



Virginia Homicide Investigators Association
2026 Annual Training Conference
Virginia Beach, Virginia
September 28, 2026 - October 2, 2026
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"No greater honor will ever be bestowed on an investigator, or a more profound duty imposed on him than when he is entrusted with the investigation of the death of a human being. It is his duty to find the facts, regardless of color or creed, without prejudice, and to let no power on Earth deter him from presenting these facts to the court without regard to personality."

Sunday, September 27, 2026

16:00 - 19:00 **Early Registration and Networking**

Registration Room / Hospitality Suite

Monday, September 28, 2026 (Day-1)

07:00 - 08:00 **Morning Registration**

08:00 - 09:00 **Opening Ceremonies**
Posting of Colors (Honor Guard)
Welcoming Remarks

09:00 - 11:00 **Case Study: Capital Murder Case - Ronald Hamilton**

LT. Caillen Smith, Prince William County VA PD

11:00 - 12:00 **Prosecutorial Strategy: Working with the Prosecutor, Obtaining
and Entering Evidence, Witness Preparation, and Testimony**

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Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Brian Boyle, Loudoun County, VA
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Matt Lowery, Loudoun County, VA
Bradley Marshall Esquire, law office of Vanderpool, Frostick & Nishanian, PC*

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH**

13:00 - 15:00 **Prosecutorial Strategy: Working with the Prosecutor, Obtaining
and Entering Evidence, Witness Preparation, and Testimony (Continue)**

15:00 - 17:00 **Mock Trial - Commonwealth of Virginia vs Ronald Hamilton**

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17:00 - 19:00 **Networking: Hospitality Suite**

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 (Day-2)

08:00 - 10:00 **False Confessions and How to Avoid Them**

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Phil Evans (retired), City of Norfolk, VA

10:00 - 12:00 **Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) Presentation**

Amanda Corrigan, Crime Analyst, FBI ViCAP-BAU

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH**

13:00 - 15:00 **Case Study: Never Say Quit, Advancements in DNA Analysis**

M/DET. Giannina Pinedo, Prince William County VA PD
M/DET. Colleen Grantham, Prince William County VA PD
CSI. Andrea Feldman, Prince William County VA PD
Janet Cady, PhD Bioinformatics Scientist Parabon Nanolabs
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Regan Cline, Stafford County, VA
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Stephanie Buck, Prince William County, VA

15:00 - 17:00 **Case Studies: Navigating the Twists and Turns of a Homicide Investigation**

DET. Mark Belew, Albemarle County VA PD
DET. Andrew Holmes, Albemarle County VA PD

17:00 - 19:00 **Networking: Hospitality Suite**

Wednesday September 30, 2026 (Day-3)

08:00 - 11:00 **Case Study: Michael Brown**

LT. Holly Willoughby, Franklin County VA Sheriff's Office
INV. Steve McFarling, Franklin County VA Sheriff's Office

- 11:00 - 13:00 **Awards Banquet and Lunch**
- 13:00 - 15:00 **George Mason University Forensic Science Program & Body Farm**
Dr. An-Di Yim, Associate Professor & Anthropologist, GMU
- 15:00 - 17:00 **Case Studies: Unusual Artifacts of Injury in Death Investigations**
Mary Weldon, MA, F-ABMDI, Death Investigator, Fairfax County VA PD
- 17:00 – 19:00 **Networking: Hospitality Suite**

Thursday October 1, 2026 (Day-4)

- 08:00 - 12:00 **Case Study: Watts Family Murder, Colorado**
SSA Tammy Lee, Colorado Bureau of Investigation
SA Grahm Coder, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH**
- 13:00 - 17:00 **Case Study: Watts Family Murder, Colorado** (Continued)
SSA Tammy Lee, Colorado Bureau of Investigation
SA Grahm Coder, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 17:00 - 19:00 **Networking: Hospitality Suite**

Friday October 2, 2026 (Day-5)

- 08:00 - 12:00 **Advancing No-Body Homicides: Modern Investigative & Prosecutorial Strategies**
DET. Johnny Capocelli (Retired), LE Liaison, Chesterfield County VA PD
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Matt Ackley, Henrico County, VA
- 12:00 **Closing Remarks by the VHIA Board / Certificates**