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COMMONWEALTH DIGNITARIES HELP OSIG MARK ITS TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The decade-long anniversary gift is traditionally tin or aluminum, which symbolize strength and resilience. That gift is appropriate for the Office of the State Inspector General, which marks its 10-year anniversary on July 1, 2022. While gifts were not part of the 10th Anniversary Event hosted by OSIG today on the James Monroe Building plaza in downtown Richmond, guests, primarily other state employees, were treated to refreshments and heard congratulatory remarks from five Cabinet secretaries, the Attorney General and a video greeting from Governor Glenn Youngkin.

“OSIG continuously works to ensure that the trust between citizen and state is never lost,” said Youngkin. “You are a truly vital and objective watchdog organization.”

The speakers included:

- Michael C. Westfall, State Inspector General
- The Honorable Amiee Rogstad Guidera, Secretary of Education
- The Honorable Stephen E. Cummings, Secretary of Finance
- The Honorable George “Bryan” Slater, Secretary of Labor
- The Honorable Secretary Robert “Bob” Mosier, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller III, Secretary of Transportation
- The Honorable Jason Miyares, Attorney General

“In the beginning, OSIG had staff who were primarily auditors or investigators within an individual agency, and over time, OSIG has strengthened its skills to provide those services to the Commonwealth collaboratively within the executive branch,” said Westfall, who has been at OSIG for more than seven years. “Since that time, we have implemented standards across the board. We have had our first independent peer review through the Association of Inspectors General, which has provided assurance not only to us, but also to the citizens of the Commonwealth, that we are conducting quality work in accordance with professional standards. We have great staff, and we can build upon the successes we have had by adding even more value over the next 10 years.”

Since agency inception, the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline has logged more than 6,500 allegations. Of those, OSIG opened an investigation into more than 3,000, which led to internal control improvements at state agencies, increased training, employee discipline, deterrence of future mistakes/wrongdoing, as well as other notable internal agency changes. Of those 3,000 allegations, OSIG substantiated more than 800 acts of confirmed wrongdoing.

Check #VaOSIG’s social media accounts for photos.

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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.