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STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL ADDS NEW ROLE



The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) is pleased to announce that State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2021. AIG encourages professional development; standardizing practices, policies and ethics; and establishing professional qualifications and certifications of Offices of Inspectors General.

“I am grateful to AIG members for their confidence in electing me to the Board,” said Westfall. “I look forward to participating and contributing to the IG community in this new role.”

Governor Ralph Northam reappointed Westfall to a four-year term as State Inspector General effective July 1, 2020, after initially appointing him State Inspector General in April 2018. Westfall served as acting State Inspector General since February 2017 and Deputy Inspector General since 2015.

Prior to joining OSIG in 2015, Westfall served in several leadership positions, including Chief Audit Executive for the Virginia State Police and Assistant Director and Director of the Chesterfield County Office of Internal Audit, where he oversaw internal audits and hotline investigations for more than 20 years. He began his career as an auditor for the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General.

Westfall holds a master’s degree in accountancy from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a Certified Inspector General, a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the AIG, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Virginia Local Government Auditors Association (past-president). He previously served in leadership roles with the Association of Local Government Auditors and the Association of Government Accountants (past president of the Richmond chapter).

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Established in 2012, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General manages the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; conducts investigations and performance audits of state agencies; provides training and standards for the commonwealth’s internal audit programs; and conducts inspections and reviews of Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services-run facilities and programs.