MES Phone Call – October 4, 2018

Attendees: Tamra, Kevin, Rocky, Christa R., Kieran, Amanda, Becky, Christa VonH., Summer, Tammy, Antonina, Vinnie, Yvette, Nick, Maximilian, Keily

Social Science Project:

- RFP pending
- No other updates

Maritime Guidance development:

Document update -

- Grant task status – awarded to California
- Just completed a Workshop + TTX up in Humboldt County
- State of WA put on a workshop over the summer – website available
- California will be moving ahead on its task.

Next steps include

(1) Drafting updates to Chapter 2: Response & Preparedness
(2) Drafting updates to Chapter 3: Mitigation & Recovery
(3) Re-assembling team members
(4) Surveying for existing work and initiatives among partners
(5) Scheduling a series of conference calls
(6) Redrafting Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 by end of Performance Period

Reviewers of FEMA P646 update:

Will get an update from Mahoney and will distribute
WA Tsunami Vertical Evacuation Guide will go public in Nov.

Future HAZUS training

WA training in September
Has connected Puerto Rico (Carolina Hincapie from CTWP) to Hazus group
Tamra will work with Region 9 for American Samoa and California interest

WEA West Coast

What you want when a Tsunami Warning is issued.

- Polygons requested by NOAA (WA, OR, CA & AK)
  - Working with West Coast and AK separately
- Rocky & Becky
- Maximilian – coord w/Kara and will provide/share parameters requested
- No actual hard deadline (6 weeks).

WEA 360 Character Message – Survey concluded on Sept 30th, 2018

Will review survey results and establish a unified message in English and Spanish.
Upcoming initiatives:
Oct 17th – Conference call for English version discussion
Oct 24th – Conference call Spanish version discussion

Please share with stakeholders beyond NTHMP

Exercise Discussion for 2019:

CARIBE WAVE – Thursday March 14th, 2019, 14h00 UTC
Scenarios:
Earthquake off-shore of Panama
Volcano tsunami scenario – Kick 'em Jenny

PACFEX – Wednesday, March 20th, 2019
Scenario:
Kuril Islands

LANTEX – Thursday, March 27th, 2019
Scenarios still under discussion. Suggestions have include Cumbre La Vieja Volcano in Canary Islands and Puerto Rico Trench

LANTEX and PACIFEX are for stakeholders of NTWC, James Waddell is responsible of preparing Handbook.

CARIBE WAVE is for US and International stakeholders of PTWC in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (from Bermuda thru Brazil).

Survey for exercise feedback - Christa von H

- CaribeWave survey includes 60 questions (in addition to exercise specific questions includes some on topics like TsunamiReady, availability of evacuation maps, status of emergency response plans), see example at https://nws.weather.gov/nthmp/documents/caribewavesurvey2018.pdf.
- Do others want to use survey?
    i. Identify gaps and lessons
    ii. What types of exercise
    iii. Test comms systems
- Conducting a survey is not feasible for fed
    iv. Can a state take this on
    v. Put together a survey on SurveyMonkey?

Attached is the evaluation form used by the CARIBE EWS, this evaluation form is completed just by one rep per country, it is not an individual participant survey and the purpose is to gauge the Tsunami Warning System as a whole.

The survey would need to reflect the objectives of the exercise themselves and Christa will contact James from NTWC to see if he can provide and also if they have an evaluation form.

According to the Strategic Plan, exercises are to:
Identify Gaps and Lessons learned to improve tsunami emergency response plans.
There are different types of exercises, which can even include community evacuation drills
They can be tsunami specific or part of broader multihazard exercise
Test Communication Systems (from TWC to WFO, to EM? from WFO/EM to communities?)
Enhance collaboration among Fed, State, local and NGOs

In CARIBE EWS, the member states are requested to indicate the # of participants. Should the survey include this?

Would this form be used to evaluate all NTHMP supported exercises, not just LANTEX, PACIFEX, CARIBE WAVE?

Planning for Annual Meeting

Jan 27th - Feb 1st 2019
Format has changed to reduce time for MES meeting for Business Meeting only.
Only have 2 hours and 50 mins.

- Elect Co-Chairs
- Updating Work plan

Annual Meeting will be changed to reflect "topical workshops"

- Tuesday
    - 2 long format workshops (dedicated time to collaborate w/MMS/WCS
    - Organized by topic
    - 4 short format workshops (two sets of concurrent workshops)
- Wednesday
    - Annual Meeting
- Thursday
    - AM – Partners Update
    - Midday – Field Trip
    - PM – Grantees Meeting

Other

- Maximilian – WEA Test – Are there agencies conducting survey on how well it worked with data they can share?
- Christa R. – Tsunami Information Guide nearly complete. Team look for update soon.

Next MES Phone Call Meeting:

December 18, 2018 (12PST, 3PST)