

Our Participating Organizations

SHER members include:

First Responders
Government Agencies
Historical Institutions
Historical Sites
Museums
Academic and Public Libraries
Church Archives



Helpful Contacts:

CEMA: Chatham Emergency Management Agency

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City of Savannah: Emergency Management

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For more information or to join **SHER**:
<http://sheronline.info/>

Keep current with **SHER** news posted on
Alliance for Response's website:
[http://www.heritagepreservation.org/
AfR/Savannah/index.html](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/Savannah/index.html)

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Savannah Heritage Emergency Response

A Savannah area
network dedicated to
protecting our
natural, cultural, and
historical institutions
from disaster

Our Purpose

SHER exists 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.

Background

The **Savannah Alliance for Response Forum**, held on December 8, 2009, at the Jepson Center for the Arts, resulted in a new coalition committed to protecting the area's extensive cultural heritage. Led by emergency management officials from Chatham County and the City of Savannah, participants from cultural, natural, historical, and educational institutions, and emergency responders agreed to an ambitious menu of cooperative disaster planning, training, and preparation. The Savannah Alliance for Response Forum offered an excellent program and resulted in a new coalition committed to protecting the area's extensive cultural heritage. The formation of **SHER** was a result of that initial meeting.

Our Functions and Duties

1. Conduct regular meetings to address pertinent issues
2. Provide needed information to CEMA (Chatham Emergency Management Agency) for maintaining a county-wide master database of community based natural, cultural and historical institutions including non-SHER members. This information will also be included in the county-wide GIS database
3. Provide needed information to CEMA for development and update of a Natural, Cultural and Historical Coordination Plan in support of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Support Function system
4. Identify private/public sector resources available to assist with emergency mitigation and or response
5. Provide, promote and facilitate information, training, exercises, and educational opportunities related to natural, cultural, and historical preparedness, mitigation, emergency response, recovery and continuity of operations
6. Provide input and feedback to CEMA on emerging legislation and/or regulations related to natural, cultural, and historical heritage and emergency preparedness and response. Collaborate with CEMA on dissemination of information about and implementation of requirements and opportunities from emerging legislation and/or regulations. Assist CEMA in information gathering, research, and survey on the impact of legislation and/or regulations on the local NCH constituency.
7. Provide collegial assistance to other natural, cultural, and historic communities developing or refining their disaster planning capabilities.

About Heritage Preservation

Heritage Preservation is a national non-profit promoting care and conservation of our cultural heritage through educational programs and public awareness. Heritage Preservation matches museums, libraries, and individuals with the best preservation advice from professional conservators.

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About Alliance for Response

Alliance for Response is a national program on cultural heritage and disaster management. Through a series of local Forums, it builds bridges between the cultural heritage and emergency response communities before disasters happen. The Forums lead to new partnerships, policies, and cooperative planning efforts.

For more information:
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/afr/index.html>