

2018 Tsunami Preparedness Campaigns

Call #5 - July 10, 2018

Participants

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Rocky Lopes (NOAA/NWS/HQ)
John Marquis (Southern California Earthquake Center)
Elizabeth Predham (Emergency Management British Columbia)
Cindy Pridmore (California Geological Survey)
Christa Rabenold (NOAA/NWS/HQ)
Liz Vanacore (Puerto Rico Seismic Network)
Walt Zaleski (NOAA/NWS/Southern Region)

Partner Updates

Walt Zaleski (NOAA/NWS/Southern Region) mentioned that they continue to monitor the communications testing in the region. The May 10 test message was received by all sites.

Cindy Pridmore (California Geological Survey) shared that CGS will have an information booth at this fall's [California Science Education Conference](#), which will be attended by ~2,000 teachers. They will distribute tsunami brochures and posters. Cindy will lead a workshop with Lori Dengler to educate teachers about how to incorporate tsunami lessons into their classrooms.

Liz Vanacore (Puerto Rico Seismic Network) shared that the 1918 museum exhibit will be heading back to the west coast for the anniversary event in October. The annual emergency operations meeting is taking place this month. They will also be participating in an upcoming [QuakeSmart](#) event for business owners and will be incorporating tsunamis.

Rocky Lopes (NOAA/NWS/HQ) provided an update on efforts to craft an extended WEA message for tsunami warnings. A survey is being conducted to inform the development of the new NWS WEA messages. Implementation is planned for May 2019. To learn more, see the [summary of the recent call](#). The survey will be shared with this group to respond to and further share in late summer/early fall.

Tammy Fukuji (NOAA/NWS/International Tsunami Information Center) provided some updates on Tsunami Ready International and Exercise Pacific Wave 2018 (PacWave18). [TsunamiReady International](#) is based on 10 guidelines that are similar to the original U.S. TsunamiReady program guidelines. It was championed and endorsed in the Caribbean in 2015. It is being piloted in the Pacific and in the Indian Ocean where 10-20 countries are incorporating it into their Tsunami Evacuation Maps, Plans, and Procedures (TEMPP) training and in conjunction with Indian Ocean Wave 2018. TEMPP was developed by the ITIC and piloted between 2015 and 2107 in Honduras and Central America. See [Plans and Procedures for Tsunami Warning and Emergency Management](#) to learn more about TEMPP. [PacWave18](#) will be held between Sept 1 and Nov 30 2018 to include the International Day for Disaster Reduction (Oct 13) and World Tsunami Awareness Day (Nov 5). Participating

countries will be able to choose from seven scenarios. In addition, the ITIC and NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information are updating their Historical Tsunamis (1530 to 2016) Caribbean, Central America, Mexico and Adjacent Regions poster (English and Spanish) to add recent events: Honduras (Jan 10, 2018), Mexico (Sept 8, 2017), and Colombia (July 19, 2017).

Christa Rabenold (NOAA/NWS/HQ) mentioned the interest by some call participants to have a discussion about tsunami walks/high ground hikes. We will try to schedule this for the September call. If there's a topic you would like to discuss in more detail on a future call, email:

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After the call, **Leo Espia** (Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense) provided an update on their activities. On June 23, Guam renewed their StormReady/TsunamiReady recognition. (Their initial recognition was June 2006 and the follow-on recognition was June 2012.) For July, they continue to accommodate field trips to the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense facility and outreach to organizations as well as support for community events. All public outreach and community education campaign events always have a tsunami preparedness component. These events include(d): Safe Boating Week (May 13-19); Typhoon Preparedness Month (June 1-30); Catastrophic Plan and Typhoon "Pakyo" Workshop (June 7); Annual Tropical Cyclone, Disaster and Climate Change Workshop (June 12-13); Guam Executive Education Seminar (June); Earthquake Preparedness Week (Aug 5-11 to commemorate the 8.1 magnitude August 8, 1993, earthquake); Reducing the Risk of Non-Structural Hazards Course, FEMA E-74 (Aug 7); Earthquake Safety and Mitigation for Schools, FEMA 395 (Aug 8); and National Preparedness Month (Sept 1-30). Several outreach events, trainings and workshops, and exercises have been lined up culminating on the National Preparedness Month's grand finale on September 22.

After the call **Jason Ballmann** (Southern California Earthquake Center/TsunamiZone.org) shared the following about TsunamiZone.org: They are mostly complete with adding the tsunami waveform on the updated tsunami triad (as opposed to the cresting wave) to all TsunamiZone.org online resources (web banners, flyers, social media graphics, and more) to unify the design and messaging. The [TsunamiZone.org two-sided bookmark](#) has been very popular. They are going to do a larger print run for outreach events and probably add it to the TsunamiZone.org resources. They are also looking into tracking long-term development of people's preparedness and mitigation plans as registered at TsunamiZone.org.

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