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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

