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2015 NTHMP Annual Meeting

Feb 9 - 13, 2015
Oregon State Office Building
Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, OR 97232
SUCCESES

- Outreach Program
- Training & Exercises
- Warning Siren
- Evacuation Maps
- TsunamiReady Awareness
- Warning Information Dissemination
Outreach Program

Weekly outreach efforts to ensure resiliency within different communities

- Schools (Public/Private)
- Villages
- Churches
- Government Offices
- Private Businesses
- Ethnic Groups
- Live Presentations
- Radio Spots (3X-weekly)
- TV Shows (weekly)
- Newspaper Ads (4X-weekly)
- Brochures & Flyers
- Fairs, Market, Shopping Center
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Outreach Program
Tsunami Training & Exercises

SCHOOLS
CHURCHES
GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ETHNIC GROUPS
VILLAGES
PRIVATE BUSINESS
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Outreach Program
PSA’s & Public Information

RADIO
TELEVISION
FAIRS, MARKETS, SHOPPING CENTERS
LIVE PRESENTATIONS
BROCHURES
NEWSPAPER ADS
ASDHS is able to maintain operability of all 48 sirens on a regular basis. A solid maintenance program is integral to the sustainment of this critical outdoor warning system.
Utilizing completed inundation mapping from Dr. Fai Cheung to create new tsunami evacuation maps for American Samoa. Maps are used during public outreach and made available upon request.
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TsunamiReady

It’s a success keeping American Samoa a TsunamiReady Community through...

- Outreach
- Signage Maintenance
- Monthly Siren Tests
- 24/7 Warning Point
- Trainings & Exercises

Be Tsunami Resilient ...American Samoa
ASDHS-TEMCO

When in doubt, head to higher ground!
Tsunami Awareness Week

Are You Ready?
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Warning Information Dissemination

Joint Typhoon Warning Center
JTWC

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
PTWC

National Weather Office
Pago Pago-NWS

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ASG

FEMA

NOAA

EAS
SIREN
2-WAY
RADIO
TV
NEWSPAPER
SOCIAL
PHONE
BELL
POLICE

COMMUNITIES
Challenges

Some of the challenges we have encountered

- Time Zone Difference
- Language Translation
- Cultural Beliefs
- Government Dependency
- Private Land Issues
- Media reporting
- Scheduling
- Transportation
- Off Island Approval
- Disaster Plans
ON GOING

- New Tsunami Warning Outdoor & Indoor Sirens
- Update Tsunami Evacuation Maps & Sign placements
- EOC Upgrade and complete transition to the New Building
- Outreach Program & Information dissemination
- Relocation of FNARs (FEMA National Radio System)
- Continue collaborations with federal partners
THANK YOU