HENTF: Where Cultural Heritage and Emergency Management Intersect

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The mission of HENTF is to protect cultural heritage in our nation’s states, tribes, territories, and local communities from the damaging effects of natural disasters and other emergencies.
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Heritage Emergency National Task Force in the DHS Org Chart

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- FEMA  USCIS  CBP  USCG  ICE  TSA  USSS
- Resilience organization: Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA)  National Preparedness Directorate  Grant Programs Directorate  National Continuity Programs
- Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (OEHP)  Risk Management Directorate  Mitigation Directorate  Federal Insurance Directorate  Fund Management Directorate
- Readiness Branch  Policy Branch  Integration & Technology Branch
- Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF)
Response and Recovery Timeline

Source: National Disaster Recovery Framework
**Emergency Support Function #11**  
Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex

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HENTF Objective

Coordinate the collection and sharing of incident-specific information with cultural stewards, first responders, and emergency managers in order to protect cultural and historic resources before, during, and after an event.

- HENTF members
- FEMA: REOs and EHP leadership
- State cultural agencies
- State emergency management agency
- State archives/museum/library associations
- Regional archives and museum associations
- Regional conservation/preservation centers
- Local or state cultural heritage emergency networks

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Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:57 PM

To: HAVAIIANCONNECTINGCOLLECTIONS-L@lists.hawaii.edu

Subject: Prepare for Hector

Malia

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Email AS:

Forwarding an alert from our contact Lori Foley at the Heritage Emergency National Task Force.

Malia

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Be Prepared!

Although it appears that Hector will track far enough south to keep hurricane conditions south of Hawaii, a tropical storm could still deliver a significant wallop. It’s important that all individuals and cultural institutions prepare for tropical storm-force winds, heavy rains, and potential flooding:

- Track the storm via the National Hurricane Center, [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/).
- Gather your staff and review your disaster plan today. No disaster plan? Put that at the top of the to-do list once the hurricane passes (and hope you didn’t need it this time).
- If you have a disaster plan, make sure everyone has a printed copy to take home. An electronic version may be useless if you lose power.
- Make sure staff, volunteer, and board contact lists are up-to-date. Determine how you will communicate with one another before, during, and after the storm.
- Make sure your insurance and disaster recovery vendor contact information is readily available.
- If you don’t already have up-to-date photographs/videos of your facility’s exterior and interior, including storage areas, now’s the time to take them. Being able to illustrate how your building and collections looked before damage will be helpful if the need arises to pursue recovery financing.
- Back up electronic records and store the back-ups offline or in the cloud.
- Secure outdoor furniture, bike racks, base cabinets, etc. – anything that can become a projectile in strong winds.
- Move collections that are in areas vulnerable to flooding – i.e., the floor, the basement – or susceptible to rain – near windows or under-roofs.
Coordinate the collection and sharing of incident-specific information
Statewide network: Hawaii
disasteralert.pdc.org/disasteralert
The Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force

The CHR Task Force works to improve the State of Colorado’s mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. Contact Us if your historic site or cultural collection experiences a disaster. We can help.
The Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force works to improve the State's cultural and historic preservation and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. If you have questions or your historic site or cultural collection has experienced a disaster and you need assistance, please contact us.

Please join the Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force email list by filling out the form below.

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

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Recovery Support Function
Natural and Cultural Resources (NCR)

Coordinating Agency:
Department of the Interior

Primary Agencies:
DHS/FEMA
Department of the Interior
Environmental Protection Agency

Supporting Organizations:
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Corporation for National and Community Service
Council on Environmental Quality
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce

Institute of Museum and Library Services
Library of Congress
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Heritage Emergency National Task Force
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Delta Regional Authority
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
General Services Administration
National Archives and Records Administration
National Center for Preservation Technology and Training
National Historic Trust
National Park Service
U.S. Department of Homeland Security / National Protection and Programs Directorate
HENTF Objective

Provide technical assistance, guidance, and/or resources to cultural stewards, first responders, and emergency managers to address disaster-related impacts to cultural and historic resources.
The Regional Alliance for Preservation provides information and resources on preservation and conservation for cultural institutions and the public throughout the United States.
NATIONAL HERITAGE RESPONDERS

The National Heritage Responders (NHR) respond to the needs of cultural institutions during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors, and the public. Volunteers can provide advice and referrals by phone at:

202.661.8068

Requests for onsite assistance will be forwarded by the volunteer to the NHR Coordinator and Emergency Programs Coordinator for response. Less urgent questions can also be answered by emailing emergencies@culturalheritage.org.

Who Are the National Heritage Responders?

The National Heritage Responders come from all corners of the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, and American Samoa. They are conservators, archivists, collection managers, and other professionals. Together, they have a diverse skill set and experience in handling a wide range of materials, from paper to textiles to paintings and more.

Where Have the National Heritage Responders Deployed?
Public Assistance for Private Nonprofits (PNPs)

**PRE-DECLARATION**
- Preliminary Damage Assessment
- State/Territory/Tribe submits Declaration request (within 30 days of incident)
- Presidential Declaration

**APPLICANT COLLABORATION**
- Recipient conducts Applicant Briefings
- Applicants submit Requests for Public Assistance (within 30 days of Declaration)
- FEMA approves Applicant RPAs
- FEMA conducts Recovery Scoping Meeting (within 21 days of RPA approval)

**SUBAWARD FORMULATION**
- Applicant identifies and reports all damage (within 60 days of Recovery Scoping Meeting)
- Develop project Scope of Work and costs
- FEMA and Recipient conduct Exit Briefing

**SUBAWARD FUNDING**
- FEMA obligates funds to Recipient
- Subrecipient completes work and requests Closeout of its project(s)
- Recipient certifies completion (within 180 days of project completion) and FEMA closes project(s)
- FEMA closes the Subrecipient
- FEMA closes the Disaster PA Program Award

**Flowchart**
- Critical PNP
  - Yes: Permanent Work and Emergency Work are eligible
  - No: Permanent Work
- Emergency Work is eligible
  - Yes: SBA loan applied for SBA loan within SBA deadline
    - Yes: SBA loan application approved
      - Yes: SBA loan fully covers Permanent Work cost
        - Yes: Permanent Work is not eligible
        - No: Permanent Work is eligible
          - Costs beyond approved loan amount are eligible
            - Yes: SBA loan fully covers Permanent Work cost
              - Yes: Permanent Work is not eligible
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HENTF Objective

Provide education and training to cultural stewards, first responders, and emergency managers to better prepare them to work together to address emergencies and disasters affecting cultural institutions and historic sites.

culturalrescue.si.edu/hentf/training/
HEART
Heritage Emergency and Response Training
HENTF Objective

Provide information and guidance to the public to help individuals and families protect, stabilize, and recover treasured possessions before, during, and after an event.
Salvaging Water-Damaged Family Valuables and Heirlooms

The losses that are the result of disasters are usually measured in dollars, but often the losses that matter the most are the cherished items and heirlooms that are closest to the hearts of individuals and families. Although these treasured items may be damaged in floods, hurricanes, or tornadoes, it is often possible to salvage them. With a little patience, prompt action, and professional tips, saving treasured photographs, letters, and other irreplaceable objects is possible, although it may involve a follow-up consultation with a conservator.

After the Flood

- Personal safety is always the first priority.
- Check for structural damage to your home.
- Keep power off until safety is confirmed.

After a Fire

- Call your insurance company as soon as possible.
- Personal safety is always the first priority.
- Check for structural damage to your home.

General Information

- If the object is still wet, gently rinse it with clear, clean water. If it is dry, clean off silt and debris with a soft brush or dab it lightly with a damp cloth.
- Air dry wet or damp objects indoors, if possible. Sunlight and heat may be too intense, causing splits, warping, and buckling. Increase airflow with fans. Open windows to exchange air.

Covered in mud and silt, family photos and other family heirlooms lay on streets and lawns after the severe flash flooding in Des Plaines, Illinois, in April 2013. Photo by Bryan Adams/FEMA Corps
NETWORKS

Alliance for Response forums have led to the formation of numerous cooperative disaster networks across the country. These networks are made up of a variety of members, from staff and volunteers at local cultural institutions, to conservators in private practice, to first responders and emergency managers. With a diverse membership, each network benefits from unique perspectives underscored by shared values.

Some networks have many members; others, few. Some meet every two months; others meet quarterly, twice a year, or when time and energy permit. Some have a formal governance structure; others are exploring that direction. Some communicate via email; others, through a listserv or a robust website. What unites them all is their desire to continue the emergency preparedness dialogue begun at their AFR kick-off forum.

Current Networks
- Atlanta
- California
- Central Pennsylvania
- Central Virginia
- Colorado
- Massachusetts
- Minneapolis – St. Paul
- Mississippi Gulf Coast
- New Orleans
- New York Capital Region
- New York City
- North Carolina
- Northwest Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- Philadelphia
State Heritage Emergency Partnership

A Framework for Developing & Fostering Statewide Cultural Heritage Emergency Networks

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*If you want to go fast, you go alone.
If you want to go far, you go together.*

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Statewide Networks: Massachusetts
mblc.state.ma.us/costepma
The months ahead

2019 U.S. Spring Flood Outlook

Flood Category
- Major
- Moderate
- Minor

Issued: March 21, 2019
This U.S. map depicts locations where minor, moderate or major flooding is likely (>50% chance) during March – May 2019.

NOAA

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PARTNERS IN SHAPING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
Figure 12. Emergency Planning by Institution Type

- Institution has a plan and staff are trained to carry out the plan
- Institution has a written emergency/disaster plan, but staff are not trained to carry out the plan
- No written emergency/disaster plan

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Legend:
- Green: Institution has a plan and staff are trained to carry out the plan
- Yellow: Institution has a written emergency/disaster plan, but staff are not trained to carry out the plan
- Red: No written emergency/disaster plan

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