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Hello and Good Morning,

Would like to know, do we (Santa Cruz County) have an alternative emergency warning system?

We were down at the beach, and after a nice long walk, we were getting hungry. We decided to order pizza, and when I went to call on the cellphone, there was no signal..

Having no signal is not really a biggie, We are at the beach with no signal all the time, We are in the hills with no signal all the time..

But..

Then she looks at me and says, "good thing there isnt a Tsunami coming.. "

Umm..

There very well could have been a Tsunami coming, and we would not have had any idea.. not only was there no signal, but we were also on a road that pretty much only has one way in and only one way out.. and, we were at the turn around at the very far opposite end..

I have a newer phone, on a well known name brand carrier, and my phone struggles to find a signal, my mother and sister have a different name brand carrier, and they have no service in the hills here at all.

San Francisco has sirens that test every tuesday at noon.. I know they were being replaced with a new modern version during covid, which was the perfect time, since there werent crowds at the beach, or anywhere.

Hawaii also has them.. they work fantastic!.. even when the cell phones dont.. the beach.. the mountains.. You know when something is about to happen..

Santa Cruz County is a fantastic place, with a few pesky negatives.. Tsunami, Wildfires, Earthquakes, and now, Tornadoes.. But, all these can easily be negated, with preparedness and a planned response.. This can only happen when people are informed, and have a plan, and are able to make informed decisions. Which doesnt work when all of the alert message eggs are in the one cellphone basket.

If you can let me what we have as an alternative warning signal or alert, other than solely and completely

depending on completely unreliable cellphones, and hit or miss cell service all throughout the county, I would appreciate it..

Our family already has emergency plans in place, but after seeing just how fast the Fire went through Pacific Palisdes, and the mountains above, in January, (which January is not even considered fire season). We are updating our plans..

If you can let me know about Santa Cruz alternative Emergency Alert Notification system? other than unreliable cellphones, (perhaps Sirens?) I would appreciate it..

If we dont already have an alternative Emergency Notification system, other than unreliable cellphones, In the interest of keeping people safe, can we request an alternative emergency alert system, or warning system be added? perhaps sirens?

Thanks

Love