



**GOAL:** To enhance community resilience to multiple hazards through a facilitated education and outreach program that promotes hazard understanding and awareness, and offers tools and information resources to guide mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

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#### ALERT AND WARNING

Module 2: Detection, Warning & Response

#### **Contents**

- · Hazard Monitoring and Forecasting
- Communicating Warning Information
- Tools Supporting Situational Awareness

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HAZARD MONITORING

AND FORECASTING

# Hazard Monitoring and Forecasting

- Communicates situational awareness
  - What is happening and where?
- · Informs decision-making
- Assists coordination of response
- Varies according to the hazard type
  - Rapid onset (e.g., earthquake)
  - Slow-onset (e.g., tropical cyclone)

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# **Forecasting Agencies**

- Issue information bulletins (e.g., advisories, watches, warnings) with details about:
  - Date and time of issuance
  - Issuing agency
  - Hazard event type
  - Location or area affected
  - Intensity or severity
  - Immediate effects or impacts
  - Forecast information
  - Actions to be taken



# Module 2: Detection, Warning & Response COMMUNICATING WARNING INFORMATION

# Warning Information

- Warning Information must be:
  - Timely
  - Conveyed to as many people as possible
  - Understandable
  - Actionable

Emergency Alert System in Hawaii
361 Active Sirens Statewide

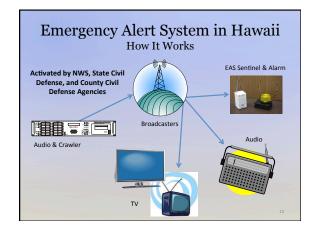
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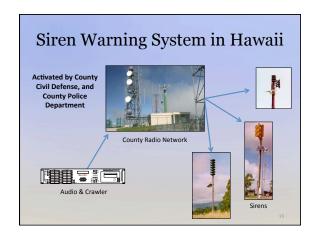
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CABLE TV 179 Sirens





# Sprint Relay Hawaii

- Offers an Emergency Notification System (ENS) for Hawaii citizens who are deaf or hard-ofhearing.
- Receive emergency alert text messages related to natural disasters on any wireless device.
- · The ENS service is FREE.
- To sign up, or for more information:
  - www.relayhawaii.com
  - Or email: relayhawaii@sprint.com

# Alert & Monitoring Capabilities

- How does your community receive official warning information?
  - Internet web sites
  - Email
  - Text messages
  - NOAA Weather Radio
  - Television
  - Radio
  - Can you think of others?

### Methods of Disseminating Warning

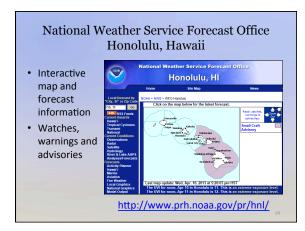
- How is warning information disseminated within your community (to family, friends, neighbors, work, school)?
  - Person to person
  - Outdoor sirens
  - Public announcements or broadcasts
  - Cell phone
  - Telephone tree
  - Can you think of others?

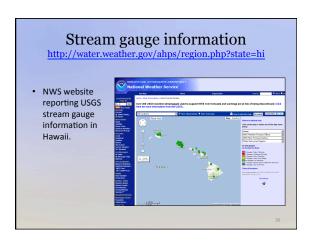
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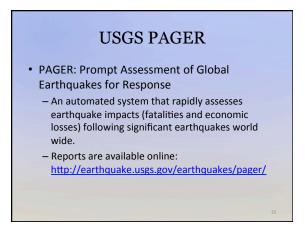
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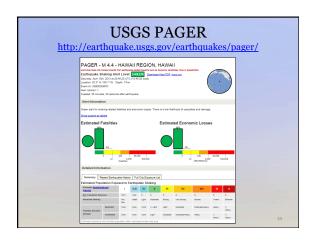


NWS Enhanced Radar Mosaic
http://radar.weather.gov/Conus/hawaii loop.php

Near real- time
Doppler radar images
show areas of
precipitation in the
Hawaiian Islands.







#### USGS Earthquake Notification Service

https://sslearthquake.usgs.gov/ens/

- A free service that sends you automated notification emails when earthquakes happen in your area.
- Default notifications are sent for earthquakes of magnitude 6.0 or greater.
- Users can customize for magnitude, location, time of day, and multiple email addresses or text to cell phone.



#### Nixle Community Wire

http://www.nixle.com/

- Nixle provides a platform for the delivery of SMS Alerts, Advisories, Community type messages, and local Traffic information from your local police department and community agencies.
- Nixle does not provide the content, but provides the ability for local agencies to disseminate important local information.
- Text your Zip Code to receive SMS notifications for that area.



## Pacific Tsunami Warning Center Honolulu, Hawaii



- Issues Advisory, Watch and Warning information by region for tsunami events.
- Interactive maps and information.
- http:// ptwc.weather.gov/ index.php

