

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office



PRESS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: February 27, 2010 at 4:00 PM

Type of Incident: Tsunami Advisory Update– Stay Away from the Ocean

The Harbor District has reported as high as 18 inch increases and as low as 48 inch decreases in the tide height. 12 to 18 inch variations continue to occur. None of the coast cities or county areas have reported any issues due to the changing tide levels.

County and city agencies will continue to monitor the water over the next hours until we are advised by the United States Geological Survey and the National Weather Service that the danger is over.

A tsunami is not a single wave, but a series of waves. Stay out of the risk area until you are advised that re-entry may begin. Waves may be as far apart as one hour.

There is no way to determine in advance the amplitude or size of tsunamis in specific locations. A small tsunami at one beach can be a giant a few miles away. Don't let the modest size of one make you lose respect for all.

Never go down to the beach to watch for a tsunami. The wave moves much faster than you can run.

San Mateo County coastal residents should tune to their local cable TV station or news radio station for more information.

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