

Citing Concerns With Federal Flood Insurance Coverage, Office of the Lieutenant Governor Says its Assisting FEMA

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Lieutenant Governor Tregenza Roach, who also serves as the territory's commissioner of Insurance has informed the public that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is aware of concerns regarding the procurement of flood insurance. According to the release, many residents in the territory who obtain flood insurance through the federal government's program have been experiencing difficulties in receiving access to this type of insurance.

"Due to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) use of street addresses in its determination of where properties lie in the flood plain, many residents are facing challenges in acquiring flood insurance," Mr. Roach said. "This unfortunate situation comes as a result of the lack of existing street addresses in the territory."

He added, "I want to assure the public that we have reached out to FEMA to identify how we can assist with this matter. We have offered to FEMA the use of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) platform to remedy the issue. FEMA will utilize the platform and other available resources to identify parcels and assist residents.

"This underscores the need for our Street Addressing Initiative (SAI), which is being conducted through our GIS Division. This endeavor is part of the reason why the Division recently received the distinguished Exemplary Government System Award by the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA)."

According to the release, throughout the territory the GIS Division leads the charge of creating an addressing system that provides for clear, logical, and navigable system of street addresses based on established national standards.