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**Oklahoma Museums Association to Host Alliance for Response Forum Oct. 25***Registration Now Open*

*(OKLAHOMA CITY)* – The Oklahoma Museums Association will host the Alliance for Response Forum to link cultural heritage and emergency representatives Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center.

Alliance for Response fosters cooperation among cultural organizations, influences local planning efforts and enhances the protection of cultural and historic resources.

Oklahoma is known for its tornadoes, flooding, earthquakes and other natural disasters. The forum provides the opportunity for museums, libraries and archives to form partnerships and exchange important information with their local emergency management professionals in case of disaster.

In addition to the keynote speaker Oklahoma State Climatologist Gary McManus, the forum will include panel discussions and presentations. After lunch, the afternoon will consist of two tracks, one for cultural institutions and one for emergency response representatives.

“Alliance for Response will educate attendees on the benefit of leading partnerships to protect our state’s history, art and culture,” said Brenda Granger, executive director of the OMA. “Cultural organizations will learn how to navigate during and after a disaster, and the emergency professionals will tour the Oklahoma History Center collections to better understand the complexities involved in protecting our state’s culture.”

The forum is a free event but requires registration by Oct. 15. Lunch is provided. To register, visit OKMuseums.org and go to “registrations” to select “Alliance for Response Forum.”

The Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105.

The Alliance for Response is in partnership with the Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma Archivists Association, Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board and the Oklahoma History Center in cooperation with the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) with support in part from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The Oklahoma Museums Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization founded in 1972. Programming offered by the Oklahoma Museums Association is important as the primary source of information and professional development for Oklahoma's 500 museums, historical societies, historic sites, zoos and botanical gardens, historic houses, living history museums, tribal cultural centers and other museum-related institutions.

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