Community-Wide Disasters, Community-Wide Response

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NEDCC Digital Preservation Needs Assessment Findings – Disaster Planning

2005 Institutional Surveys:
- None of the institutions surveyed had a digital disaster plan
- None had incorporated digital production, content, or storage into their existing disaster plans

2008 Aggregate Surveys from “SODA” Workshops
- 27% had Disaster Planning in Policies
- 23.4% had in Procedures

Traditionally, we have not been prepared
Survey Results 2011 – Some Improvement

Does your unit have a WRITTEN policy document that addresses digital holdings in each of the following areas?

- Collection development
- Preservation
- Rights and licensing
- Strategic planning

Answer options: Yes, No, Being developed
Community-Wide Disasters & Response

Regional and Community-Wide Disasters:
- East Coast Blackout (2003)
- Hurricane Katrina (2005)
- Hurricane Irene (2011)

Response from the Cultural and Emergency Management Communities:
- Alliance for Response
- Regional Emergency Response Networks
- CHIs and Business Continuity Groups
- CHIs and Department of Homeland Security
- CHIs and Disaster Recovery Vendors
Heritage Emergency National Task Force

- 40 members, including American Library Association, Library of Congress, National Archives, Federal Funders

Task Force activities:
- Provide vetted information for institutions
- Offer preservation advice for the public
- Promote preparedness and mitigation
- Foster cooperation with emergency professionals
- Coordinate assistance after disasters

Task Force called into action with every large-scale regional disaster
Alliance for Response Goals

- Raise awareness of the need to protect cultural and historic resources
- Initiate an ongoing dialogue with emergency responders
- Build and sustain local networks
- Encourage disaster planning and mitigation at institutions
- Currently 17 Metro Area or Statewide Alliance Groups; information at: http://www.heritagepreservation.org/afr/index.html
Alliance for Response Trends

Continuing Education on Disaster Preparedness and Response including:

- Tabletop Exercises
- Fire and Evacuation Drills; Fire Extinguisher Training
- Meetings/Training with Emergency Managers
- Disaster Supply Cache Placement
- Develop Formal/Sustainable Organization
- Working with Disaster Vendors and Insurance Cos.
- Group Disaster Vulnerability Assessment Exercises
LYRASIS Regional Emergency Response Network Program

Goal: To develop a model to assist cultural heritage institutions with the creation of community-wide networks and to support joint disaster planning, response and recovery while fostering emergency readiness amongst the individual members of the network.

Status: Networks in development in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and Tennessee
Pittsburgh Alliance for Response

- Group of 20 Cultural Organizations working together for four years

- Relationships with:
  - Three Rivers Continuity Planning Association (Business Continuity Group)
  - Pennsylvania Region 13 (Homeland Security Group)
  - Disaster Recovery Vendors
Pittsburgh Alliance for Response Activities

- Tabletop Exercises
- Wet Material Packout
- Tour of City Emergency Operations Center
- Fire Department Presentations
- Tour of Vendor Facility
- Institutional Insurance Presentation
- $5000 Disaster Supply Cache developed
TRCPA

- Corporate and City Service Membership
- Education and Information Exchange
- Large-Scale Disaster Drills
- Business Continuity Planning
- Certification (to return to disaster areas)
- Emergency Communication Line
- TRCPA-Notify Listserv
Region 13

- All Hazards and Counter Terrorism Task Force
- Weekly E-Newsletter
- Special Focus on Cyber-Security
- Library, Archives, and Museum involvement in Drills and Warnings for Large Events (G8, Occupy Movement)
Disaster Recovery Vendors

- Tour Offices
- Assistance in Developing Disaster Supply Caches
- Assistance with Computer Hardware and Media Recovery
Digital-Specific Disaster Preparedness

- MetaArchive
- Alabama Digital Preservation Network (ADPNet)
- Council of Praries and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) and ADPNet Backup Plan
Resources to Use for Further Disaster Planning Activities
Emergency Response & Salvage Wheel

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- Available in five languages
- Latest edition:
  - Water-resistant coating
  - Magnets for easy access
  - All new section on Electronic Records
Welcome to dPlan!

Is your institution ready to deal with a disaster?

Disasters can come in all shapes and sizes, from natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes) to emergencies resulting from an accident (burst water pipe), deferred maintenance (leaking roof), or negligence (fire or mold). An effective response will be determined by how well prepared you are to deal with a disaster.

Disaster planning is an essential component of preserving your institution's collections. With a written disaster plan, libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other collection-holding institutions can reduce the risk of disaster and minimize losses. dPlan is perfect for small and medium-sized institutions that do not have in-house preservation staff. dPlan is also valuable for large library systems or museum campuses that need to develop separate but related plans for multiple buildings, locations, or branches.

dPlan can help you create a plan for disaster prevention and response. Enter data into the online template to create a customized disaster plan for your institution. This plan will help you:

- prevent or mitigate disasters,
- prepare for the most likely emergencies,
- respond quickly to minimize damage if disaster strikes, and
- recover effectively from disaster while continuing to provide services to your community.

Learn More

Are you ready to proceed? Choose one of these options:

- Demo To try dPlan
- New User To register as a new user
Resource Organizations

- NEDCC: 978.470.1010 or www.nedcc.org
- CCAHA: 215.545.0613 or www.ccaha.org
- LYRASIS: 800.999.8558 or www.lyrasis.org
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