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Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs Conference Comes To St. Thomas

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ST. THOMAS -- The Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs Conference and Exhibition, held annually around the region, takes place in the territory from May 22-26 at the Sugar Bay Resort and Spa in St. Thomas.

The event brings together fire service administrators, firefighters, paramedics/EMTs, vendors and other professionals in a regional forum, enabling the exchange of the latest advances in both fire-rescue and pre-hospital care within the fire service community, according to a release issued Thursday.

Through a variety of lectures, round-table discussions, workshops and sessions, the conference will have a special focus on raising the bar in pre-hospital care through training and credentialing, and enhanced leadership sessions geared towards improving junior and senior fire service personnel, according to the release. The five-day affair is the largest organised fire and rescue event in the Caribbean.

Three challenges will be hosted this year: 1) The Firefighter Challenge, which is comprised of firefighters in full bunker gear and breathing apparatus, from nations across the Caribbean, competing in a timed course of 5 stations. 2) The EMS Challenge, which puts EMT teams against a timed simulated medical emergency, testing their ability to demonstrate their knowledge, skill and attention to life saving details. And 3) The Extrication Challenge, which engages rescue teams from around the Caribbean, placing them under pressure to bring their skill of vehicle extrication to the field of intense competition.

This year's conference will present another wonderful opportunity for the men and women in the fire and rescue community to come together for professional development and competitive excellence, according to the release.