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Update on Accomplishments of FY 14 Priorities for the USVI

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Priorities now supported by NTHMP

1. Hiring a Tsunami Readiness program coordinator
2. Continued maintenance of emergency warning sirens
3. Complete tsunami evacuation plans for Department of Education
4. New and more effective public service announcements
5. Tsunami education and outreach to the private sector
6. Extending public outreach materials
7. Procurement and installation of tsunami warning signs.



Priority 1: Modeling for advanced understanding and prediction of tsunami currents and inundation in actual USVI coastal regions as would result from



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PRIORITY	FOCUS	STATUS	ACTITITIES
Priority 1	Tsunami Readiness Program Coordinator	Incomplete	Searching, preparing accommodations
Priority 2	Continued maintenance of emergency warning signs	Up to date, on-going	Receiving citizens' suggestions
Priority 3	Complete tsunami evacuation plans for Department of Education	Near completion	Awaiting final report
Priority 4	New and more public service announcements	Completed	Review & assessment
Priority 5	Tsunami education and outreach to the private sector	On-going	New partners being identified
Priority 6	Extending public outreach materials	On-going	Seeking additional non-NTHMP funding
Priority 7	Procurement and installation of tsunami warning signs – Phase 2.	Completed	Final phase in planning



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Recent general accomplishments

- Edited and improved Tsunami Incident Annex
- Completed Phases 1 and 2 of siren deployments
- Published tsunami evacuation maps for main three islands
- Conducted workshops for maritime considerations
- Completed Phase 1 of deploying tsunami signs
- Continued and expanded outreach and education
- Participated in Lantex 12, 13 & 14
- Planning for response and recovery – Mass care, commodity distribution and landing areas
- Received TsunamiReady® recognition
- Hosted ICG-Caribe EWS IX (for UNESCO)





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New relationships -- Pat Lynett (USC), CariCOOS (storm surge inundation)

New planning -- Focusing on maritime safety, enlisting leaders of the maritime community

New breakthroughs in tsunami community preparedness? -- Intensified engagement of coastal hoteliers

New TsunamiReady sites ? -- targeting Water Island