

NTHMP MES - Meeting notes 5/17/2022
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Attendees:

Regina Browne, VITEMA; Nic Arcos, NCEI; Todd Becker, Cal OES; Julie Fujimoto, HIEMA; Tom Jordan, Marin County OES, California; Dave Kochevar, NWS Alaska Region HQ; Curtis Johnson Alaska DHS&EM ; Summer Ohlendorf, NTWC; Dave Snider, NTWC; Tsunami warning coordinator; Lewis Kozlosky, NWS HQ; Ricardo Soto HI-EMA; Carolina Hincapie-Cardenas, NOAA/NWS ITIC; Elyssa Tappero - WA EMD; Yvette LaDuke, Cal OES; Althea Rizzo , Oregon Office of Emergency Management; John Marquis, SCEC/TsunamiZone.org; Ed Fratto , Northeast States Emergency Consortium; Maximillian Dixon, WA EMD; Mario Kaipat, CNMI; Victor Huerfano, PR Seismic Network; Mark Benthien, SCEC; Laura Kong, ITIC; James Benzschawel - Alaska DHSEM;

Welcome: Todd Becker, Chair of MES

Introduction of new MES members

Ricardo (Ric) Soto-Lopez HI-EMA as of 16 March. Headed up 5yr State Haz Mit Plan, assigned to EQ and tsunami work.

Curtis Johnson, new POC Geohaz for Alaska DHS&EM

Presentation – Tsunami Outreach for Short-term rentals.

Tom Jordan Marin County Emergency Services Coordinator

- NOAA radio can bridge the gap for the community by providing radios to every rental property to utilize for Hazard Warning information
- Developed in partnership with Cal OES, among others.
- In Tstinson Beach office realized the gap in communicating for short-term rentals. Though reverse 911 exists, cell phone coverage is limited.
- In partnership with a local disaster preparedness group, NOAA Weather Radios were provided to a large property management agency of short-term rentals. Also, reference cards are provided.
- Topography results in few evacuation routes and elevation gain.
- Property owners covered radios costs (similar to a fire extinguisher, smoke alarms, etc.)
- More info on the project <https://www.tsinsonbeach.com/>
- Job Aide challenges
 - Under development, simple to follow due to
 - Pictograph heavy and straightforward language for simple interpretation due to possible language barriers

- Possible partnership with the more prominent agency to widen the scope and continued development
- Messaging can be shorter for tsunamis to the community and affected population
- Process Documentation is occurring with Fire Department for Implementation Packages, and by later this summer, the draft package will be on the site to include letters and support documentation(checklist)
 - Continuous project improvement
 - Low-cost solution
 - Larger communities would need stakeholder engagement and champions due to higher populations

Q&A

Todd- What are the challenges of long-term maintenance of the program?

A- Fire Dept sponsors, so that is a benefit for growth and longevity.

Althea- Are you including any instructions on what to do when they get an alert?

A- Challenges to door knocks in this community. So, the Fire Dept is left, but they are volunteers, so there are logistical challenges. Also, tourists don't know local geographical references. They are developing "job aids" with visuals for straightforward interpretation and non-native English speakers.

B- Dave K., including info for non-tsunami hazards? Looking into it but complex to provide for other threats like fires.

C- Yvette L. Other languages? Currently English only, but looking into quick translations.

Yvette L.- Did you document the process of how you developed the program?

A- Yes, Fire Dept is developing an implementation packet to include process and stakeholder interactions. The advantage is that this project is low cost (except for Staff hours).

Todd – What 1 or 2 items are needed to continue rollout?

A- State partnerships and spreading the word on the program, so the Fire Dept knows how to scale and sustain the program.

Final comment of appreciation for Yvette LaDuke and Cal OES for helping support this program.

Partner Announcements

Summer O. – Lantex Exercise June 01, 8 am PT. Western Caribbean Sources. Short lead time.

<https://tsunami.gov/?page=exercises>

- The exercises workbook will be done on 20 May
 - Public page to link to exercise date is listed above
- Next year navigating for future years with partners navigating through links for Lantex 2023

- Partners can provide feedback and support from all partners
- Post-exercises survey to begin information gathering

Ask Summer to be put on the exercise email list.

Mark B. – Will there be a public webpage?

A- Workbook will be put on that page when available.

The post-exercise survey is planned.

Nic A- Updates to Tsunami Event Animation. Based on feedback from NTHMP, MES, and ITIC, features such as speed controls and bug fixes were added.

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/maps/tsunami-events/>

- Animation submitted with partners at EI of Tsunami Events from 1850 to Present
 - Speed features have been added
 - Click on Event, and you can see results simultaneously
 - Additional features will be added, but the items listed above were critical

Carolina H. – Tsunami Educational and Outreach Materials form to request materials is being developed.

Mark B. – Reminder to States that have a page on TsunamiZone.org to please send updates to info@tsunamizone.org

- Tsunami Zone webpage
 - Please ensure you are actively watching your pages and sending in changes to tsunami zone email to update
 - If not registered, please reach out to sign up for your page

James B.- June 30th is the last day in the current position, and Curtis Johnson is the replacement. (*Geohaz POC for Alaska*)

Summer Meeting agenda

https://nws.weather.gov/nthmp/2022SummerMeeting/2022_Summer_Meeting_Index.html

Two MES meeting slots 2.25 hours each. **Please send agenda items asap** to Todd, Regina, or Nic. For input on other sessions, email Ian Sears.

Development of sessions firmly for updates to define each and how you can participate and get involved

- Day 1

- Hazus Project: Washington State can provide an update on their progress

Althea- Will there be a virtual option?

A- Yes, but not for all meetings. Not precise what portions will have a virtual option.

Day 1 MES meeting – Welcome/Intro, NTHMP Strategic Plan and Ocean Decade, Social Media Workshop, Hazus Projects

Max D. – Social Media workshop, did [name inaudible] reach out for WA?

- A- Yes, I will follow up with Elyssa and Dante. WA social science study showed that is where people are getting info from. Social Media Workshop: Washington State (Elyssa and Dante (MIL))
- a. Future Development of Tool kits

Mark B.- Time for discussion of the TsunamiZone website?

A- Yes, I will include

Day 2 MES meeting- Recap of Day 1, Identify MES activities and group projects, Draft MES workplan

Need to align MES Workplan with Grant Fiscal Year. Have a partner write up a grant to address activities identified.

Yvette L - Time for MES partners to share projects they are working on?

A- Yes

Max D. - Q/A on anything people are having challenges with related to MES activities.

A- Yes

Elyssa T. - could include an informal discussion about the current state of the public and how outreach changes based on what's going on during pandemic and other disasters-wise

A- Yes

Key Takeaways

- Simplifying work and plan
- Ensuring alignment with fiscal grant year to provide an opportunity to develop group activities where any partner can write into the following year

The next meeting is the summer meeting in July in Palm Springs, CA.