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2015

Highlights & Accomplishments





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Tsunami Education and Outreach

- Participated in Lantex/Caribe Wave Exercise
- Held first-ever Tsunami Evacuation Drills during National Tsunami Preparedness Week
- Developed new and more effective public service announcements





Tsunami Education and Outreach Cont'd

- Distributed tsunami educational materials
 - brochures
 - evacuation maps
 - Distribution done at the following:
 - Expos
 - Schools
 - Public and private sectors
- Continued to run airport display tsunami ads alerting visitors of potential tsunami hazards
- Composed a 1st grade level tsunami educational book





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TsunamiReady

- Hired a Tsunami Coordinator in August 2015
- Installed tsunami signs on Water Island
- Completed installation of 95 directional arrows on evacuation route signs
- Completed assessment of new sites to install additional warning sirens and tsunami signage
- Continued maintenance of emergency warning sirens



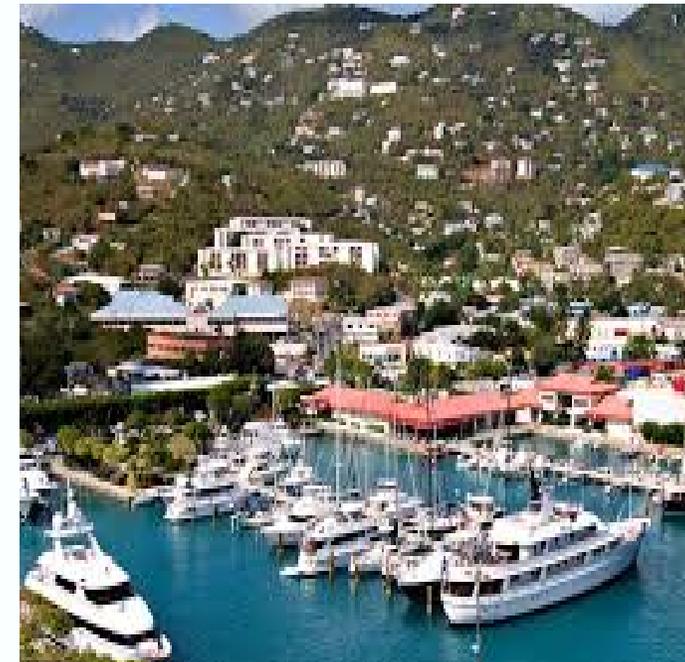


TsunamiReady Cont'd

- Established a Tsunami Preparedness Taskforce to prepare maritime communities through a territory-wide, multi-departmental effort.

The Taskforce will:

- facilitate sharing of data,
- address quality issues, and
- implement solutions





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Workshops and Trainings

- Conducted National Disaster Preparedness Center's AWR-217 Tsunami Awareness Courses
- Held a tsunami tabletop exercise on St. Thomas





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FY 2015 NTHMP Grant Projects

PRIORITY	FOCUS	STATUS	ACTIVIITES
Priority 1	Computer modeling of tsunami currents and inundation	Incomplete	Submitted request for proposal to Virgin Islands Property and Procurement to solicit vendors
Priority 2	Preparation of maps that reflects model results for use in specific coastal and maritime communities	Incomplete	Awaiting modeling results
Priority 3	Developing updated tsunami information and advisory products for maritime community	Incomplete	Awaiting modeling results to compose playbooks and guides. Held meetings with Maritime Taskforce; and Identified vulnerable location
Priority 4 - 7	Procure and deploy tsunami warning sirens on St. Croix, Water Island, St. John, and St. Thomas	Ongoing	Assessment completed; 12 sites identified; Working on request for proposal