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# MEDIA PRESS RELEASE

**Senator At Large Angel Bolques Jr. Commends Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Swift Response to Great Cruz Bay Fire on St. John**

St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands – Senator At Large Angel Bolques Jr. extends his heartfelt gratitude to the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services for their swift and effective response in extinguishing the residential fire in the Great Cruz Bay area this evening.

At about 7 PM this evening, the Zulu Company (Robert O'Connor Sr. Fire Station—Cruz Bay) and the Romeo Company (Hugo Liburd Fire Station—Coral Bay) were dispatched to the scene of a blaze in the Great Cruz Bay area of St. John. A total of 12 on-duty firefighters, one off-duty firefighter, two dual-role firefighters (EMS), four apparatus, and one ambulance were deployed to combat the blaze.

"I am incredibly proud and thankful for the dedication and bravery displayed by our firefighters and emergency medical personnel. Their prompt action and coordination ensured that the fire was fully extinguished in less than an hour, preventing further damage and ensuring the safety of our residents," stated Senator Bolques.



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In addition to the efforts of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Senator Bolques extends special thanks to B&C Transport, LLC, for their invaluable assistance. Providing additional water delivery was crucial in achieving such a rapid and successful resolution to the incident. Special thanks are extended to Fire Chief Clarence Stephenson and Deputy Fire Chief Magabe Calixte for their exceptional leadership and dedicated staff for their tireless efforts in managing this response effectively and ensuring the safety of our community.

"I am pleased to highlight the critical role played by the two Type-3 pumper fire trucks, funded by the \$600,000 appropriation by my colleagues and me in the 34th Legislature. These vehicles are essential for navigating St. John's challenging terrain and were pivotal in tonight's swift firefighting efforts. I remain committed to ensuring St. John and our entire territory have the resources to keep our residents safe and will continue supporting our emergency services in their vital work."

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