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U.S. Virgin Islands Test Of Emergency Alert System Set For Thursday

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On Thursday at 10 a.m. the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will conduct a live test of the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) capabilities, which includes the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The test will signal the start of the Caribe Wave 2019 Tsunami Warning Exercise in the territory, VITEMA has announced.

The EAS and WEA test messages will state: "This is a test of the U.S. Virgin Islands Tsunami Warning System. No Action is required."

The test will last approximately three minutes. All WEA and EAS messages will be issued to radio, television and cable, and on mobile phones throughout the territory. Due to the tsunami sirens throughout the territory being inoperable, there will be no tsunami sirens used during the exercise, according to the release.

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