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Earthquake Ready?

Grateful Farewell: Deputy Directors Retire After Years of Dedicated Service



Deputy Director Brunn and Deputy Director Simon have each devoted over three decades of exemplary service to the United States Virgin Islands Government. Throughout their tenure at VITEMA, both leaders have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our mission and have been instrumental in strengthening our agency's financial and grants management capabilities. Their dedication, expertise, and invaluable contributions have left a lasting impact on VITEMA and the communities we serve. As they embark on this new chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude for their years of service and wish them health, happiness, and fulfillment in their well-deserved retirement.

"From Call to Catch: How 911 Dispatchers Stopped Serial Hoaxers"



In November 2025, the 911 Emergency Communication Center received several bomb hoax calls. Each operator handled these incidents with diligence, professionalism, and exceptional effectiveness. Their ability to obtain and relay accurate tracking information was instrumental in assisting first responders and led to the successful apprehension of every individual involved. These operators are truly heroes under the headset.

Agriculture: From Soil to Soul



VITEMA is proud to participate in the Partners In Preparedness initiative alongside O'Neals Trucking, Crowley Transport, FEMA, Cost-U-Less, and Home Depot. This collaborative effort brings emergency preparedness resources directly to the community while rewarding those who take proactive steps to stay informed.

Visit our tent at Agrifest to sign up for Alert VI, the territory's official emergency notification system, or show us that you're already registered. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of two brand new generators. The winners will be announced on Monday, February 16, the final day of the fair. Stop by, get connected, and increase your preparedness—you could win a generator in the process!



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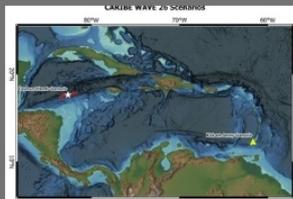
DO YOU KNOW THE TONE?
THIRD THURSDAY TSUNAMI TESTING
NEXT DATE: 02/19/2025

Join Our Team:
VITEMA is Hiring



- **911 Call Dispatch (STX+STT)**
- **Deputy Director of Grants (STT)**
- **Deputy Director of Administration & Finance (STT)**
- **Federal Grants & Program Monitor (STT)**

Caribe Wave March 19, 2026



This critical exercise tests the territory's tsunami warning and response systems from end to end. Coordinated by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Caribe Wave brings together all 48 Caribbean and adjacent region member states and territories to validate preparedness protocols and identify areas for improvement. This year's exercise will simulate a tsunami generated by a flank collapse of the Kick 'em Jenny submarine volcano. The exercise will test communication systems between the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, National Tsunami Warning Center, and local warning focal points.

Community Emergency Response Team

The CERT program is an all risk- all hazard training designed to protect yourself and your family.

