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# Tsunami Warning Test Delayed on St. Croix Following Discovery of Malfunction in System Software

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The V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency along with tsunami warning installation contractors have discovered a malfunction in the software necessary to test the system on the island of St. Croix as scheduled for today, the agency made known Wednesday night.

According to VITEMA, now that the construction portion of the tsunami warning system is complete, technicians have been in the process of pre-testing the system internally territory wide. In doing so, it was discovered that a hardware failure within the server on St. Croix has been identified that will prohibit the sirens from being activated until a new server has been purchased and configured by the contractor.

“As soon as the new server is secured, VITEMA will commence with the physical testing of the seventeen tsunami sirens that have been installed on St Croix," said VITEMA Deputy Director of Logistics Steve DeBlasio.

The agency said a complete testing of the tsunami warning system will still take place today for the St. Thomas/St John/Water Island District as scheduled, at 12 noon.

VITEMA stated that a complete evaluation of the entire tsunami warning system will continue up until the pre-scheduled “Great Shake-Out” annual earthquake awareness event on Thursday, October 20 the at 10:20 a.m.

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