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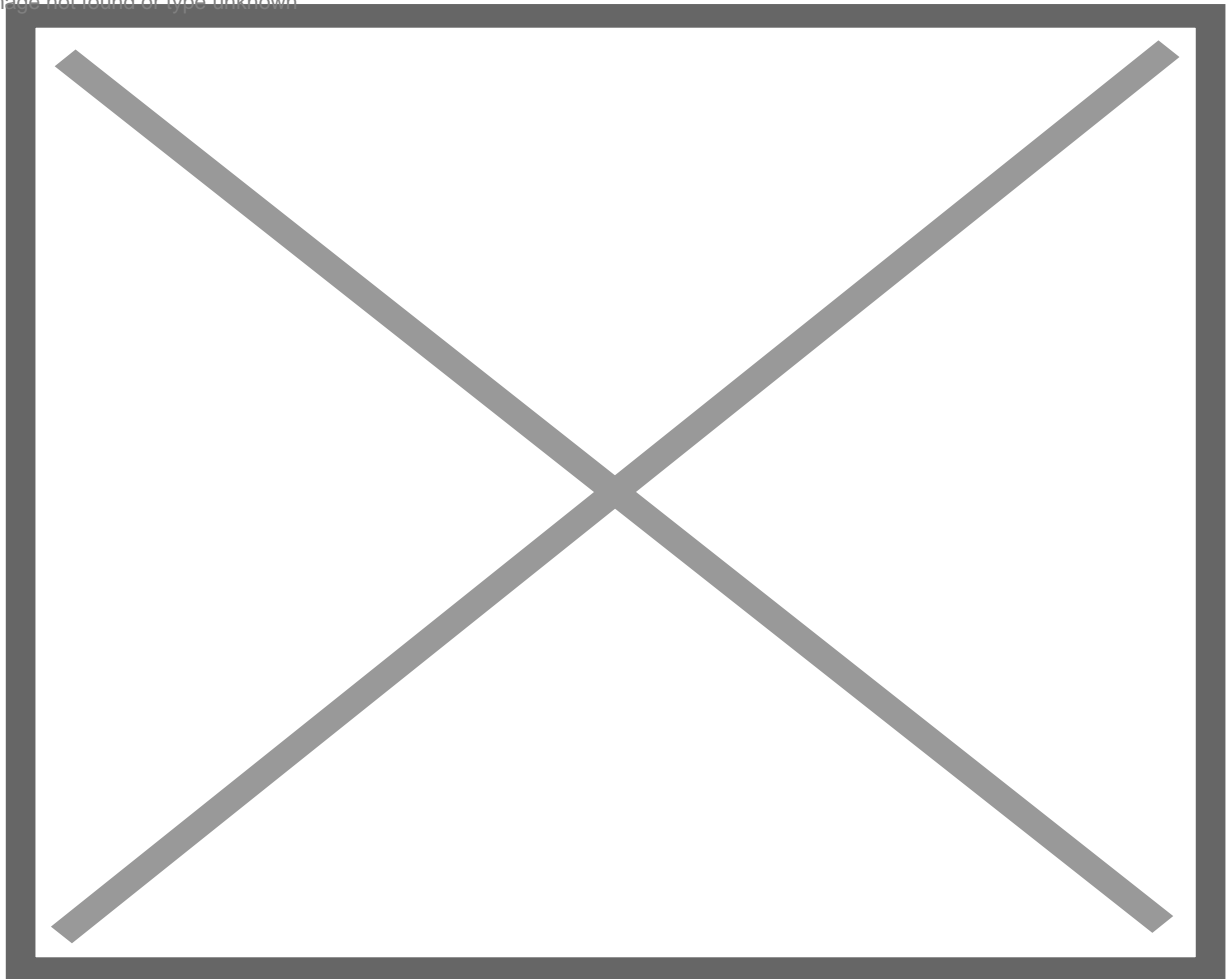
Bryan Names Antonio Stevens New Director of VI Fire & Emergency Services

Stevens steps up as permanent head following the passing of agency's founding director

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New VIFEMS Director Antonio Stevens at Gov't House on St. Croix on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024. By. GOV'T HOUSE

At a press briefing on Tuesday, Governor Albert Bryan announced the appointment of Antonio Stevens as the new head of the territory's Fire & Emergency Medical Services, just shy of four months following the death of Daryl George, the agency's [beloved first director](#).

In making the appointment, the governor called Mr. Stevens "a distinguished professional who has made significant contributions to both military and civilian emergency response sectors."

Having joined the Virgin Islands Fire Service in 2006 following his military career, Mr. Stevens steadily rose through the ranks to the position of assistant director under Mr. George's leadership.

Following the passing of the new agency's founding director, Mr. Stevens was asked to serve as [acting director](#), which he did until his official appointment this week.

"Antonio's leadership, experience and dedication make him the ideal candidate to lead the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services into the future," Governor Bryan remarked.

Mr. Stevens thanked the governor and his lieutenant for the opportunity, as well as the officers of VIFEMS. "I thank the men that stand behind me, and I look forward to leading them in a positive direction," he said during his brief remarks.

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