Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

The Thirty-Fourth Legislature’s Committee of the Whole will convene to receive testimony on the following proposed legislations.

*Governor’s proposed bills amending provisions in the Virgin Islands Code to create the first Emergency Medical Services Systems, adopting provisions for the Department of Health to regulate Emergency Medical Services, and expanding Virgin Islands Fire Services to include Emergency Medical Services in order to increase the protection of life and property throughout the territory.*

**Invited Testifiers:**

- **Justa Encarnacion**
  *Commissioner*
  Virgin Islands Department of Health

- **Daryl George**
  *Director*
  Virgin Islands Fire Services

- **Keno Walcott**
  *President, St. Croix Supervisors Union*
  International Association of Firefighters #3117

- **Lyndan Anthony**
  *President, St. Thomas Supervisors Union*
  International Association of Firefighters #3117

- **Melbourne Adams**
  *President, St. Croix Firefighters Union*
  International Association of Firefighters #2832

- **Andre Dorsey**
  *President, St. Thomas Firefighters Union*
  International Association of Firefighters #2125

- **Eugene Irish**
  *Vice President of the Caribbean Region*
  Seafarers International Union.

- **Gerard “Jerry” Jackson**
  *Staff Representative*
  United Steelworkers Union
Proposed bill amending Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 5, Sections 460, 470, 471 and 489a to provide for better licensing, safety, and declaration processes for firearms and ammunition entering and being used in the Virgin Islands by clarifying the following: reciprocity provisions and what out-of-state licensees need to do for licensure, the reporting and declaration requirements for firearms brought into the Virgin Islands, and safe storage requirements when traveling.

Invited Testifiers:

Trevor Velinor  
Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Police Department

Carlton Dowe  
Executive Director  
Virgin Islands Port Authority