



ST THOMAS  
**RESCUE**  
The life you save may be your own

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Good <sup>morning</sup> ~~afternoon~~ Honorable Donna Frett-Gregory, Chairwoman Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance, all other senators present, legislative staff, listening and viewing audience.

I am Liston J. Thomas the President of St. Thomas Rescue. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Parcel No. 146 Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter, proposed lease agreement before your committee on behalf of the St. Thomas Rescue.

St. Thomas Rescue is a non-profit organization that has been in existence for over forty-three (43) years. We are an all-volunteer group of Trained Emergency Service Responders who are dedicated in assisting the residence of St. Thomas. We are immensely proud of the sixty-two (62) men and women volunteers from various occupations that are committed to assist in time of need.

Once the proposed Parcel No. 146 Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter renovations are completed, this building will serve has the Rescue Headquarters and Training Facility. Likewise, having the building it will be a secure location to help us safeguard our personal protective equipment (PPE), files, medical supplies and also provide adequate storage.

St. Thomas Rescue plays a critical role in responding to emergency calls such as medical calls, vehicle entrapment, marine incidents, search and rescue mission, just to mention a few. The leasing of Parcel No. 146 Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter would play a vital role for the rescue volunteers as we will now have a permanent facility to call our home as well as a place to conduct our training and meetings.

To describe our efforts, I would like to summarize some of our major accomplishments.

*Major Accomplishments for 2022 - 2023*

- *Responded to (97) ninety-seven medical emergency calls.*
- *Responded to (64) sixty-four motor vehicle accidents.*
- *197 events and Outreach Services.*
- *Trained (11) eleven rescue personnel.*
- *Recruited (20) individuals*

St. Thomas Rescue will accomplish the following goals in 2023:

*St. Thomas Rescue Goals for 2023*

- *Summer Training Programs*
- *Community Safety Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)*
- *First-Aid and Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED)*
- *Community support and outreach to other government agencies*
- *Installation of water life safety equipment on beaches*

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance, for their support on lease agreement for Parcel No. 146 Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter to house the St. Thomas Rescue. I am prepared to respond to any questions you may have at this time.