NATIONAL REPORT
Submitted by (Anguilla)

BASIC INFORMATION

1. ICG/CARIBE EWS Tsunami National Contact (TNC)

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2. ICG/CARIBE EWS Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP)

   The 7x24 contact person, or other official point of contact or address, is available at the national level for rapidly receiving and issuing tsunami event information (such as warnings). The Tsunami Warning Focal Point either is the emergency authority (civil defense or other designated agency responsible for public safety), or has the responsibility of notifying the emergency authority of the event characteristics (earthquake and/or tsunami), in accordance with national standard operating procedures. The Tsunami Warning Focal Point receives international tsunami warnings from the PTWC, or other regional warning centres.

   Name: NEOC Director
   Responsible Organization: National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC)
   Postal Address: NEOC, RAPH HQ Building, The Valley, Anguilla
   E-mail Address:
   Emergency Telephone Number:
   Emergency Fax Number:
   Emergency Cellular Telephone Number:

   National Tsunami Warning Centre (if different from the above)
   Person in Charge: Commissioner of Police
   Responsible Organization: Royal Anguilla Police Force
   Postal Address: RAPF HQ, P.O. Box 60, The Valley, Anguilla
   E-mail Address:
   Emergency Telephone Number:
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3. **Tsunami Advisor(s), if applicable**  
   *(Person, Committee or Agency managing Tsunami Mitigation in country)*

   Name:  
   Title:  
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4. **Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Local Tsunami (when a local tsunami hazard exists)**

   Please see Tsunami Plan attached at Appendix A and B respectively.

5. **Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Distant Tsunami (when a distant tsunami hazard exists)**

   Please see Tsunami Plan attached at Appendix A and B respectively.

6. **National Sea Level Network**

   *None*

7. **Information on Tsunami occurrences**

   *None*

8. **Web sites (URLs) of national tsunami-related web sites**

   *None*

9. **Summary plans of future tsunami warning and mitigation system improvements.**

   *This information will be used to aid the development of the CARIBE EWS Implementation Plan.*

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**NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**

10. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

   *Brief statement of no more than one page addressing all items discussed in the Narrative section of the National Report*

   The Anguilla Warning System (AWS) continues to further the means by which the public can be alerted by using CAP compliant dissemination devices. The addition of the Smartphone app and the ensuing CAPiT Public Education campaign has increased both visibility of the system and the earthquake / tsunami threat facing the island. The
addition of warning sirens in the immediate future will represent yet another first for Anguilla’s warning programme in the region and the achievement of a milestone for the Anguilla Warning System.

Increased Public Education and Sensitisation efforts have also led to increased public awareness of threats and survival strategies. The fact that we are seeing increased participation from private educational institutions and private tourism entities in the CaribeWave exercise each year ably demonstrates the significant effect of this effort. The Department, the NDMC and all stakeholders nationally continue to be a driving force for earthquake and tsunami education in order to ensure that Anguilla is better prepared and equipped to handle these and all hazards which can threaten the lives and livelihoods of our citizens.

11. NARRATIVE

Detailed description of innovations or modifications to National tsunami warnings procedures or operations since last National Report, tsunami research projects, tsunami mitigation activities and best practices (especially in preparedness and emergency management), as well as public education programmes or other measures taken to heighten awareness of the tsunami hazard and risk.

The Government of Anguilla, National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) and the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), and our partner stakeholders, are committed to all hazard education and awareness and the enhancing and completion of a comprehensive all hazard alert, warning and ongoing notification system for the island.

The Anguilla Warning System continues to be enhanced with the addition of new features, expansion of current features and the removal of obsolete and outdated technologies. The RDS system for alerting has been discontinued as of December 2016 due to the vendor ending support for the system. This loss of an effective dissemination method is countered with the addition of the CAPiT smartphone app for alert dissemination. The CAPiT app works on Android and iOS phones and provides direct notification via PUSH technology to user’s smartphones. The app represents a leap forward for the Anguilla Warning System in its ability to reach persons on a 24 hour basis as smartphone penetration is close to 100 percent in Anguilla. A public outreach programme for the Anguilla Warning System focusing on the availability of the app was initiated by the Department during the month of March leading up to the CaribeWave17 exercise.

In addition the Anguilla Red Cross in collaboration with the Department are installing outdoor sirens in two vulnerable communities that will be triggered by the Anguilla Warning System. This will mark the first time that Common Alerting Protocol compliant sirens will be installed in the region.

In addition the number of FM broadcast devices installed in Anguilla has now risen to four(4). This gives much expanded coverage of the system through much increased listenership. The fifth and final unit is slated to be installed in the coming month.

Anguilla continues to promote tsunami preparedness through various activities to break through the bias of perceived lack of safety due to elevation (safe zones). Radio programmes, Tsunami radio tips, sensitization sessions and the All Hazard and Risk Reduction Safety Fair were some of the activities undertaken or slated to occur in the coming months.
This year’s CaribeWave exercise saw participation of the Government Primary Schools as well as several privately owned education institutions. A tabletop discussion exercise for NEOC staff was also simultaneously conducted. The schools’ exercise focused on Earthquake and Tsunami evacuation education. Children and staff of the schools were educated on the “Drop Cover and Hold” methodology of earthquake safety by members of the Department who went around to the schools conducting sensitization sessions before the CaribeWave17 exercise.

The tabletop exercise was based and focused more on sensitizing the participants to the possible scenarios that can occur from an earthquake and tsunami situation. Participants were therefore exposed to the kind of damage that could be experienced due to these phenomenon and were made to briefly and informally consider what actions could be taken in response to reports of damages and large scale injuries and fatalities.

TWFP training is slated to occur this year due to the large influx of new Police Officers in the Royal Anguilla Police Force. All Police Officers who work in the Police Dispatch center are to be trained in order to ensure that the TWFP performs its job efficiently and correctly.

Sign maintenance continues to be challenging. Several tsunami signs were found to be damaged or missing. At this point there are still some signs that need repairs / replacement and the Department continues to work on this as the requisite funds become available.

The National Tsunami Plan continues to receive amendments and edits as it undergoes the review process and subsequent approval of changes. It is hoped that it can be presented along with other hazard plans for approval during the calendar year 2017. The National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) and the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), and our partner stakeholders continue to make strides towards a better prepared and equipped Anguilla to face all hazards including earthquake and tsunamis.

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