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## **OSIG PRODUCTIVITY REMAINED HIGH IN FY 2021**

Double the number of published performance audits with 33 findings and 78 recommendations for improvements. Double the number of reports from the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Unit from the previous fiscal year. Those of just some of the highlights in the Office of the State Inspector General's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly.

"While the global pandemic affected all of us and forced staff to alter the way we did business, OSIG conducted numerous investigations and audits in executive branch agencies that resulted in many recommendations for efficiency and effectiveness," said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall.

Also in FY 2021, the number of complaints to OSIG's Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Complaint Line reached 657, the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline closed 195 cases and the Investigations Unit closed 31 executive branch state agency investigations. At the completion of one investigation, a Department of Motor Vehicles employee was sentenced to 28 months in federal prison, ordered to make restitution of \$89,200 to the DMV and serve three years of supervised probation upon release for accepting bribes from outside contractors.

OSIG also hired a new Accreditation Manager in FY 2021 to pursue accreditation from two law enforcement commissions and assist with the acquisition of grant funds for projects that will greatly enhance the effectiveness and abilities of OSIG as a whole.

"I am in my seventh year at the Office of the State Inspector General, more than three years serving as State Inspector General. I could not be prouder of the accomplishments of my staff, especially during this turbulent year, and I look forward to what the next year will bring," said Westfall.

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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.