



VITEMA Is ACTIVE!!!

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Vigilant
Guard
2017

Spills

Trainings

Leadership



VIGILANT GUARD 2017

FMP next week in STT



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Details

- Test readiness for Earthquake and Tsunami
- Coordination, Delivery of Federal and Military Assets
- Assess Response Capabilities

Some Goals

- Plans Evaluation
- Mass Casualty Operations
- Evaluate Interoperability



Carib Wave 2017

- March 21, 2017
- STX 911 activates the siren
- 2 hour tabletop exercise
- School, Hotels, Private
- Focus on Internal VITEMA

Public/Private Sector



SPR Capability Priorities 2017

- Cybersecurity
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services Operational Communications
- Environmental Response
- Mass Search and Rescue Operations
- Mass Care Services
- Fatality Management Services
- Planning





Abandoned Vessels

NOAA Abandoned Vessel Project Data for US Virgin Islands.

Abandoned vessels pose a significant threat to the NOAA Trust resources through physical destruction of coral habitats and dispersion of toxic chemicals and gear.

The Damage Assessment Center (DAC) is addressing this issue by creating a comprehensive database of abandoned vessels.

The current databases are limited in their scope or definition of abandoned vessels. The inventory is a compilation of existing data from sources such as NOAA, the U.S. Coast Guard, States, Territories and the maritime industry, as well as original data from maps and personal interviews with local sources.

9 Abandoned Vessels Removed from St. John

Some sunk as long ago as 1989's Hurricane Hugo

Funded by a \$90,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's marine debris program

Army Corps of Engineers permit for the project, the Community Council had to have the boats declared abandoned

V.I. Waste Management Authority waived \$15,000 in disposal fee

5 to 10 others still floating that appear to be abandoned or registered



Vessel Groundings

A power boat entering Charlotte Amalie harbor that capsized on Rupert Rocks

A yacht the grounded and sank off Cricket Rock on the north side of St. Thomas

A dive boat had a mechanical failure and sank off of Morningstar beach on the south side of STT



SPILLS REPORT

WAPA and WMA are permitted to discharge treated effluent and storm water under their Territorial Pollutant Elimination Discharge System (TPDES).

○ VI WMA

- Lagoon Street Sewage Lift Station - May 17, 2016 the 20" cast iron force main began to leak, un-estimated amount of sewage discharged into a nearby gut. Did not enter the Fort Frederick Beach.
- Harborview Apartments – January 5, 2016 failed manhole connections caused backup and overflow onto the ground, through storm drains, onto the streets then to the sea.

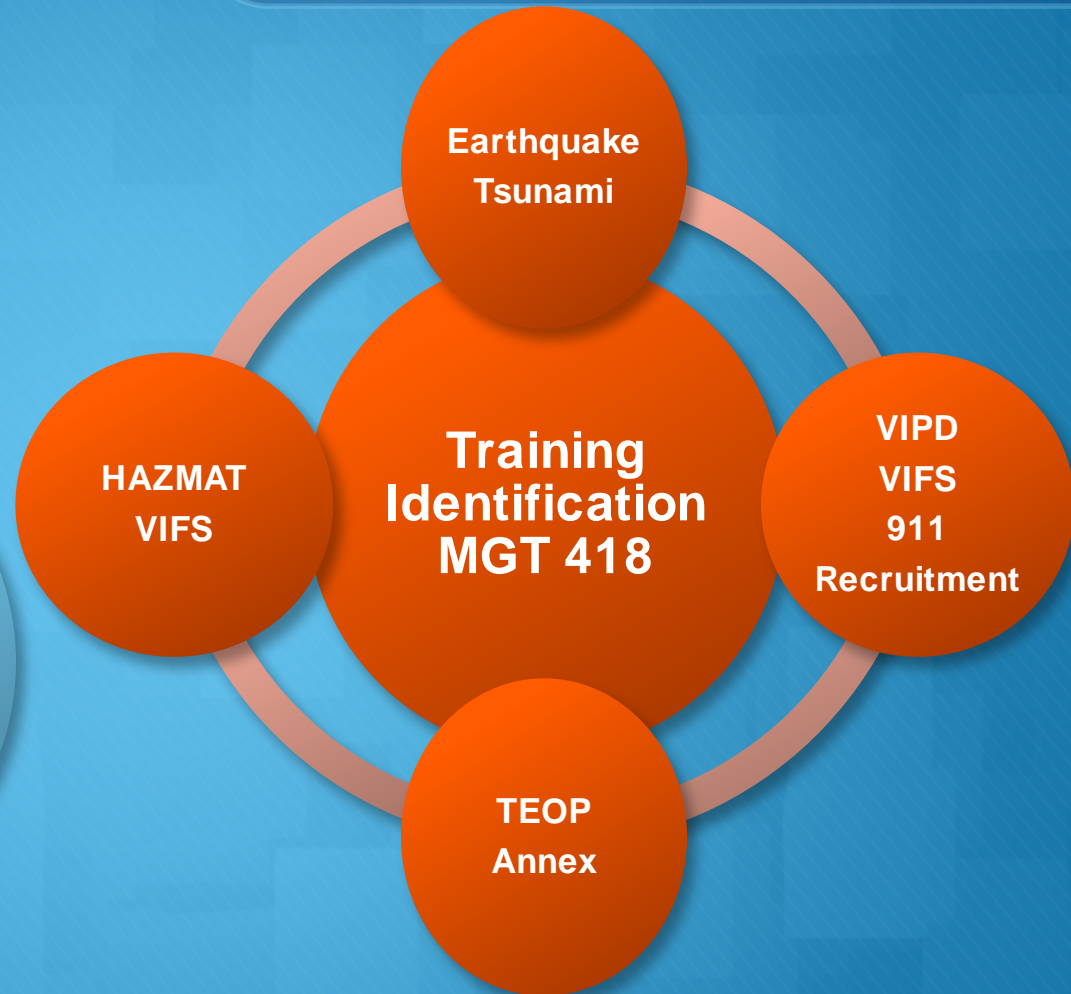
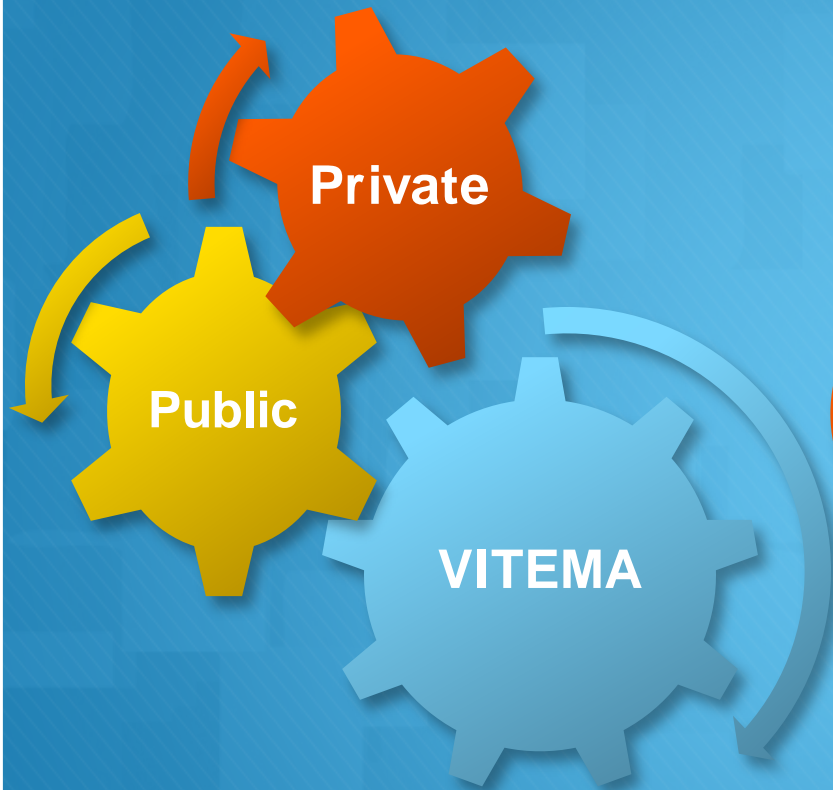
○ VI WAPA

- January 21, 2016 reported a #2 oil spill into the Christiansted Harbor approx. 25 gallons.
- January 29, 2016 reported another oil spill. #2 oils spilled into the Christiansted Harbor approx. 25 gallons.

○ OIL GENIE

14 gallons of oil was spilled, the Virgin Islands Regulated Waste Management (VIRWM) conducted cleanup, transportation of waste for off-site disposal.

TRAINING



Grant Funded

Training

○ HAZMAT

Focused on personal protection challenges that responders face during a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/terrorist incident or hazardous materials incident.

Provided skills needed to obtain certification through the National Professional Qualifications System (NPQS/ProBoard) as an Operations-level responder.

The course was given to Virgin Islands Fire, Virgin Islands Police and the Hospitals in both districts.

VITEMA Funds Trainings!



Training

○ Search and Rescue

Provides first responders with the skill and knowledge to perform basic rescue operation

How to utilize appropriate equipment , methodologies, protocols

Patient and resource management techniques.

Attendees were Virgin Islands Fire and Virgin Islands Rescue from both districts.

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Leadership Focus 2017



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