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## SEAL BEACH HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS AFTER ADVISORY

Seal Beach, CA – Following the tsunami advisory issued along the Southern California coast on July 29, 2025, triggered by a significant offshore earthquake near Russia, the City of Seal Beach is reminding residents of the importance of tsunami preparedness. While our community was not directly impacted, this event serves as a timely reminder to stay informed, ready, and familiar with local evacuation procedures.

As a nationally recognized TsunamiReady Community, Seal Beach remains committed to public safety through early warning systems, public outreach, and accurate evacuation planning. This reminder includes a link to the most current Tsunami Hazard Area Map for Orange County, developed by the California Geological Survey (CGS), and reaffirms the City's dedication to preparing for rare but potentially serious coastal threats.

The CGS map is an important resource for evacuation planning. Residents can enter their address to determine whether their home or workplace is located within a tsunami hazard zone. Additional local evacuation information will continue to be integrated into the interactive map as it is developed. Residents are encouraged to visit [sealbeachpd.com/emergency-preparedness](https://sealbeachpd.com/emergency-preparedness) to review the map and become familiar with evacuation routes.

These maps were created in collaboration with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and incorporates enhanced data and computer modeling. It reflects not only potential tsunami surge zones but also includes buffer areas around roads and landmarks to account for modeling uncertainties and provide clearer guidance during emergencies.

Seal Beach has proudly maintained its designation as a TsunamiReady Community, a national certification through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS). To achieve this designation, communities must meet a series of requirements, including:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to receive tsunami warnings and alert the public
- Promote public readiness through community education and distribution of information
- Develop a formal tsunami plan, which includes holding emergency exercises
- Comply with TsunamiReady guidelines

In addition to the online resource, physical tsunami evacuation maps are displayed at kiosks located at the base of the Seal Beach Pier and in the First Street Beach parking lot. These kiosks were developed in partnership with Cal OES, NOAA, and Chapman University to support community awareness and emergency readiness.

Emergency preparedness in Seal Beach is overseen by Sergeant Brian Gray, who serves as the City's Emergency Services Coordinator. Though assigned to the Police Department, Sergeant Gray leads emergency management efforts citywide, ensuring a coordinated approach to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

For additional information or questions about emergency preparedness, please contact: Emergency Services Coordinator Sergeant Brian Gray at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1658 or [bgray@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:bgray@sealbeachca.gov).

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