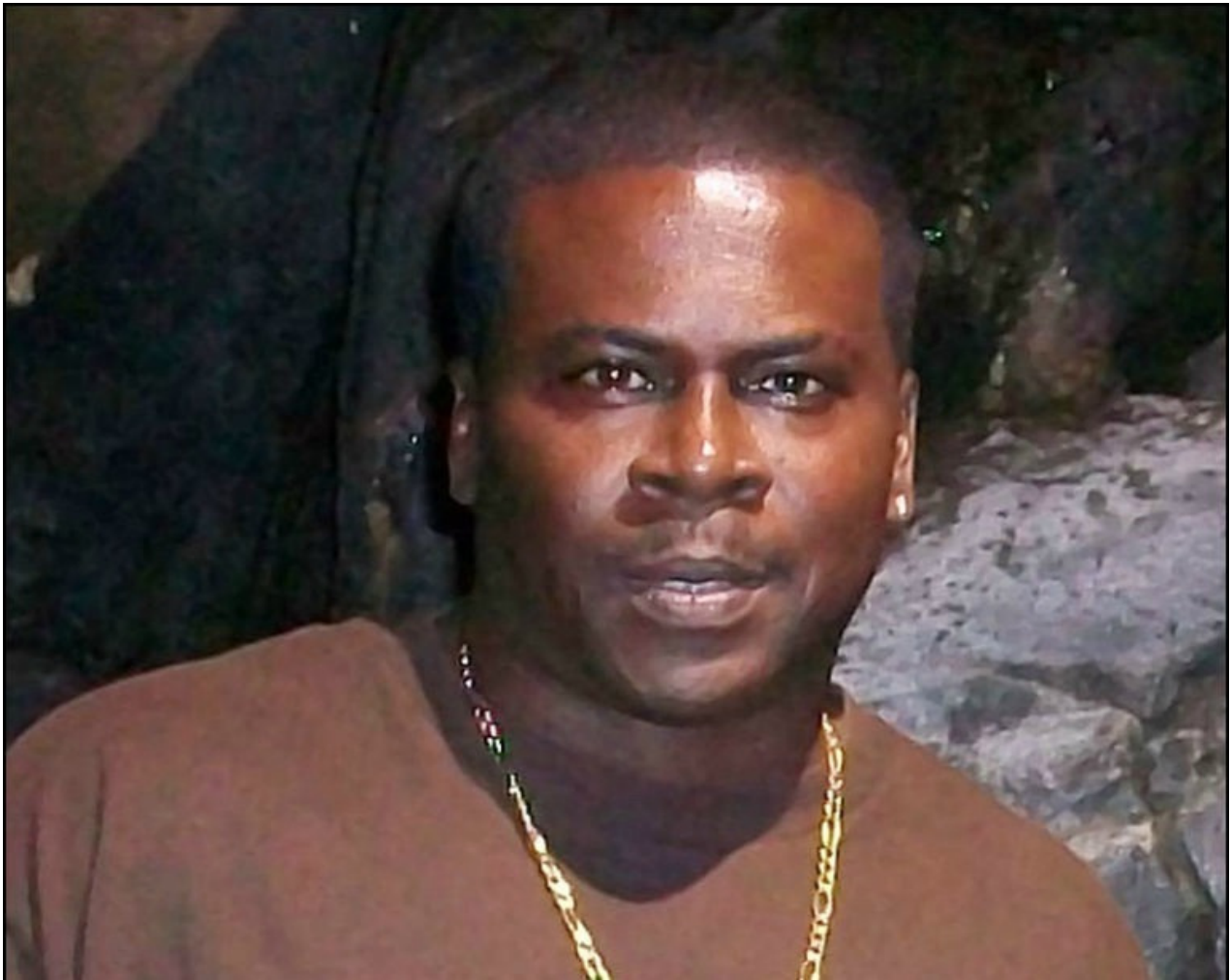


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In Honor of Fallen V.I. Firefighter, Government House Will Fly Flags at Half-Staff Sunday

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In accordance to Public Law 107-51, all flags shall be flown half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, October 6, 2019, in observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, Government House has announced.

As [reported by the Consortium last week](#), Virgin Islands Firefighter Dwayne “Yogi” Thomas is one of 119 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018 and are being honored at this year’s 38th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday morning at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



Dwayne "Yogi" Thomas

Mr. Thomas, 57, served 25 years with the V.I. Fire Service. He died after driving the fire truck to the scene of a fire in January 2018 at Marley Homes on St. Croix.

Any and all American flags being flown in the territory on October 6 should be properly raised and lowered immediately to half-staff and flown from sunrise until sunset, according to Government House. All flags being flown outdoors must be lowered at the end of the day – sunset – unless the flagpoles are properly lit at night.

Additionally, Governor Albert Bryan has issued a proclamation declaring October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week in the territory.

This year's recognition, which has the theme "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape," is commemorated national, and locally Fire Prevention Week is in honor of the V.I. Fire Service.