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TO THE COSA MEMBER WEBINAR

Emergency Preparedness – Alliance for Response /
Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC)

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TODAY’S AGENDA

• Welcome

• A National Movement – Jessica Unger

• A Young Network – Maria Holden

• An Established Network – Scott Merritt

• Q and A

• Upcoming Programs and Webinars
TODAY’S SPEAKERS

Jessica Unger
Emergency Programs Coordinator
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Maria Holden
Preservation Officer
New York State Education Dept., Office of Cultural Education

Scott Merritt
Assistant Director for Operations
National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)

Moderator: John Metz, Library of Virginia
Alliance for Response
Jessica Unger, Emergency Programs Coordinator
The Importance of Cooperative Disaster Networks

Disaster happens at the local level, so preparedness needs to happen at the local level.
History of Alliance for Response: 2015-present
National Movement, Local Goals
Past, Present and Future

WEBINAR
Council of State Archives (CoSA)
June 27, 2019

Scott Merritt – Alliance for Response NYC
- New York City chapter established 2004
- Heritage Preservation initiative, now a program of AIC
- Over 500 members
- NYC OEM Partnership
Focus on Collections

- Created a sub-committee to focus on collections
- Collections fact sheets for emergency responders
- Training programs for emergency responders
- Began to investigate AIC-CERT and NYC OEM CERT programs
- Collecting data on areas of expertise
Hurricane Sandy October 2012

Cars submerged in Chelsea

Gallery on the Lower East Side
During the Storm
Activating Partnerships

NYC OEM and AFR NYC

- https://facebook.com/NYCemergencymanagement
- https://twitter.com/nycoem
- http://www.youtube.com/user/nycoem/videos?view=0
After the Storm
New Partnerships

National Professional Groups
- American Institution for Conservation – Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC-CERT)

NYC Local Professional Groups
- New York Regional Association for Conservation (NYRAC)
- Emerging Professionals in Conservation (EPiC)

Museums
- Smithsonian Institution
- Museum of Modern Art
- American Museum of Natural History
After the Storm
New Partnerships

MoMA as a central hub
- Meetings
- Materials storage
- Expertise

Consortium: *Recovery of Works of Art Damaged by Flooding*
- 2 consecutive presentations
- Approximately 200 attendees
- Targeted Q & A
After the Storm
Cultural Recovery Center

Identifying a site
- Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Planning the Space
- Art Storage – SurroundArt
- Recovery Vendors - Rapid Refile

Furnishing and Outfitting
- Materials for the Arts
Lessons Learned

- Dealing with galleries & artists is different from museums and other large institutions

- A centralized database of constituents or volunteers is needed for effective disaster response

- The scope of AFR’s mission was insufficiently defined

- AFR NYC needed a response plan that supports organizational roles, and protocols for communication and resource use

- Training tools and informational resources must be developed before an event occurs
Meeting Community Needs Through Planning

Funded by the New York Community Trust

- Development of a comprehensive ER plan for AFR NYC leadership
- Partnering with AIC CERT and NYC OEM to create a NYC based collection response team
- Development of software for administration and deployment of response team volunteers
- Development of an AFR NYC website and social media feeds
- Documentation and mapping of the NYC cultural community
Heritage Response Team

Serving cultural institutions, artists, and other collections in emergencies

- 50 volunteers
- Advice by phone and email
- On-site assistance

Training

- Incident Command System
- Health and Safety
- Communications
- Assessment and Triage
- Collections-specific salvage
Heritage Response Team Training

Topics

- New York Emergency Management - Community Emergency Response Teams
- Incident Command System
  - HRT members completed the online FEMA ICS 100B course: Introduction to Incident Command System on their own
- Health & Safety
- Light Search & Rescue
- Reentry after a Disaster
- Documentation and Damage Assessments
- Triage and Salvage
- Working with Recovery Vendors
- Understanding Public Relations
New York City OEM
- Informational resources
- Current and past events
- Online membership sign-up and profile management

Social Media
- Facebook: Alliance for Response – New York City
- Twitter: @AFRNYC and @AFRNYC_Alerts

In the works
- Disaster Response case management application
Sustainability

- Increased membership participation
- Increased programming
- Nonprofit incorporation
Getting Involved
Finding a Local Network: [www.culturalheritage.org](http://www.culturalheritage.org)

**ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSE**

Bringing together cultural heritage and emergency management professionals at the local level--where virtually all initial disaster response occurs--is the purpose of the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation’s [Alliance for Response](http://www.culturalheritage.org) initiative.

Launched in 2003, Alliance for Response is a series of one-day forums designed to link key cultural heritage and emergency response representatives, leading to new partnerships and local projects. Alliance for Response fosters cooperation among cultural organizations, influences local planning efforts, and enhances the protection of cultural and historic resources.

Several cooperative disaster networks have formed in the regions where Alliance for Response forums have been held. Now in its second decade, the Alliance for Response initiative has reached several thousands of individuals from more than 1000 museums, libraries, archives, and other collecting institutions in regions across the country. Alliance for Response is generously supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Establishing a New Network: www.culturalheritage.org

PLAN AN ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSE FORUM

Alliance for Response activity begins with a one-day forum for cultural leaders and emergency professionals.

A local committee organizes and implements an AFR kick-off forum with guidance from the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation. A lead institution recruits a forum planning committee representing the region’s cultural heritage, civic, and emergency response communities. It is important that the planning committee membership—like the audience for the forum—be diverse in terms of the types of institutions represented (archives, libraries, museums, and historic sites) and their governance (nonprofit, university, state, municipal institutions). Representation from the emergency management community is essential.

Community Involvement

In addition to inviting leaders of cultural institutions to your forum, be sure to invite:

- Your local fire chief, fire marshal, and fire station captains.
- Local emergency management coordinator, police chief, and mayor.
- Leaders of your regional and/or state archives, emergency management, historic preservation, library, and museum associations.

Inform the offices and associations linked to below about your efforts. They might have suggestions for speakers or invitees and could be involved in follow-up efforts:

- State Archives
- State Library
- National, Regional, and State Museum Associations
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- State Arts Council
- State Humanities Council
- State Emergency Management Agency
Working with Your Neighbors
Thank You!

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CoSA Member Webinar - June 27, 2019
### UPCOMING MEMBER WEBINARS

#### 2019 theme: Emergency preparedness and response

- **July 25:** Emergency Preparedness: Lyrasis and CCAHA
- **August 22:** CoSA Annual Meeting Review
- **September 26:** SHRAB Town Hall
- **October 24:** Recipients of CoSA-Ancestry Leadership Award and Victoria Irons Walch Emerging Leader Award

Register: [https://www.statearchivists.org/programs/cosa-webinar-series/](https://www.statearchivists.org/programs/cosa-webinar-series/)

UPCOMING SERI WEBINARS

- Summer Hiatus
- Check the Website for SERI Webinars this fall!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18-20: NAGARA Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN

July 31- August 6: CoSA-SAA Annual Meeting, Austin, TX
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