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NEW CERTIFICATIONS ASSIST STAFF TO KNOCK OUT FRAUD AND ASSESS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



Office of the State Inspector General staff continue to earn professional certifications in pursuit of boosting their skills to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Supervisory Special Agent Chris Harris and Senior Hotline Investigator Ephfrom Walker III obtained Certified Fraud Examiner certifications through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. The CFE course trains professionals in preventing, detecting and investigating fraud. OSIG staff

learned about complex financial transactions, investigative techniques and legal issues, how to resolve allegations of fraud, and effective anti-fraud programs.

Accreditation Manager Elizabeth Knudson recently obtained the Senior Assessor certification from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission after she participated in at least three official on-site assessments of law enforcement agencies. The assessments involve an extensive review of the agency seeking accredited status by determining its compliance with VLEPSC’s 191 standards. It also allows her to assume the role of Team Leader for an assessment team.



“We are proud of our staff for taking advantage of the opportunities offered to improve their skills and enrich the agency’s knowledge and reputation,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “Their achievements benefit OSIG and those we serve.”

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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.