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TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANNING AND UNESCO IOC TSUNAMI READY PROGRAMME
7-18 August 2023, Honolulu, Hawaii USA

EHW-23

Exercise Hawaii Wave 2023

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EXERCISE Hawaii Wave 2023 - Summary

- ❑ **Use and interpret PTWC products**
- ❑ **Apply a tsunami warning scenario to participant developed SOPs**
- ❑ **Describe actions taken by stakeholder agencies to tsunami warning**
- ❑ **Demonstrate knowledge through 'Press Conference'**
- ❑ **Receive comment from trainers and other participants**

EXERCISE EHW-23 - Activities

EHW-23 to simulate decision-making on

- ❑ Issuance of Warning, or not, and where
- ❑ Upgrade of Warning, or not
- ❑ Coastal evacuation of threatened communities
- ❑ Continue, Cancel, Downgrade Warning;
- ❑ Criteria for Search and Rescue, Public All-Clear

INJECTS AND ACTIONS:

- ❑ 0-60 min: EQ Monitoring and Early Source Characterization, TSP Forecasts, Threat decision-making, TER risk decision-making, alerting and evacuation
- ❑ Min - hrs: Wave arrival, Warning cancellation
- ❑ Hrs - days: TER Search-and-Rescue, Safe-to-Return

EXERCISE EHW-23 - Scope and Format

- ❑ **Conducted on Thursday, 17 August
Modified Functional (separate NTWC / TER)**
- ❑ **Real time, but Controllers can advance / slow clock**
- ❑ **3 sets of Country Groups (NTWC, TER):
Take action based on their SOPs**
 1. NTWC - Fiji, NTWC/TER - NDMO
 2. NTWC - Hawaii, NTWC/TER – HI-EMA (State) / DEM (City and County of Honolulu)
 3. NTWC - Tonga, NTWC/TER - NEMO
- ❑ **NTWC and TER physically separate**
 - ❑ Main conference room (3 TER/DMO, Controller, TSP, Media, Politician)
 - ❑ ITIC Library / Conference Room / Nearby room (3 NTWC, Others, Public)
 - ❑ Various locations – other entities (by phone only)

EHW-23 - Conduct

- ❑ Exercise Begins 1400 local (000Z), Ends 1600 local (0200Z)**
- ❑ Source is local tsunami for Fiji, Tonga, regional for Hawaii**
- ❑ PTWC injects will be their tsunami bulletins**
- ❑ Situation injects will be issued**
- ❑ Each Group reviews injects, takes actions, and simulate interactions between stakeholders, and/or through Controllers**
- ❑ Each Group documents its actions and responses, reviews its performance for report-back to Plenary through next-day Press Conference**

EXERCISE CONTROL

- ❑ **Exercise Controllers will control the pace and can suspend or advance the exercise Clock.**
- ❑ **Controllers and Simulators act as any outside agencies and individuals (i.e. media, prime minister, etc.) not physically present in order to interact with TWC & DMO groups.**
- ❑ **Controllers: Laura, Ardito, Chip**
- ❑ **Simulators :**
 - PTWC – Chip, Stuart
 - Political – Stuart Weinstein
 - Media – Ardito
 - Other Agencies – Carolina, Marie
 - Public – Tammy, Ethan
- ❑ **Observers = Art, Desiree, all**

GUIDANCE

- **Each NTWC and TER/DMO is responsible for:**
 - MESSAGES THEY WILL ISSUE (CONTENT)
 - Controller will provide EQ parameters, Tsunami arrivals, expected heights, observations, other situation injects
 - WHEN MESSAGES ISSUED (HOW OFTEN)
- **Within each country, NTWC and TER/DMO communicate with each other / to their country**
- **National Agencies can contact other countries if they would like, especially if there are already pre-arranged information sharing agreements**

=> USE TEMPLATES AND CHECKLISTS YOU DEVELOPED

GROUND RULES

- ❑ **All communications are Messages that are delivered by**
 1. PHONE (Voice) to designated phone number, or
 2. EMAIL (in standard format) through Controller

- ❑ **PTWC Text Products issued to everyone.**
PTWC Enhanced Products issued to NTWC only. It is up to the NTWC to decide which, if any, of products to issue to the DMO or to the public

- ❑ **Message standard format**
 - Includes: To, From, Time, Method, content
 - Method of communication could be: Fax, telephone, radio, SMS, e-mail, satellite phones, WhatsApp, Twitter (X), other

- ❑ **Log Messages (electronic, paper)**

EXERCISE MESSAGES

**EXERCISE HAWAII WAVE 2023
THIS IS AN EXERCISE**

TO:

FROM:

TIME: UTC

METHOD:

MESSAGE:

EVALUATION - Press Conference

- **18 August, 0900-1000, Rm 1377**
- **Preparation for Press Conference – today, after exercise to 1645 and tonight**
- **Press Conference – (60 min)**
 - 3 Country statements (NTWC and TER) – 15 min each
 - Media Question and Answer – 30-45 min
- **Group Statements should focus on**
 - What was supposed to happen
 - What went well – Sustainable
 - What needs work – Improvement
 - Did we accomplish our Goals?
 - What are your recommendations

EHW-23 Preparation – 1045 – 12 noon (and lunch)

□ Meet in your Group

- Review *'Tsunami Exercise Preparation Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Checklists, Messages, and Communications'*
- Discuss and decide on SOPs
(both individual and together as 'country')
- Decide who will be Communications Focal Point
 1. Communication Focal Point (CFP) email addr
 2. Communication Focal Point (CFP) WHATSAPP
- Give CFP Information to Controllers (Laura, Ardito, Chip)
- Decide who will log actions (obtain file from Laura)
- Decide who will do Press Conference (NTWC-TER)

□ Be Ready!



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