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## OSIG STAFF OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Staff from the Office of the State Inspector General received professional certifications at the recent 2022 Association of Inspectors General Institute. These newly earned certifications help further develop the agency’s knowledge base to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.



**Pictured l-r: Special Agent Chris Harris, Accreditation Manager Elizabeth Knudson and Healthcare Compliance Manager Keith Davies**

Healthcare Compliance Manager Keith Davies, Accreditation Manager Elizabeth Knudson and Healthcare Compliance Specialist Madison McRae earned their Certified Inspector General Inspector/Evaluator certification. The five-day curriculum encompassed core competency areas for inspections and evaluations, including professional standards, processes, types of inspections and evaluations, the collection and handling of evidence, ethics and peer review processes.

Special Agent Chris Harris earned his Certified Inspector General Investigator designation during the weeklong training, which identified seven essential areas for inspector general investigators, including professional standards for conducting investigations, legal issues, procurement fraud and computer crime.

“It’s important that staff take advantage of the opportunities offered them to improve their skills and enrich OSIG’s knowledge and reputation by obtaining certifications,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “Their achievements benefit the employee, the agency 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.