

HMSC Safety Committee Meeting
01/12/05 (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.)
Re: "Tsunami Preparedness" Updates

In Attendance: Randy Walker, Faith Cole, Bill Hanshumaker, Dave Johnson, Ken Hall,
& Lori Parker

- Tsunami Education/Informational Packet by Howard Pierpont
- Draft of Tsunami evaluation (Randy & Ken have copies for review)
- OSU/OUS (?), Jim Good Proposal (?)
- Per Randy, money is available for Tsunami Education here at HMSC
- Video content from Dr. George Priest (& DOGAMI) could be used as part of the interactive CD/Video/DVD for educating employees and public/visitors
- Need to educate both employees at HMSC and all visitors to the center
- Need to update displays in Visitor's Center on Tsunami and earthquake for right here at HMSC vs. general information; and update interactive exhibit
- Need additional signage throughout HMSC, near bridge, and on bayfront
- Potential for video to be shown to existing employees as well as all new employees hired at HMSC
- Potential for adding displays to Newport PAC, Grocery Stores, Libraries, etc.
- Goals (immediate/short-term):
 - Need a strategy to fasten down/secure items within each HMSC building
 - Work on education aspect about Tsunamis and earthquakes
 - Add flexible couplings for gas lines for each HMSC building
 - Add/purchase an emergency radio for the 2nd floor of the Barry Fisher Building (location of on-site evacuation vs. heading to higher ground)

Action Items & Direction:

- See above short-term/immediate list
- Goal is to notify all HMSC Agency employees of Tsunami preparedness/evacuation via meetings, video, and annual evacuation exercise
- Invite speakers to discuss issues, questions, possible plans of action
- Prepare DVD education and include for visitors as well as employees (2 versions?)
- Identify audiences: employees, visitors to the center, state parks' visitors, etc.
- EDUCATE & REINFORCE
- Request support from OSU/OUS for seismic activity study at HMSC
- "NOAA on a stick" – notification system with lights & alarm to notify area of earthquake and/or tsunami warnings (?)
- Bill H. has a 3-ring binder of earthquake/tsunami information that he will pass around to each safety committee member to review and discuss at future meetings; potential for more frequent meetings vs. monthly meetings

Meeting ended with a tour of the Visitor's Center and review of earthquake and tsunami displays as well as discussion for ways to improve visibility to the public.