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## Frying Pan Fire Reaches Ceiling at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Cooking Lab

**A grease fire starting in a frying pan quickly spread upward to the ceiling in a St. Thomas high school classroom, prompting swift action by staff and students, preventing injuries or extensive damage.**

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A cooking lab classroom at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in St. Thomas experienced a grease fire incident today, prompting an immediate response from school personnel and emergency services.

According to the V.I. Department of Education, the fire originated in a frying pan and quickly moved upward, reaching the ceiling.

School personnel, including the teacher, students, and monitors, acted swiftly to evacuate everyone from the affected area. They successfully used fire extinguishers to contain and address the flames before the fire could cause more extensive damage. The V.I. Fire and Emergency Medical Services also quickly responded by dispatching a fire truck to the high school to secure the scene and confirm that the fire was fully extinguished.

VIDE confirmed there were no injuries to any students or staff as a result of the incident. The affected classroom will now undergo a comprehensive inspection to evaluate the extent of the fire damage and determine its suitability for future use.

VIDE praised the prompt, calm, and organized actions of the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students during the emergency. The department also expressed gratitude toward VIFEMS for their timely intervention and their continued cooperation in maintaining safety across the territory's schools.

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