

## **OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

The **mission** of the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) is to serve as a catalyst for positive change by facilitating good stewardship of resources; deterring fraud, waste, abuse and corruption; advocating efficiency and effectiveness; and promoting integrity and ethical conduct — on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

### ***State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline***

**(800) 723-1615**

The toll-free State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline provides an anonymous and confidential method for state employees and citizens to report suspected fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in executive branch state agencies and institutions, such as:

- Illegal or fraudulent conduct
- Waste of state funds
- Abuse of state property or resources
- Gross mismanagement
- Gross neglect of duty

### ***Fraud & Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act***

OSIG oversees the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act and administers the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. The fund is available solely to provide monetary rewards to state employees and Virginia citizens who have disclosed relevant information under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act that results in the recovery of at least \$5,000. The

amount of the reward is up to 10 percent of the funds recovered by the Commonwealth.

### ***Performance Review Services***

OSIG conducts performance reviews of state executive branch agencies to assess the efficiency, effectiveness, or economy of agency programs and operations and to ascertain that appropriated sums are used for their intended purpose. In addition, OSIG is responsible for reviewing the operations of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

### ***Investigations & Law Enforcement Services***

One way OSIG serves the citizens of the Commonwealth is by investigating allegations of fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in executive branch state agencies, certain non-state agencies, contractors, or by officers and employees of those agencies.

The agency has law enforcement authority within its general scope of operations and works in cooperation with the Virginia State Police, Division of Capitol Police and other state and federal law enforcement agencies in its investigative pursuits.

### ***Behavioral Health & Developmental Services***

OSIG provides oversight and performs annual, unannounced inspections of the 15 facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, making policy and operational recommendations. OSIG also monitors and reviews the

quality of services and programs at those facilities and the more than 1200 licensed providers of behavioral health, substance abuse and intellectual and/or developmental services.

OSIG also investigates specific complaints of abuse, neglect or inadequate care. In addition, OSIG keeps the General Assembly and the Joint Commission on Health Care fully informed of significant problems related to behavioral health and developmental services.

### ***Internal Audit & Training Services***

OSIG serves in an oversight, advisory and standard-setting capacity with regard to agency internal audit programs.

In this role, OSIG provides training opportunities to internal auditors, as well as counsel and guidance — when requested — to existing agency internal audit programs.

### ***OSIG's Authority***

Title 2.2, [Chapter 3.2](#) (§§ 2.2-307 through 2.2-322) of the Code of Virginia outlines the authority, responsibilities, powers, and duties of OSIG.

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