



## **Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response Kick-off Forum**

October 26, 2009

Wildwood Conference Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Planning Committee and attendees of the October 26, 2009 Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response Forum, held at the Wildwood Conference Center at Harrisburg Area Community College wish to thank all of the presenters at the forum event for their time and excellent presentations. The activity was a great success in many ways, and served to immediately set the stage for further networking and action on disaster preparedness and recovery in Central Pennsylvania.

The program included a wide variety of accomplished speakers. It was wonderful to see the post-program evaluations including mentions of almost every one of the speakers as having given a presentation which was among the highlights of the day! Approximately 30 people attended the session, with ten from the preservation and emergency management field and twenty from academic libraries, public libraries, museums and a representative of the York County Heritage Trust. While the audience was somewhat smaller than the Planning Group had hoped for, they were a very engaged group and showed a high degree of appreciation for the program. And, with the success of this initial program, there is a great opportunity to attract more attendees to future Central Pennsylvania Alliance for Response activities.

As the Alliance for Response Central Pennsylvania initiative continues, thanks to the generous support from ACLCP, MUTERS, and BELFOR, there is some funding which can be used to support future Alliance events in the region, and to keep registration costs either free or extremely low.