

# Heritage Preservation

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## Cooperative Disaster Networks

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### **Bay Area Mutual Aid Network (BAMAN)**

<http://www.calpreservation.org/baman>

BAMAN is dedicated to encouraging and supporting disaster preparedness and response among its member libraries in the California Bay Area. The goals of BAMAN are: to facilitate a network of people willing to help each other in times of local disaster with advice, support, or on-site recovery assistance; to ensure the viability of the network; and to establish and stock additional containers of disaster response supplies.

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### **Central Coast Disaster Preparedness and Response Network (CCDPRN)**

<http://www.goldcoastlibraries.org/DisasterPrep/index.html>

Established in 2008, the Central Coast Disaster Preparedness and Response Network (CCDPRN) comprises libraries and other cultural institutions in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties organized to provide mutual disaster preparedness and response support through training opportunities, resources and disaster response supplies, mutual assistance and encouragement in creating and updating disaster plans for our respective institutions, and mutual support if and when a disaster occurs.

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### **Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/CentralPA>

Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response provides a forum for information, cooperation, and communication among emergency management organizations, first responders, and cultural heritage institutions in the Central Pennsylvania region. Our aim is to foster a cooperative approach to disaster preparedness, emergency management, and cultural heritage protection.

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### **Charleston Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM)**

<http://calm-sc.blogspot.com>

CALM is a network of preservation professionals living and working in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. They hold periodic disaster training workshops for professionals, as well as share information, expertise, and supplies with various organizations in their region. Nonmembers may also benefit from the network.

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### **Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness Network (CVEPN)**

<http://accarchives.org/cvepn.html>

The Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness Network seeks to protect the historic and cultural heritage of the Coachella Valley through emergency preparedness planning activities including central repositories of emergency supplies, on-going programs and training, and providing assistance to its members.

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### **Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness: Connecticut (COSTEP CT)**

<http://costep.cslib.org/>

The goal of COSTEP CT is to encourage communication between cultural resource organizations and emergency responders in order to facilitate the preservation of cultural resources in the event of an emergency and to help cultural resource organizations be of help to the community in the event of an emergency. They are working to create and maintain a statewide disaster framework regarding preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

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**Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness:  
Massachusetts (COSTEP MA)**

<http://costepma.groupiguide.com/>

COSTEP MA consists of nearly 50 members from numerous state agencies, museums, libraries, archives, historical societies, and local, state, and federal emergency management agencies. Quarterly meetings ensure an ongoing dialogue that promotes mutual understanding and coordination between stewards of cultural heritage and emergency managers. Current activities include the creation of by-laws to provide a permanent administrative structure for COSTEP MA and the facilitation of community meetings to strengthen local relationships among key personnel from the cultural, municipal, and emergency management sectors.

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**Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness: Rhode Island (COSTEP RI)**

<http://www.olis.ri.gov/grants/c2c/>

With funding from an IMLS Connecting to Collections grant, Rhode Island plans to build and sustain alliances for communication and collaboration between the cultural heritage community and the emergency management community to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from events that may adversely impact the cultural resources of the state. Working in conjunction with the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, they will co-sponsor an operations-based disaster exercise that will include a coordinated state response to one or more heritage collection institutions.

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**Denver Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Denver>

The Denver Alliance for Response network plans to create a local listserv, participate in the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership, and develop a tabletop exercise in cooperation with the Denver Office of Emergency Management

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**Disaster Response Group (DIRG)/Oregon Library Association Preservation Round Table**

<http://sites.google.com/site/disasterresponsegroup>

The Disaster Response Group (DIRG) is a cooperative disaster planning and response group consisting of representatives from libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions within the greater Portland, Oregon area. The mission of DIRG is to provide education, support, and resources for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for libraries and archives in our region. The Web site provides documents and resources for aiding in emergency preparedness.

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**Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA)**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Atlanta>

HERA is an affiliation of institutions and persons interested in preserving the cultural heritage within the Metro Atlanta area and serving as a resource to cultural institutions around the state. HERA aims to enhance disaster preparedness through networking, information sharing, increased awareness and encouragement of disaster planning, and training.

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**Inland Empire Libraries Disaster Response Network (IELDRN)**

[www.ieldrm.org](http://www.ieldrm.org)

IELDRN is a cooperative network of public and academic libraries and museums in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Eastern Los Angeles Counties that work together to prepare for and recover from disasters. The IELDRN membership meets twice a year to discuss disaster issues and/or to organize workshops and seminars. The Web site provides sample disaster plans and hazard surveys, as well as links to other useful sites. IELDRN stocks disaster supplies at two locations in southern California.

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**Kansas Cultural Heritage Emergency Resources Network**

<http://kansaschern.wordpress.com/>

The Kansas Cultural Heritage Emergency Resources Network is a website to aid libraries, museums, historical societies and any cultural heritage institution in preparing for and recovering from various disasters. This statewide resource guide is a replacement for KDRAN (Kansas Disaster Recovery Assistance Network, 1993-2009) in providing valuable annotated resources.

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### **Los Angeles Preservation Network, Inc. (LAPNet)**

[www.usc.edu/org/LAPnet/](http://www.usc.edu/org/LAPnet/)

LAPNet serves librarians, archivists, conservators, and records managers in Los Angeles city and county by fostering the development of cooperative preservation programs among local libraries and serving as an information exchange on preservation concerns. LAPNet conducts periodic workshops on disaster planning for the Los Angeles area. It has also created a comprehensive list of local disaster services, supplies, and suppliers. The Web site provides resources for disaster preparedness, preservation planning, and response and recovery.

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### **Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage**

<http://macch.org>

The Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage (MACCH) is a statewide nonprofit organization composed of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and preservation networks. Its purpose is to promote the protection and preservation of Michigan's cultural and humanities resources for the enjoyment, education and benefit of present and future generations. Cultural resources include archival materials, records, objects, artifacts of everyday life, historic sites, buildings and landscapes held privately or publicly or collected by libraries, archives and museums. The website provides information on disaster preparedness and response, and information about MACCH's Angel Projects and the Michigan Heritage Guardian Award.

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### **Mountain Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (MACREN)**

MACREN is a resource-sharing network for cultural institutions in the Asheville area of Western North Carolina. Members include national parks, state and private historic sites and museums, and state, public, and church archives. MACREN assists members in managing and mitigating collections-related emergencies. It provides personnel, expertise, and supplies, and acts as a regional leader in collections preservation and disaster preparedness and awareness.

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### **New York City Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/NewYorkCity>

Alliance for Response, NYC is a local organization focused on connecting emergency responders with representatives of the cultural heritage community. Our goal is to strengthen mitigation and response capabilities through training exercises, development of local planning efforts and improved dialogue and partnerships. The organization is composed of staff from cultural institutions (security, facilities, health/safety, collections/conservation, and administration), first responders (NYPD, FDNY, OEM, FEMA) and related industries (insurance/risk management, recovery companies).

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### **Ohio Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Ohio>

The Northeast Ohio Alliance for Response is an organization of individuals from non-profit cultural institutions and allied professionals that provides planned events and opportunities for education and outreach. It also shares information to its members and the community in support of disaster preparedness.

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### **Palmetto Archives, Libraries, and Museums Council on Preservation (PALMCOP)**

<http://palmcop.org/>

PALMCOP is a non-profit organization and its membership consists of individuals and institutions from across South Carolina, representing archives, libraries, museums, historical societies, and anyone else who is dedicated to preserving information in all its formats. PALMCOP provides its members with help in preserving collections through its web site, periodic workshops, and site visits in an emergency.

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### **Philadelphia Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Philadelphia>

Philadelphia Alliance for Response is a network of archive, library, museum, and emergency management representatives resulting from an Alliance for Response Forum in June 2007. Meetings educate the group on mutual aid agreements, fire department inspections, continuity of operations planning, and similar topics. The network is forging strong links to the city emergency management agency.

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### **Pittsburgh Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Pittsburgh>

The Alliance for Response Pittsburgh initiative provides a forum for information, cooperation, and communication among emergency management organizations, first responders, and cultural heritage institutions in the greater Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania region. Our aim is to foster a cooperative approach to disaster preparedness, emergency management, and cultural heritage protection.

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### **San Diego/Imperial County Libraries Disaster Response Network (SILDRN)**

<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/sildrn>

SILDRN is a regional cooperative organization. Its purpose is to provide mutual aid in preparing for and coping with disasters affecting libraries and their collections. The Web site includes planning, recovery and supplier information, and mutual aid agreements. The Network has regional disaster supply containers.

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### **Savannah Heritage Emergency Response (SHER)**

<http://sheronline.info/>

SHER shall exist to promote and facilitate the emergency preparedness and emergency response of the natural, cultural and historical community throughout Chatham County with respect to the potential exposure and or threat of major emergencies and disasters both natural and/or manmade.

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### **Seattle Heritage Emergency Response Network (SHERN)**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Seattle>

The Seattle Heritage Emergency Response Network (SHERN) helps archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and other heritage organizations in Seattle to respond to emergencies and disasters affecting cultural resources and collections. Members help each other by providing advice, support and/or actual recovery assistance. Membership in the Network constitutes a commitment by an organization to make disaster preparedness and staff training an administrative priority.

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### **Triangle Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (TACREN)**

<http://www.ncpreservation.org/TACREN.html>

TACREN is a network of institutions and individuals who pledge to work together to protect the cultural heritage of the Triangle area (Wake-Durham-Orange counties) by providing disaster response assistance and/or support for one another. Members of TACREN also provide support to area cultural organizations in disaster planning, disaster response, and building relationships with area first responders.

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### **Vermont Emergency Response Team for Cultural Institutions (VERTCI)**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Vermont>

The 2009 Vermont Alliance for Response Forum revived interest in the pre-established Vermont Emergency Response Team for Cultural Institutions (VERTCI). Team members and new recruits have received training to better prepare them to aid Vermont institutions during emergencies.

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### **Virginia Museum Emergency Support Teams (VAMEST)**

[www.vamest.org](http://www.vamest.org)

VAMEST is one component of an emergency response structure created by the Virginia Association of Museums. These regional teams cooperate on planning efforts and receive training to assist neighboring institutions during emergencies. A statewide response team can provide additional triage and salvage assistance.

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