2017 Tsunami Preparedness Campaigns

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Participant Updates

Christa Rabenold (NWS/HQ) updated the group on the inclusion of tsunamis in the NWS’s seasonal preparedness campaigns. As has been the practice, tsunamis will be highlighted in the spring campaign (March, April, May) and featured as a “secondary” hazard in the fall campaign (September, October, November) to align with the ShakeOut (October) and World Tsunami Awareness Day (November 5). Materials for both campaigns will be made available for partner use or adaptation. She also shared that Kevin Henry (U.S. Geological Survey) has created an interactive map for the NTHMP Tsunami Maps web page. Efforts to incorporate it into the existing page are underway. In addition, the user manuals for all three 2017 exercises (Caribe Wave, Lantex, and Pacifex) are now available at http://tsunami.gov/?page=exercises.

Yvette LaDuke (California Office of Emergency Services) mentioned that California is holding a statewide tsunami steering committee meeting in Huntington Beach on January 19. The meeting will include discussions about activities planned by local partners for Tsunami Preparedness Week (March 27-30).

Cindy Pridmore (California Geological Survey, CGS) shared that she presented on tsunamis at a science teachers conference in October. Thirty-five teachers attended. She pulled materials from partners and focused her presentation on Lori Dengler’s book The Extraordinary Voyage of Kamome (https://www2.humboldt.edu/kamome/about-the-book). Last year’s emphasis was on middle school students. Cindy has put in an application for support for a similar presentation with an emphasis on
2nd and 3rd graders for 2017. Materials will be posted to the CGS website.

**Mona Barnes** (Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, VITEMA) shared that VITEMA has been working with a local artist and author to create a tsunami book targeted at 1st graders.

**Leo Espia** (Guam Homeland Security) confirmed that Guam will be having a Tsunami Preparedness Week likely the second half of March.

**Mark Benthien** (Southern California Earthquake Center) has a call scheduled with the California Office of Emergency Services to talk about this year’s contract. (The TsunamiZone is supported by NTHMP funds through the California award.)

- Work continues to update the site for 2017, including new dates and updated information for Caribe Wave in English, Spanish, and French. The Caribe Wave update will include country registration, which will feature a survey-type form to better clarify numbers reported and collect more information about associated outreach activities.
- Discussing ways to provide more recruitment vs. technical support, for example more cross-promotion with ShakeOut registrants.
- American Samoa has expressed interest in creating a page. Any other state or territory interested in having a page created should contact mailto:info@tsunamizone.org.
- Questions about the TsunamiZone should be directed to mailto:info@tsunamizone.org.

**Christa von Hillebrandt** (NOAA/NWS/Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program) mentioned that she is working on putting together an abstract for the Seismological Society of America meeting on ShakeOut and Caribe Wave and asked Mark to join as co-author because of the role of the TsunamiZone in both exercises.

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