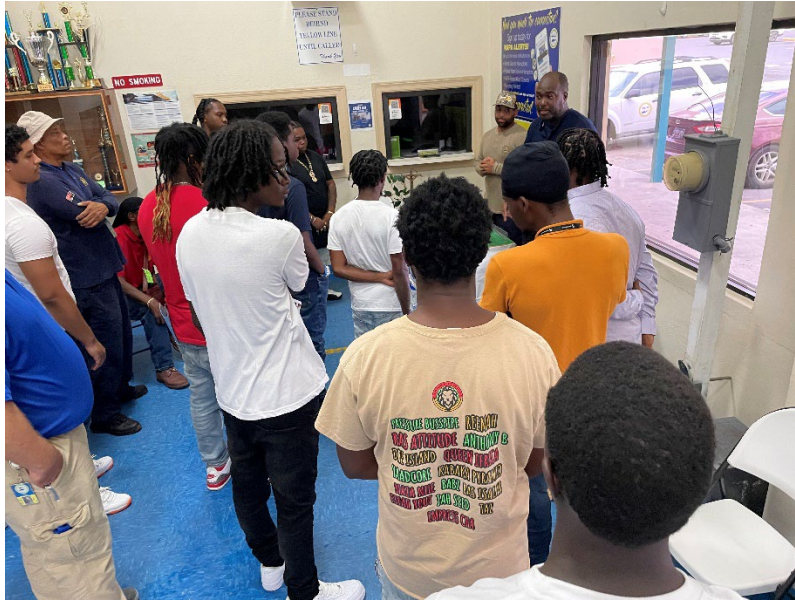




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*Figure 1: Troy Lake and Rey Belardo, Line Supervisors at the Authority speak to youth at the Technical Career Fair held on August 19, 2023, in St. Croix.*

## **WAPA Hosts Successful Technical Career Fair on St. Croix; Highlights Opportunities for a Rewarding Career**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA or “Authority”) would like to thank community members for their presence at the Authority’s well-attended Technical Career Fair held this past Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the Sunny Isles Business Center on St. Croix. The event provided a platform for participants to explore exciting technical career opportunities within the Authority’s power plant, engineering, and line departments.

During the event, attendees were able to engage directly with senior members at the Authority and learn more about the skills needed and training provided within varying roles, alongside critical projects, standard equipment and tools and initiatives that WAPA is spearheading to enhance the Virgin Islands’ energy landscape.

The Virgin Islands Department of Labor (VIDOL) was also present providing information on hot jobs available across St. Croix for attendees with interest. “It was an absolute pleasure to be part of such an engaging event,” said T’Shanny Macedon, Assistant Director of Workforce Development at VIDOL. “I was particularly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by the young men who stayed for the

entire three-hour duration, eager to learn about various career paths at WAPA, especially the linemen/lineperson position.”

One of the many highlights of the event was the opportunity for participants to apply for positions on-site. This streamlined approach to recruitment enabled potential candidates to take immediate steps towards joining the Authority’s team and receive real-time support from the Human Resources Recruitment Team with any application questions.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of the recent technical career fair on St. Croix and the interest it generated, especially from our young people," noted Sabrina King-Leonce, Director of Human Resources at the Authority. "This event not only showcased the dynamic career paths within WAPA, but also highlighted our commitment to investing in local talent and contributing to the growth of our community."

The Authority remains committed to supporting professional development and creating opportunities for individuals interested in technical and engineering fields. The recent career fair’s success further underscores WAPA’s dedication to fostering a skilled workforce that can drive the future of energy innovation in the Virgin Islands.

Recap video of technical career fair can be found at WAPA’s YouTube page:  
<https://youtu.be/yyptZzKMN9A?si=vTuquqV3rjOFEohU>

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**About WAPA:** The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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