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The Center for Domestic Preparedness – Caribbean Area Initiative

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During the month of June, the US Virgin Islands is teaming up with FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) to train emergency and healthcare first responders and first receivers to respond to All-Hazard Disasters, both natural and manmade events.

Throughout June, the CDP's Caribbean Area Initiative (CAI) will offer 30 days of dedicated training support to the US Territories in the Caribbean. The training and tabletop exercises taught by experts from the Center for Domestic Preparedness (https://cdp.dhs.gov/) and local Virgin Island experts, are offered in partnership with the Virgin Island Emergency Management Agency, the VI Department of Health, local Universities and FEMA, at no cost to territorial Emergency Management and Health Sector responders and their organizations. The CDP training program provides responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare, respond and recover from disasters and will strengthen US Virgin Islands' response and recovery capability and build capacity and self-reliance and planning for the islands. Additional benefits of the CDP's training program include Continue Education Units (CEU), Continuing Medical Education and academic credits for specified courses.

The FEMA-CDP has provided advanced, all-hazards training to over 1 Million responders nationwide, since 1998 and currently trains approximately 50,000 emergency responders annually from state, local, tribal, and territorial governments as well as the federal government, foreign governments, and private companies.

The CDP Instructors represent the nation's most experience trainers in disaster preparedness and have a minimum of 10 years' experience in their respective fields of expertise and have served key roles in the response to a major incident, accident, or disaster.

For more information on the Center for Domestic Preparedness training available, visit https://cdp.dhs.gov/ .