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US Virgin Islands Tsunami Preparedness Week Campaign

- Participated in CARIBE WAVE 16 in March
  - Territorial participation in regional tsunami exercise
  - 2,928 registered participants on Tsunamizone.org

- Conducted Tsunami evacuation drills/walks
  - More than 1,000 school students, 200 VI Water and Power Authority personnel, and 90 Legislature employees participated
  - Schools evacuated in less than 5 minutes and reached safe zone in less than 8 minutes
  - Public and private sector entities tested their notification protocols and evacuation procedures
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- **Tested the Tsunami Warning Communications System**
  - Sirens were evaluated and adjusted days prior to exercise
  - Activated all 24 sirens territory-wide from a single point, STT 911 ECC
  - Conducted surveys on siren sound and clarity
  - Provided Tsunami Siren Activation training to the 911 staff
  - Revised the 911 Emergency Communication Center’s notification flow chart and call down list

- **Conducted outreach activities**
  - Released a proclamation for Tsunami Preparedness Week
  - Send out press releases to the public and cruise lines
  - Appeared on 3 radio talk shows
  - Aired public service announcements over the radio and television
  - Distributed flyers and maps in the coastal areas