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Date: June 15, 2011 From: Lt. Steve Knight

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Subject: TSUNAMI SIREN TEST

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The newly installed tsunami siren located at the Manila Community Services District will be tested on **Friday. June 17**, **at 2:00 p.m.** The test will be a one minute-long activation of the siren. Some area residents, members of the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group, and participating representatives of various local, state, and federal agencies will observe and record various test activities. Included in those activities will be determining the range of the audible siren signal and timing the movement along various evacuation routes from the tsunami inundation zone.

Additional Related Information:

The siren at the Fairhaven Volunteer Fire Department was installed as part of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) grant to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. That grant funded the installation of sirens or siren components at (listed north to south) Orick, Big Lagoon, Trinidad, Clam Beach, Manila, Samoa, Woodley Island, Fairhaven, Fields Landing, and Shelter Cove. In addition, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company installed the siren at King Salmon and provided a generous donation of siren components for installation at the other sites. The 11-site siren system installation is nearing completion. Additional siren sites will be tested over the next few months as they become fully operational. Additional press releases will announce those individual siren tests as needed.

(For specific media inquiries about the tsunami siren system installation, contact Dan Larkin of the HCSO OES at 268-2502.)

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