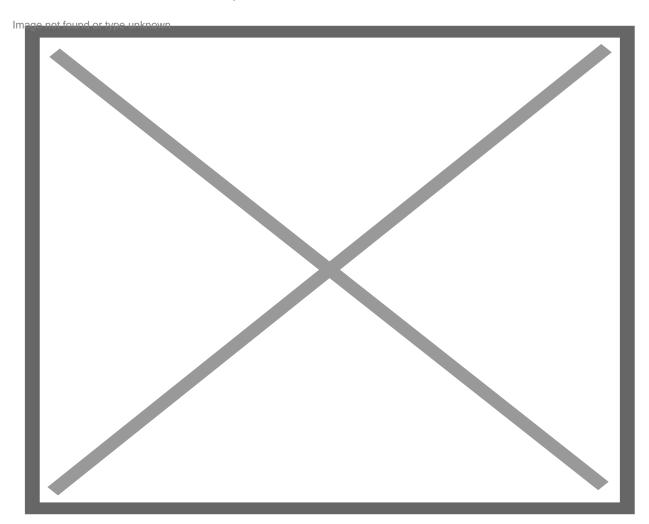
## Fire at Dept. of Labor Offices on St. Croix Affects Unemployment Insurance Processing

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ST. CROIX -- The Department of Labor St. Croix offices reopened today following a small fire on Monday that the department said caused little damage. Astia Lebron, D.O.L. PR lead, said while the fire damage was minimal, further inspection was needed and taken for employee safety, and therefore offers were closed on Monday.

Ms. Lebron said the fire affected the Unemployment Insurance processing system, and that D.O.L. was working to repair the important equipment as soon as possible.

The offices reopened today, Ms. Lebron said. D.O.L. thanked the public for its cooperation and encouraged jobseekers, employees, and employers to use resources available online at

www.vidol.gov, or call (340)773-1994 to reach Offices on St. Croix and (340)776-3700 to reach Offices on St. Thomas.

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