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## CITY OF SEAL BEACH ACHIEVES 5TH RENEWAL OF NOAA STORMREADY AND TSUNAMIREADY RECOGNITION

Seal Beach, CA – The City of Seal Beach is proud to announce its 5th renewal of the prestigious NOAA StormReady and TsunamiReady recognition. This achievement highlights our city's ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents through proactive measures and preparedness.

StormReady and TsunamiReady are programs developed by the National Weather Service to help communities prepare for severe weather and tsunami events. By meeting rigorous criteria, communities can enhance their readiness and improve their ability to respond to and recover from weather-related disasters. TsunamiReady helps communities minimize the risk posed by tsunamis through better risk assessment, planning, education, and warning communications.

In the United States, the threat posed by tsunamis is greatest along the Pacific and Caribbean Coasts. Recognizing these threats, the National Weather Service and the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program established the TsunamiReady program in 2001. The primary goal of TsunamiReady is to improve public safety before, during, and after tsunami emergencies by establishing guidelines for a standard level of capability to mitigate, prepare for, and respond to tsunamis.

Chief of Police Michael Henderson said, “We are proud of the hard work, dedication, and leadership that our city officials and employees have demonstrated in achieving this recognition. Their efforts ensure that Seal Beach remains well-prepared for severe weather and tsunami events.” The StormReady and TsunamiReady recognition is valid for an additional three years, expiring on February 5, 2028.

Through our partnership with the National Weather Service, we have received several TsunamiReady and Tsunami Hazard signs, including the "When Flooded Turn Around Don't Drown" signs posted at beach access points. Additionally, we have installed the NOAA tsunami evacuation and rip current hazard kiosk at the base of the pier on Ocean Ave.

We look forward to continuing enhanced communication, weather support for public events, participation in annual training or public outreach, and maintaining our excellent partnership with the National Weather Service. For more information about the programs, please visit the StormReady website at <https://www.weather.gov/stormready/> and the TsunamiReady website at <https://www.weather.gov/tsunamiready/>.

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