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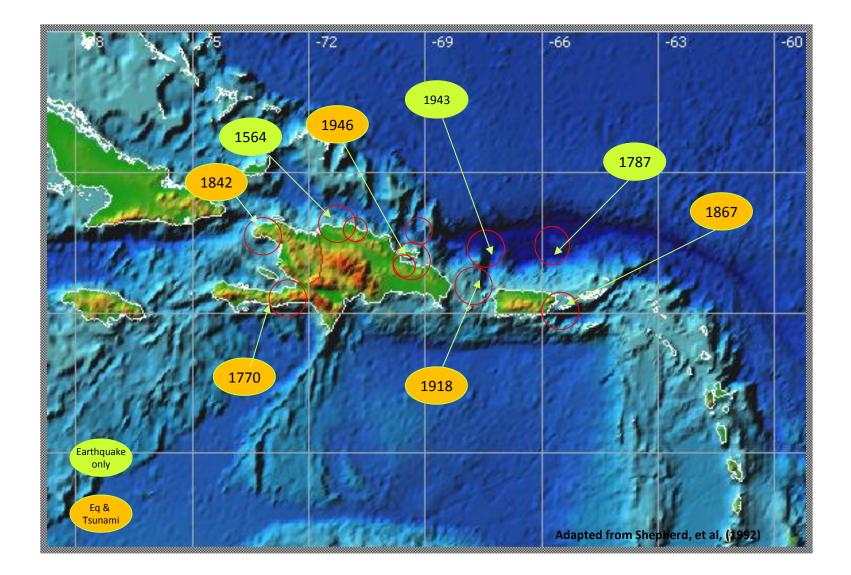


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## October 18, 2012 at 10:18AM



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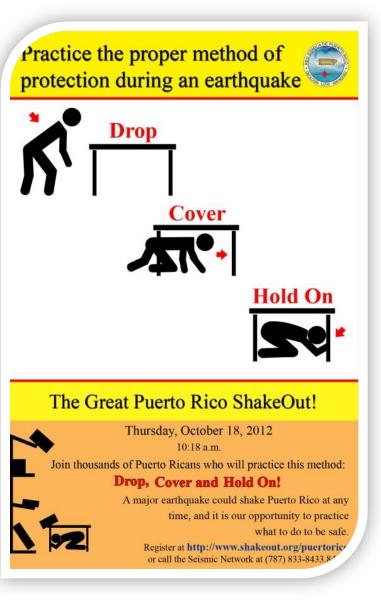
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Practice the proper method of protection during an earthquake Drop Cover **Hold On** The Great Puerto Rico ShakeOut! Thursday, October 18, 2012 10:18 a.m. Join thousands of Puerto Ricans who will practice this method: **Drop, Cover and Hold On!** A major earthquake could shake Puerto Rico at any time, and it is our opportunity to practice what to do to be safe. Register at http://www.shakeout.org/puertoric/ or call the Seismic Network at (787) 833-8433.84

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- Challenges for the exercise promotion:
  - Iimited economic resources
  - peak-period of the hurricane season
  - two (2) weeks prior to the Island's general election

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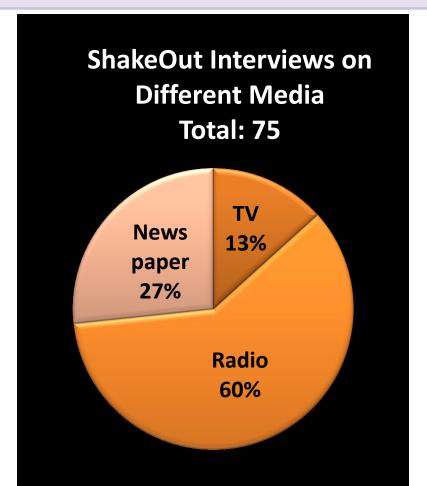
- Partnership with the <u>Puerto Rico Radiobroadcaster Association</u>
  - They <u>recorded and broadcasted Radio Spots</u> on their affiliated stations
  - Facilitated and promoted radio interviews of PRSN staff
  - accounted for <u>60%</u> of all media interviews

PRSN on-going collaboration with Weather Reporters from Puerto Rico four main TV Stations motivated them to give, as part of their TV news segments, <u>daily reminders</u> of the PR ShakeOut Drill.

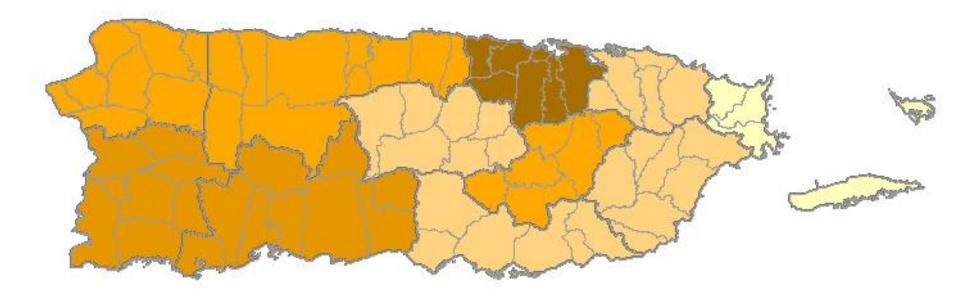


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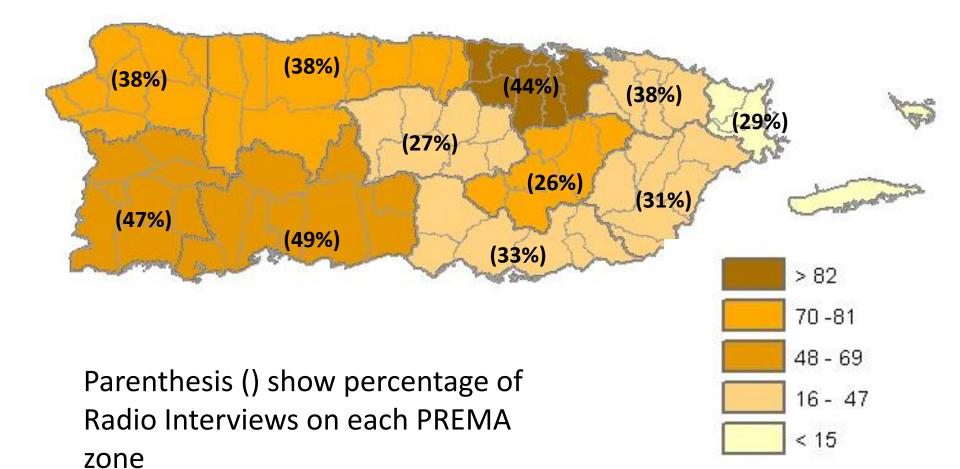


## **Drill Participation based on PREMA zones**





## **ShakeOut Participation and Radio Interviews Distribution**



Thousands of Participants per PREMA Zone

Additional Strategies to Promote Participation

#### Event Webpage http://www.shakeout.org/puertorico



#### **PR Seismic Network bilingual internet pages**



- Partnership with major universities (InterAmerican University, Catholic University)
- Partnership with non-profit organizations
- Promotional material included in mailing lists of private and public associations (eg. Chamber of Commerce)

#### **Talks and Fairs**



- Social Networks (Twitter, Facebook)
- Collaboration with State and Municipal Agencies (eg. PREMA, Dept of Education)

#### Bilingual Promotional Material





Ensuring <u>reliable, fast and redundant methods</u> for dissemination of earthquake and tsunami information is crucial for a rapid response from the public (in order to save as many lives as possible).

Main Objective: To identify system problems and evaluate their effectiveness

# PRSN Dissemination tools tested:

- Ring Down
- Ham Radio
- **RSS** service list
- SMS service list
- fax service list
  Email service list

## EAS activation:

To inform the beginning of the drill Helped emergency managers and the general public better coordinate their drill practices.

- FCC authorized the use of a "live" event code for the EAS test
- EQW code used for the first time in Puerto Rico
- Programming of EQW code on EAS decoders

# Emergency management and government officials were asked to <u>record the arrival times</u> of our messages

OBSERVADOR:\_\_

FECHA: <u>18 de octubre de 2012</u>

LUGAR:

Tabla de cronología de respuesta para el ejercicio ShakeOut12. Para uso de los observadores en <u>CONTROL ESTATAL DE AEMEAD, ZONAS DE AEMEAD y</u> <u>OMME's</u>.

			Respuesta de la agencia de manejo de emergencia							
Fecha	Hora local	RADIO AEMEAD Hora de Recibo	EMAIL Hora de Recibo	<b>SMS</b> Hora de Recibo	<b>RSS</b> Hora de Recibo	FAX Hora de Recibo	<b>Ring</b> Down Hora de Recibo	EAS Hora de Recibo	Comentarios Observador *Importante: Anotar la acción tomada al recibir los mensajes y cualquier otra incidencia (mensajes RSS, emails, llamadas, etc.)	
18/oct/2012	10:17 am				.0					

#### Al informar la hora de recibo deben incluir minutos y segundos.

\*\*\* <u>Control estatal de AEMEAD y ZONAS DE AEMEAD deben DEVOLVER a Wilfredo Ramos (AEMEAD). Las OMME's deben DEVOLVER a sus</u> <u>ZONAS.</u> <u>El resto de los participantes deben DEVOLVER a la RED SISMICA DE PUERTO RICO</u> inmediatamente después del Ejercicio, por uno de los siguientes medios: FAX: 787-652-1154, EMAIL: <u>lillian@prsn.uprm.edu</u>, <u>glory@prsn.uprm.edu</u>, <u>wramos@prema.pr .gov</u>



## Communication Test Results

PRSN ShakeOut Test				
Dissemination	Average Receipt			
Method	Time (min)			
Ham Radio	2.9			
RSS	3.35			
SMS	3.8			
email	6.5			
fax	11.4			

ShakeOut EAS Test					
Method	Average Receipt Time (min)				
NOAA Radio	1.8				
Commercial	4.0				
stations					

#### Highlights

- EAS & Ham Radio <u>fastest</u> dissemination methods in PR
- SMS/RSS average times are quite <u>promising</u>; more work to promote and strengthen these services.
- Delays on EAS message transmission through commercial stations was the result of technical difficulties the NWS experienced with the ShakeOut test pre-recorded message.
- PR EAS committee is following up on reports that some radio stations did not interrupt their transmissions as established by the FCC.
- End-to-end dissemination times **continue to exceed** the estimated tsunami arrival times for local events in Puerto Rico. Therefore, education activities must continue to focus on the natural tsunami warning signs (feel, see, hear).

### **Final Remarks**

- Participants recognized the need to review their emergency plan
- It created awareness of vulnerabilities present in our houses and workplaces
- Major concerns on how to care for people with disabilities. Need to develop educational materials for this community.
- Continue to strengthen the PR EAS and our collaboration on the PR IPAWS Plan
- Continue to promote and strengthen PRSN SMS/RSS services for emergency management agencies.