

Martin County Fire Rescue Department Emergency Management Agency

Tsunami Drill

Martin County Fire Rescue Emergency Management and many other local partners participated in a tsunami drill facilitated by the Melbourne Weather Office and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center on March 25. We have been proactive by planning and participating in exercises for tsunamis since 2009, two years before the earthquake and tsunami struck Japan in 2011.

Although a *low probability*, it is possible for Martin County, along with other east coast communities, to be threatened with a tsunami and the impact could be significant. If an earthquake or landslide occurred, causing a tsunami that potentially threatens the east coast of Florida; the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center would issue a warning with an anticipated time of arrival.

Procedures would be implemented to warn the public at least 300 feet inland from the Atlantic shoreline of Martin County. Emergency personnel would evacuate the beaches, notification would be issued through local television and radio, and sirens on the Jensen and Stuart beaches would sound also announcing the warning.

For additional information about Martin County's plans for tsunamis contact the Emergency Management Offices at (772) 287-1652.

For more information on tsunamis visit the NOAA Tsunami Ready website at <http://www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov/>.