

# COSTEP MA Resilience Symposium for Cultural Institutions

Presentation slide decks

## Session 2: What to Expect in Community-Wide/Large Disasters

12:45pm - 2:00pm

Presentations in order of appearance:

1. Presentation given by Ben Hiltunen, All Hazards Planner, MEMA
2. Presentation given by Lori Foley, Administrator, HENTF
3. Presentation given by Angela Campbell, Paper Conservator, HACE, National Parks Service
4. Presentation given by Virginia Hewitt, Director, Brooks Free Library

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# Superstorm Sandy at the Metropolitan Museum of Art: Preparation and Response

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# The Metropolitan Museum of Art



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## The Metropolitan Museum of Art

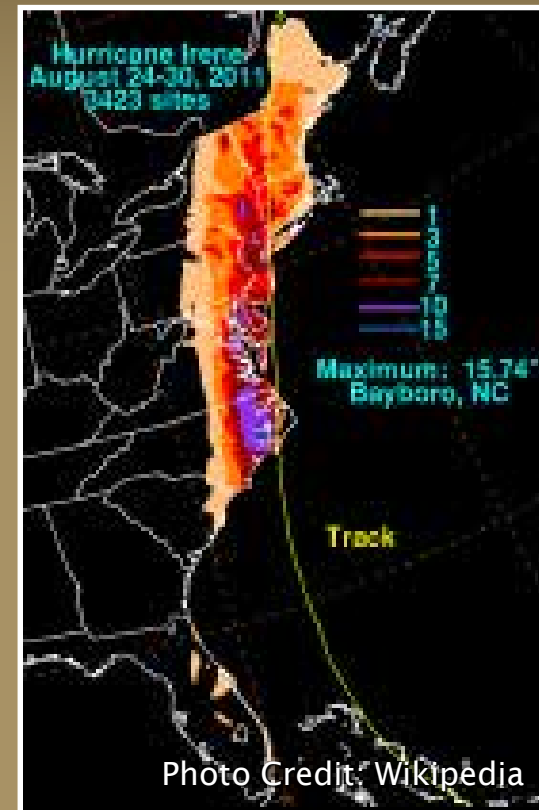
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# The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Original exterior facades, visible inside the museum

# Earthquake/Hurricane Irene



August 2011 Earthquake and Hurricane

# Emergency Preparedness



Planning for Emergency Management, Chapter 16: Rebecca Fifield

# Incident Command System



Introduction to the Incident Command System

# Aerial Lift Training



Aerial Lift Training and what not to do

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# Go Bags



CET Go-Bag stocked with emergency supplies and conservation tools

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# Hands-on Training



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Objects were intentionally submerged in pools of water

# Situational Role Practice



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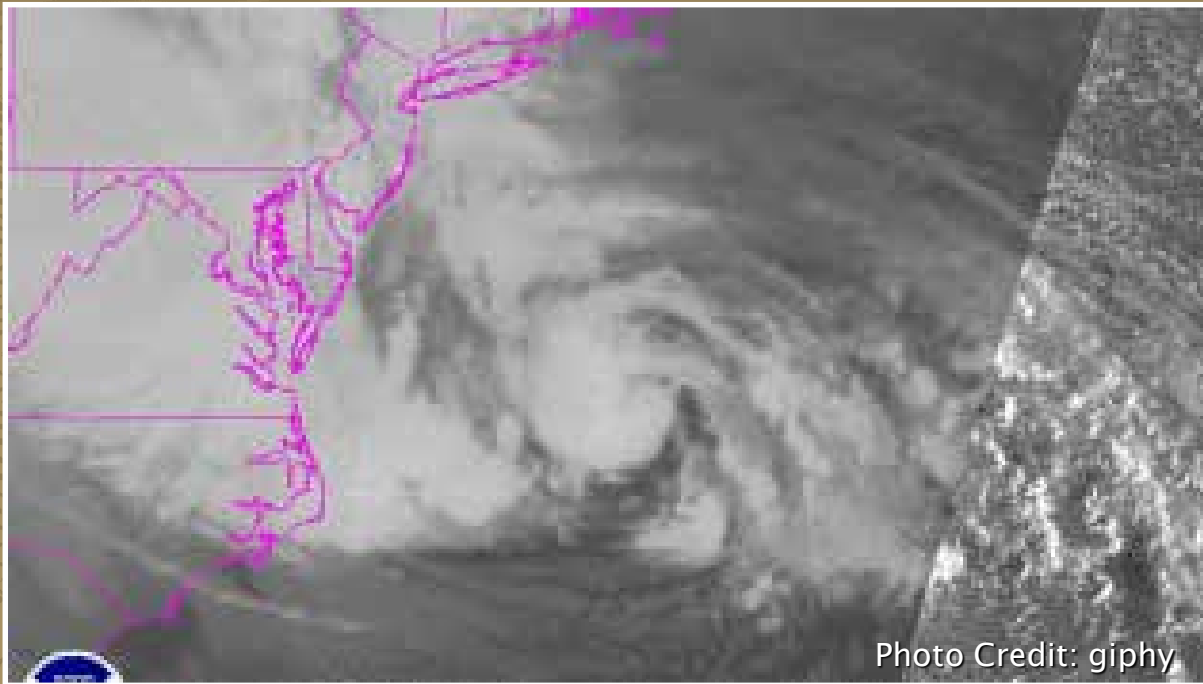
An empty gallery was set up and used as a faux disaster zone

# NYPD/NYFD



NYPD/NYFD engagement was essential

# Sandy: Overview



Sandy approaching the Eastern Seaboard

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# Sandy: Predictions



Distinct westward curve predicted for Sandy's path

# Sandy: Actions Taken by NY



Photo Credit: Wikipedia

Preparing lower Manhattan subway access for potential flooding

# Sandy: Actions Taken by the MMA



Locked doors and taped windows at the MMA

# Sandy: Protocol Implementation



Gallery rounds when the museum was closed to the public

# Sandy: Impact



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FDR Drive and Midtown Tunnel flooding, NYU Langone evacuation, Chelsea art gallery damage, Subway inaccessability

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