

# Cooperative Disaster Networks

## WEST REGION

California

### **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. 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://goldcoastlibraries.org/?page\\_id=6](http://goldcoastlibraries.org/?page_id=6)

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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### **Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness Network**

<http://www.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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### **Inland Empire Libraries Disaster Response Network (IELDRN)**

<https://ieldresponesenetwork.wordpress.com>

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

<https://lapreservation.wordpress.com>

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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#### **Sacramento Area Disaster Response Network (SADRN)**

<http://www.saclibrary.org/SADRN>

Sacramento Area Disaster Response Network (SADRN) manages a listserv (SACREGCOL-L) and as well as a cache of disaster supplies.

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

<http://www.sildrn.org>

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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Oregon

#### **Portland Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/portland>

Portland Alliance for Response works with local cultural institutions, first responders, and emergency managers in the Portland, Oregon, metro area to develop relationships that foster mutual understanding. Our goal is to create a cooperative network to safeguard our cultural heritage through effective communication and coordination of disaster preparedness and emergency response efforts.

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Washington

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

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/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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## **MOUNTAIN PLAINS REGION**

Colorado

#### **Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force**

<http://www.chrtaskforce.com>

The Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force (CHR Task Force) is a network of more than 100

individuals representing a wide range of institutions, including local historical societies, historic sites, museums, archives, libraries, and local and state emergency management agencies, throughout Colorado. Sponsored by the Center for Colorado & the West at the University of Colorado Denver and the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, the CHR Task Force works to improve the State of Colorado's mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources during disasters.

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## Kansas

### **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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## Utah

### **Utah Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/utah>

The Utah Alliance for Response aims to bring together cultural institutions, emergency planners, and first responders to address the issue of preserving cultural resources—from collections to buildings—following large-scale disasters.

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## Texas

### **Texas Cultural Emergency Response Alliance**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/texas>

The Texas Cultural Emergency Response Alliance (TX-CERA) is an affiliation of institutions and persons interested in preserving the cultural heritage of Texas from the effects of catastrophic events. TX-CERA combines the efforts of the Dallas Alliance for Response network – the State of Texas Alliance for Response Team (START) – with the Galveston–Houston Alliance for Response network to create an effective statewide organization. Through education and advocacy TX-CERA serves as a resource for cultural institutions in order to mitigate loss of cultural and heritage collections due to disaster.

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## MIDWEST REGION

## Michigan

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

<http://macch.org>

The Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage is a statewide 501(c)(3) organization composed of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies and preservation networks that was founded in October 1988 with the support of the Michigan Humanities Council. The 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.

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## Ohio

### **Northeast Ohio Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/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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## Minnesota

### **Twin Cities Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/minneapolis-st-paul>

The Twin Cities Alliance for Response initiative is an educational forum to foster cooperative responses to disasters and emergencies at the museums, libraries, historical societies, and archives of the seven-county metropolitan region of Minneapolis and St. Paul. With presenters and representatives from its first responder communities (fire, police, Homeland Security, and National Guard) and its cultural institutions, a new integration of strategies, best practices, and cooperative agreements are being identified and established.

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## MID-ATLANTIC REGION

## New York

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

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/new-york-city>

Alliance for Response NYC was established in 2004 as a local volunteer organization focused on connecting emergency responders with representatives of the cultural heritage community. Our goal is to strengthen mitigation and response capabilities of the NYC cultural heritage and arts communities through training opportunities, fostering of local planning efforts, and improved dialogue and partnerships. AFR NYC comprises a cross-section of public and private individuals, businesses, agencies, and institutions interested in the preservation of New York City's cultural holdings.

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## Pennsylvania

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

<https://centralpaafrr.wordpress.com>

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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**Philadelphia Alliance for Response**

<https://afrphilly.wordpress.com>

Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Response works with city, state, and federal agencies, collecting institutions, and funders to safeguard and preserve the region's historical and cultural assets by providing a mutual support network and access to resources to respond to disasters.

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**Pittsburgh Alliance for Response**

<https://sites.google.com/site/afrpittsburgh>

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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New Jersey

**New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response**

<http://njculturalalliance.wix.com/njcar>

New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR) is a network of organizations, associations, agencies, and persons dedicated to safeguarding the cultural heritage of New Jersey. Through communication and training, the Alliance empowers New Jersey's cultural community to preserve assets and sustain operations before, during, and after disasters.

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## SOUTHEAST REGION

Georgia

**Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA)**

<http://heraatlanta.wordpress.com/author/heraatlanta>

The Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA) is an affiliation of institutions and individuals interested in preserving the cultural heritage in the metro Atlanta area and serving as a resource to cultural institutions around the state. The primary aim of HERA is to mitigate the loss of cultural heritage in the event of a disaster. We are a group of curators, archivists, librarians, preservation specialists, conservators, emergency management personnel, disaster recovery vendors, safety and security staff, and anyone with an interest in protecting cultural institutions

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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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## North Carolina

### **Cultural Resources Emergency Support Team (CREST)**

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCCR) manages CREST to coordinate disaster preparedness and response initiatives throughout North Carolina.

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

MACREN provides disaster assistance to cultural institutions in the Asheville, North Carolina, region.

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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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## South Carolina

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

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

The Charleston Archives, Libraries and Museums Council (CALM) is a group of Charleston, S.C. area organizations interested in preservation of and access to historic and contemporary materials, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. CALM provides an opportunity for participants in the archives, library, museum and records communities to interact in a supportive environment for the exchange of ideas and information.

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## Virginia

### **Central Virginia Alliance for Response**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/virginia>

The Central Virginia Alliance for Response provides an active network for local museums, libraries, and archives to improve their collective emergency preparedness, better protect their collections, staff, and visitors, and coordinate mutual assistance in recovery from disasters affecting cultural resources in central Virginia.

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## Florida

### **Alliance for Response Miami**

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/miami>

Alliance for Response Miami is an alliance of artists, museums, archives, libraries, galleries, cultural institutions, and emergency responders in the Miami-Dade and Monroe counties focused on communications, training, and networking. We aim to work across all local art and cultural institutions along with the local emergency services to develop mutual understanding in advance of any emergency and/or disaster.

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## NORTHEAST REGION

### Connecticut

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

<http://costep-ct.org>

The mission 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. Create and maintain a statewide disaster framework regarding preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

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### Massachusetts

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

<http://mbhc.state.ma.us/costepma>

Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness in Massachusetts (COSTEP MA) is a collaborative of representatives of cultural and historical institutions and agencies as well as first responder and emergency management professionals from federal, state, and municipal governments. The purpose of COSTEP MA is to build and foster a statewide emergency planning process that serves the cultural and emergency management communities and addresses disaster prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The process will ensure an ongoing dialogue that promotes mutual understanding and coordination between these communities, both of which are committed to protecting our Commonwealth's cultural heritage.

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### Vermont

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

<http://www.heritageemergency.org/initiatives/alliance-for-response/networks/vermont>

The Vermont Cultural Heritage and Art Recovery Team (VCHART) is hosted by the Vermont Historical Society in Barre, Vermont. Its members include curators, conservators, librarians, archivists, municipal clerks, and emergency responders. The team is an outgrowth of the Vermont Alliance for Response Forum held in Woodstock, Vermont, in 2009 that brought together staff from interested cultural institutions and first responders to discuss the need for collaboration and preplanning prior to emergency situations.

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