**Ministry of Civil Defence
& Emergency Management**
Te Rākau Whakamarumaru

National Warning System Upgrade

The National Warning System project is continuing full speed ahead. Training in the new system is underway for all MCDEM staff. We have contacted all agency points of contact to confirm recipient details and advised all recipients that the new system is scheduled to go live on 29 May 2017 (pending any emergencies before this date). Agencies etc have been briefed including what to expect when the new system goes live, and explained the benefits of some added functionality, including how to work through the necessary process changes in order to receive messages from a different platform.

Cell Broadcasting Alerting

A preferred supplier has been chosen for the alert publishing platform. Contract negotiations have commenced with the aim of completing these by 6 June. Throughout May, workshops are being held with each of the user agencies to confirm their cell broadcast usage scenarios, the messaging, the processes and the changes to standard procedures.

The New Zealand mobile operators continue to liaise with the major mobile handset manufacturers to progress the software changes required to receive cell broadcast messages. Not all existing handsets will be capable to receive alerts when the service rolls out, the number of models will grow over time.

National Emergency Management Conference 2017

MCDEM's 2017 National Emergency Management Conference is on in Wellington June 7-9.

There are a range of presentations, from former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, to using New Zealand's biggest data for situational awareness from FigureNZ CEO Lilian Grace, our Conference 2017 focuses on the tools, skills and advice those across the emergency management spectrum need to navigate the future.

A four person "team' from Hurunui and Kaikoura will present their thoughts in a concurrent session called *Canterbury :7 months on from the earthquake.* Mayor Winstone Dalley , CEO Angela Oosthuizen and Paul Wyllie, Danny Smith ,local Recovery Managers will give their thoughts and experiences from the current Recovery period

The 2017 Ministerial Awards and Directors awards will be presented as part of Conference Dinner (07 June).

Capability Development

- The Controller Development Programme residential phase is in Wellington 18 – 23 June 2017
- An Emergency Management Officer (EMO) course is planned for 29th/30th of May This is a two day workshop with the first day based at MCDEM, and the second optional day a mix of field trips and practical activities.
- A Public Information Management (PIM) function specific pilot course is planned for end June/early July;

- A review of unit standards under the CDEM domain is under way and subject matter experts have been requested for meetings which will likely happen July/August.

- Takatū, the online learning management system for emergency management is continuing to assist and support the sector: https://takatu.civildefence.govt.nz/

Public education

When MCDEM redeveloped our public education programme last year, we focused on making preparedness easy, real and relevant, rolling out campaigns that target low income families, millennials and new migrants/non-English speakers.

We had a great response to our campaign for low income families (Kids' Questions) and last week launched a campaign for millennials (18-30 year olds). The campaign shows younger people

preparing is easy and they are probably already doing it in other parts of their lives – likening getting prepared for an emergency to preparing for a road trip, a festival or a Netflix binge.

Giant posters are going up in Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Christchurch and Dunedin and digital advertising has started on Google and Trade Me. The creative mimics the type of media they are used to consuming – festival posters, movie/tv advertising, travel brochures to get people interested in what they're looking at and start a conversation.

Alternative National Crisis Management Centre

Work is progressing on identifying an interim alternative National Crisis Management Centre to ensure that government agencies continue to provide a coordinated response to a large-scale emergency, if the Wellington facilities are rendered unusable. This project includes the identification of a suitable facility, identification and training of government agency staff to operate the centre and concept development for a cache of communications equipment to enable on-going communications between the NCMC and affected CDEM Groups.

National Response Team concept

Consideration is being given to forming a National response team utilising selected response expertise from within Groups to provide surge capacity both to Groups and the NCMC. Whilst this has happened in the past, the selection and arrangements have been ad hoc .Work is being undertaken to better formalise these arrangements in a concept similar to Rural Fire RIMT and Maritime oil spill response arrangements

Northland CDEM forum

The Northland Group held a very successful forum last week taking to opportunity to involve a wide spectrum of those involved in CDEM in Northland with good representation from CDEM governance , Emergency Services, involved Agencies and Government orgs and Community response members, totalling some 250 persons.

Topics covered were a review of the year , looking forward to the next years activities , with reflections from those local personnel involved in both the Kaikoura and Edgecumbe emergencies, presentations on community based recovery and incident management leadership. In all a very worthwhile half day forum. Food for thought in Canterbury

AF8 and WNIERP

This planning process continues, due to similarities in challenges and issues for both of the mayor plans a workshop will be conducted in June to appraise central government agencies of the issues and challenges ascertained through a series of recent workshops conducted by both projects.

Such issues as prioritisation and how central government agencies will manage and deliver services in these scenarios will be a focus and hopefully influence their planning.