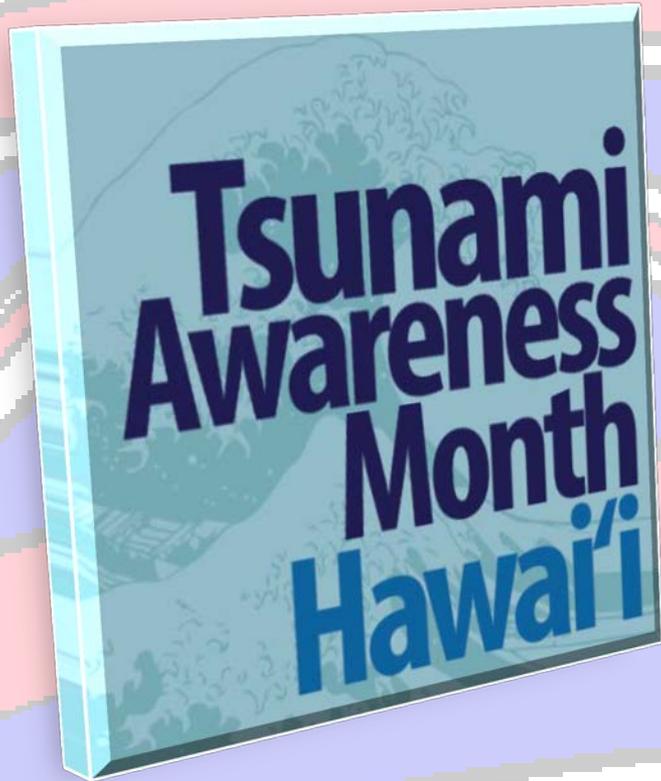




***Hawaii's
Year in Review: 2015***
February 4, 2016

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April is Tsunami Awareness Month in Hawai'i. This month was chosen to honor the victims and survivors of the April 1, 1946 Tsunami that originated from the Aleutian Islands.

April 1, 2015

- ***Tsunami awareness activities, including a hands-on demonstration, took place at Lanikai Elementary School.***

April 15, 2015

- ***Tsunami Awareness Presentation (Hawaii Hazard Awareness and Resiliency Program) at Waianae District Park. Pacific Tsunami Warning Center presented tsunami basics.***

April 20-21, 2015

- ***International Tsunami Symposium – 50th Anniversary of the Pacific Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System “Making the Pacific Ready for the Tsunami Threat”***

April 22-24, 2015

- ***Twenty-sixth Session of the UNESCO IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System***



“Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly known as State Civil Defense)” As of 01-28-2016, we will be known as Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) worked diligently to support local efforts to enhance tsunami awareness and preparedness throughout the state in 2015. (Currently, there are five communities within three to four months of completing their recognition process and eight to ten more waiting to get started)





In October, HI-EMA spearheaded a campaign to promote the Great Hawaii ShakeOut annual earthquake drill. In Hawaii, earthquakes can cause locally generated tsunamis, which is one of our state's greatest natural threats. In a partnership with the State Department of Education, all students practiced the proper "Drop, Cover and Hold On" technique to protect themselves from the effects of an earthquake. Schools located within a Tsunami Evacuation Zone followed the earthquake drill with a campus wide evacuation to their designated safety zones. More than 244,000 people participated in the drill statewide.

In July, HI-EMA collaborated with the Honolulu City & County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to unveil the newly created Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zone maps for the island of Oahu.



DISTANT TSUNAMIS

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A DISTANT TSUNAMI HAS BEEN GENERATED FROM AFAR IN HAWAII, that means a tsunami from Chile, the Aleutian Islands, Japan, or elsewhere.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT A DISTANT TSUNAMI IS APPROACHING?
Sirens will sound, TV, radio, & wireless phone alerts provide notification including arrival time.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
Pay Attention to Sirens, TV/Radio Broadcasts, and Wireless Alerts!
Be Sure to Follow your Established Evacuation Plan.

LOCALLY GENERATED TSUNAMIS

A tsunami generated from the coast of Hawaii's Island could impact...

A LOCALLY GENERATED TSUNAMI ORIGINATES CLOSE TO US (for us that means right here) since the cause is local, it can be upon our shorelines.

WHAT CAUSED UNDERWATER SEA

Oahu in 20-30 minutes

MauI in under 15 minutes

Hawaii Island in 5 minutes

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT A LOCAL TSUNAMI MAY BE APPROACHING? NATURE GIVES US THESE WARNING SIGNS:
Earthquake and Whirlpools
Water Receding Out
Water Surging Inland
Unusual Sound from the Sea

READY FOR A

DURING

Take ACTION When a Tsunami Warning is Issued

Activate your emergency plan and leave an evacuation zone quickly and safely well before the expected tsunami arrival time, using the route to higher ground that you have established.

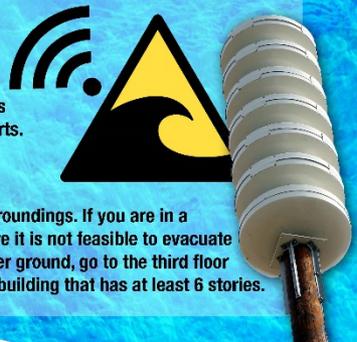
Cut the gas and electric power when you leave your home to evacuate.



Turn on your television/radio when you hear an outdoor warning siren, and follow the instructions broadcasted on the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

If you are outside of an evacuation zone, stay where you are to keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles.

Observe Wireless Emergency Alerts.



Notice your surroundings. If you are in a situation where it is not feasible to evacuate inland to higher ground, go to the third floor or higher in a building that has at least 6 stories.

DON'T WAIT!
Get to higher ground immediately!
Walking may be safer and easier than driving.



The Pacific Tsunami Museum, unveiled its brand new Tsunami Safety Wall exhibit in August with the assistance and support of HI-EMA. In addition to illustrating the differences between locally generated and distant tsunamis, the wall also shows visitors how to prepare before a tsunami approaches, take action once a tsunami warning is issued, and stay informed and calm after a tsunami strikes



*Aloha, John
We will miss you!*



TBT photo,
What a
team!