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Firefighters Contain Generator Fire at DeCastro Clinic in St. John

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The Morris F. DeCastro Clinic in St. John. By. THE VI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ST. JOHN — Firefighters on St. John were successful in containing a small fire that occurred at the Morris F. DeCastro Clinic Tuesday.

According to a release from the V.I. Dept. of Health, at around 11:45 am Tuesday it was reported that a generator was on fire at the clinic, which is said to have only impacted the generator and was quickly contained.

Deputy Fire Chief Clarence Stephenson of the Virgin Islands Fire Service disabled the generator by removing its battery in an effort to identify the issue with the equipment and prevent further damage, according to the release.

The fire did not spread to the adjacent building and all staff and others at the clinic were safe, the release stated. Flu shot administration was canceled Tuesday. However, electricity was restored and normal clinic operations continued.

Health Commissioner Justa E. Encarnacion and Assistant Health Commissioner Dr. Nicole Syms expressed gratitude to the Virgin Islands Fire Service and the Virgin Islands Police Department for their quick response and assistance in controlling the fire and keeping everyone safe.