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Division of Personnel Announces the 2025 Battle of the Agencies – Beach Edition

U.S. Virgin Islands – The GVI Wellness Program, administered by the Division of Personnel in partnership with the GESC Board and the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR), proudly announces the 2025 Battle of the Agencies – Beach Edition.

On August 23rd at John Brewers Bay on St. Thomas and again on September 6th at Cramer's Park on St. Croix, the Government of the Virgin Islands and its semi-autonomous agencies will come together for more than a competition. The Battle of the Agencies is about wellness, teamwork, and the belief that when we push ourselves together, we rise together.

This year's edition promises to be the most exciting yet, with seven challenges designed to test endurance, ingenuity, and grit: the Morning Relay, the Three-Legged Race, the Tire Flip Relay, the Dizzy Bat Relay, the Kayak Race Relay, the Ski Challenge, and the Obstacle Course.

Let's proudly recognize our 2024 Champions UVI Scholars (STT) and VIPD's Armed and Dangerous (STX). This year the question is simple: which Director or Commissioner will step up to challenge Adrienne Williams-Octalien for the coveted bragging rights from the Governor's Cabinet in the Agency Head Challenge.

And as you prepare to find out, remember that the event begins promptly at 7:00 a.m. Vehicles are **NOT** permitted to park at the beach or adjacent to the Reichhold Center parking lot. Parking is available **ONLY** at UVI's Sports and Fitness Center and the 13D Innovation Center (formerly Westbay Supermarket). Shuttle service will be available after the Morning Relay Race, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The 2025 Battle of the Agencies is set to be unforgettable. In the end, what matters most isn't who crosses the finish line first but that every participant crosses it together.

For inquiries about participation, registration, rosters, or event details, please contact Valerie Daley, Chief of Group Health Insurance and Wellness, at valerie.daley@dop.vi.gov or (340) 774-8588 ext. 5144.

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