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**VING Civil Support Team Conducting Exercise in Frederiksted**  
**Tuesday, February 8**

The Virgin Islands National Guard 23<sup>rd</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) will conduct an emergency response exercise Tuesday, February 8 in Frederiksted from 7 am – 6 pm.

The Virgin Islands National Guard unit will conduct training in Frederiksted in an area from the parking lot adjacent to the Midre Cummings Children's Park and the Legislature to the Ann **Abramson Pier**. The unit will undergo pre-evaluation assessment by the U.S. Army North. The U.S. Army North is an Army Service Component Command (ASCC) of the United States Army. It is responsible for homeland defense and defense support of civil authorities as the joint force land component command of United States Northern Command.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team is a 22 man unit whose mission is to support local and state authorities at domestic Weapons of Mass Destruction/Nuclear Biological Chemical (WMD/NBC) incident sites by identifying agents and substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with requests for additional military support.

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