

PRICE Action Teams

PRICE members co-lead three action teams that implement and strengthen logistics, policy & procedure, and training for collections emergencies.



Left: MayDay!
Wet Salvage
Workshop at
the Paul E.
Garber Facility



Right: Holy Smokes!
Fire Salvage
Workshop at the
Alcohol Tobacco
Firearms and
Explosives Fire
Research Lab

PRICE Support Team

PRICE workshop participants who meet on a regular basis and provide support and subject matter expertise to the PRICE team.



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STRENGTHENING COLLECTIONS
STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS

STRONGER TOGETHER

PRICE

Preparedness and Response in
Collections Emergencies



A pan-Institutional team that assists the National Collections Program, provides support as part of the Smithsonian's Emergency Operation Center, and serves as Smithsonian's first central collections emergency response team.

Logistics Action Team

Ashley Jehle - National Museum of African Art

Katie Wagner - Smithsonian Libraries and Archives



Pan-Institutional Survey of Collections Emergency Kits

A comprehensive list of materials found in emergency kits across the SI was compiled to support the development of bulk ordering strategies, cross-training of units on supplies, and lending resources across units in an efficient manner.

Statement of Work (SOW) Library

A library of SOWs is being developed. These SOWs can be used as templates for similar orders. For example, if there's a mold outbreak, a previous mold-related SOW can be tailored to another unit's specific needs.

Resource Sharing

In partnership with Smithsonian Facilities, we are working to identify spaces, equipment, and supplies that can be shared across units in the event of an emergency, including vehicles, dehumidifiers, fans, shop vacs and more.

Policy & Procedure Action Team

Brian Abrams - Freer Sackler Galleries

Nora Lockshin - Smithsonian Libraries and Archives



Collections Emergency Management Plan Template

This template supplements the Unit Emergency Management Program. Collecting units can use this document as a foundation to develop their unit-specific policies.

Emergency Planning Survey

Data collected provides a snapshot of unit planning and baseline information about each unit in the event of a collections-related incident.



Above: Holy Smokes! Fire Salvage Workshop at the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Fire Research Lab

Training Action Team

Cali Martin - National Museum of the American Indian

Lisa Palmer - National Museum of Natural History



Webinars & Virtual Trainings

Internal online trainings include Salvaging Wet Collection Items, Collections Emergency Roles and Responsibilities, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Fire Suppression at SI, Collections-Based Hazards, and Collections Emergency Documentation.

In-Person Workshops

Full-day workshops build awareness and readiness for response and interdisciplinary collaboration among participants. They include MayDay! Wet Salvage, Holy Smokes! Fire Salvage, and the Collections Item Handling Open House.

Facilitated Trainings

Trainings range from tabletop exercises to hands-on trainings, available virtually or in person, and include Collections Emergency Documentation and Collections Emergency Kits.