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Training In Session For V.I.P.D. Recruits

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ST. THOMAS -- The Virgin Islands Police Department announced on Monday that a new recruit class has commenced training at the Police Academy. According to a Government House release, this is the first group of recruits to train since Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the Virgin Islands last fall.

Classes started on St. Thomas on April 23 and on St. Croix on May 1. In June, there will be an even larger group of recruits beginning training, said V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glenn Dratte. The Academy has instituted new and additional curriculum to include Peace Officers Standards and Training certification, according to the release.

V.I.P.D. said it continues to actively recruit qualified individuals to join the department. Governor Kenneth E. Mapp recently announced that the starting salary for officers has been increased to \$40,953, with health insurance and other benefits.

"I urge talented Virgin Islanders committed to bettering our community to consider a career in law enforcement," Mr. Mapp said. "We need your enthusiasm, energy and good ideas."

For more information, visit www.jointhevipd.com or call the VIPD Human Resources office at (340) 778-2211 on St. Croix or (340) 774-2211 on St. Thomas.

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