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

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## 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

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Pittsburgh AFR:  
Collaborative Use of PAG Funds



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Pittsburgh AFR Disaster Recovery Workshop



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## Setting Up **Your** Network



- Who to include?
  - Define your area
  - What is already happening in your area?
  - Who to invite to the table?

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## How do you get others involved?



- Recruit
- Part of the job description
- Allow for training opportunities

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## Places to Start



- Form a leadership committee
- Define your mission
- Get everyone working on their own institutional (and individual) preparedness
- Communication pathways

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## Cooperative Disaster Planning – Needs



- Point Person at Each Institution
- Sharing of Disaster Plans
- Consulting and Training Activities
- Central Supply Cache – Identify Host
- Consortial Vendor & Insurance Contracts

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## Cooperative Action Steps



- Review of Plans and Risks
- Disaster Assessment Surveys – Buildings, Collections, Staff & Patrons
- Consortial/Joint Plan
- Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Training Models
- Establish Response Team

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## Cooperative Action Steps, cont.



- Recovery Vendor Presentations
- Insurance Issue Discussions
- Develop Technical Response
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Meet 2-3 times annually?

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## Funding for Your Network



- Response Network
- Supply Cache
- Disaster Response

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## Funding Sources



- Dues?
- Outside Sources:
  - NEH
  - FEMA
  - IMLS/LSTA
  - NCPTT
  - NEA/Arts Councils
  - NHPRC/SHRAB
  - Private Funders

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## 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
- 2016 Deadline: May 3 (early May each year)
- Information at [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

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## Sustaining your network



- Rotate responsibility
- Set limits for positions
- Require representation from each participating agency
- Make it interesting!

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## Activities to sustain your network



- Meet at Supply Cache
- Training for Members
- Recruitment tool
- PR mechanism
- Site Visits
- Happy Hour



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## Resources for Disaster Preparedness



- Foundation of the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AFR and NHR):  
<http://www.conservation-us.org/emergencies> -- Jessica Unger, [junger@conservation-us.org](mailto:junger@conservation-us.org), 202-661-8069
- Heritage Emergency National Task Force: Lori Foley, Administrator, FEMA/Smithsonian, [lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov), 202.826.6303
- LYRASIS: 800.999.8558 or [www.lyrasis.org](http://www.lyrasis.org)
- CCAHA: 215.545.0613 or [www.ccaha.org](http://www.ccaha.org)
- NEDCC: 978.470.1010 or [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org)

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