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National Weather Service, City officials at TsunamiReady Dedication

Coronado is 100th TsunamiReady City

Coronado, CA (February 7, 2012) – Coronado was recognized Tuesday by the National Weather Service as the 100th community in the United States to be designated “TsunamiReady.”

The voluntary program helps cities develop plans to prepare and warn their communities about tsunami threats. The city also was recognized Tuesday as “StormReady,” which signifies that the city is prepared in the event of severe weather.

A ceremonial presentation was held at the Coronado Lifeguard Service Building at Central Beach early Tuesday afternoon. City leaders were met by officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which oversees the Weather Service.

National Weather Service Western Region Director Vickie Nadolski and Western Region Tsunami Program Manager Jeff Lorens, who were in San Diego for the annual meeting of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program, spoke.

“I was at the first TsunamiReady, which was in the early 2000s in Ocean Shores, Washington, and I’m happy to be here today at the 100th,” said Nadolski.

Also in attendance were local representatives from the National Weather Service in San Diego -- Roger Pierce, meteorologist-in-charge, and Alex Tardy, warning coordination meteorologist.

Pierce presented the City with a recognition letter in front of an audience of residents, city officials, firefighters and lifeguards.

The certifications come as a result of emergency management and preparedness measures that have been established to assist Coronado and the community in the event of a tsunami. The evaluation assessed areas such as communications, weather monitoring, preparedness and procedures.

“Coronado is proud to be recognized as both TsunamiReady and StormReady,” said Mike Blood, Coronado’s Fire Chief. “We have response plans in place to ensure that Coronado and the community are prepared and aware of hazards.”

A tsunami is a series of waves of near or distant origin which results from large earthquakes, underwater landslides or volcanic eruptions. The first wave may not be the largest and damaging waves can hit the coast for hours.

The TsunamiReady plan, which has been in the works for more than a year, outlines notification procedures, establishes a chain of command and identifies an emergency command station. The plan also has an inundation map showing the areas of the City that may become flooded in a worst-case scenario. It also lists emergency shelters, evacuation routes and traffic control measures.

There is an education campaign, which includes brochures, posters, workshops, articles in City publications and coloring books for children. Signs have been posted at the beach.

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