

# REDWOOD DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

## STANDARD OPERATING POLICY

### TSUNAMI PROCEDURES


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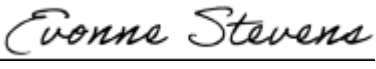
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## 50.0 TSUNAMI PROCEDURES

### 50.1 Terminology

#### Tsunami Watch:

- This is a broader term used to notify the public that a tsunami may occur or is being monitored.
- Alerts may include a Tsunami Alert or Tsunami Watch, which suggests that there could be a tsunami, but its arrival and impact are uncertain.
- It often serves as early notice to begin preparing for or monitoring the situation.

#### Tsunami Warning:

- This is a more serious notification that indicates a tsunami is imminent or has been detected, and there is a significant threat to coastal areas.
- A warning signals the need for immediate action, such as evacuation from low-lying coastal areas or other safety measures.

### 50.2 Procedure

Upon receipt of one of the above notifications, REDCOM will create a call in CAD by entering #TSU% in the location line (Similar to that of an STS Airport #ALERT) and select TSUNAMI WATCH or WARNING depending on the alert given and follow the imbedded instructions in the call remarks.

50.2.1 For a TSUNAMI Watch the automated message shall be: THE BAY AREA HAS RECEIVED A TSUNAMI WATCH AND MAY LATER IMPACT THE WATCH AREA. THE WATCH MAY BE UPGRADED TO A WARNING, ADVISORY OR CANCELED BASED ON UPDATED INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS.

50.2.2 For a TSUNAMI warning the message shall be: THE BAY AREA HAS RECEIVED A TSUNAMI WARNING- THERE IS AN IMMINENT THREAT TO LOW-LYING COASTAL AREAS PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN YOUR JURISDICTIONS

50.2.2.1 REDCOM will make a CAD recommend for unit ID "TSUNAMI" and dispatch the unit to this incident and verbalize the same above message in 50.2.2.

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50.2.3 Notifications (radio tones and text) will be isolated to only coastal agencies and can be expanded upon the request of a coastal agency or the REDCOM Duty Officer.

**Note: Both event types will send automated text messages.**

**e.g. Active 911, IAMRESPONDING, Cell text, email, etc., for the affected areas**

#### 50.2.4

Typically, these alerts should come from Sonoma County Sheriff but could come via Sonoma County Emergency Services (DEM), WEA (wireless emergency alert), or other sources. Should it come from someone other than the Sonoma County Sheriff, ensure that they are made aware of the notice while making other notifications.