



**Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association
2026 Annual Retraining Seminar
September 9th – 11th**

Wednesday, September 9th:

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sign In
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Jeff Dwyer, DFS Forensic Training Manager – 64th Session
Andrea Feldman, VFSAAA President – 89th Session
Event Announcements, VFSAAA Board Members
- Award Presentations**
Marilyn Durham, VFSAAA Sergeant at Arms – 86th Session
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Vendor Introductions**
Mike East, VFSAAA Central Regional Director – 87th Session
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Case Study: Ahreal Smith Homicide**
Lieutenant Caleb Smith – 114th Session
Northumberland County Sheriff's Office
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Shifting gears, From First Responder to CSI**
Detective Joseph Shoremount – 110th Session
Berryville Police Department
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Laboratory Updates**
Alka Lohmann – Director
Department of Forensic Science
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Evaluation of the Use of Alternate Light Sources in the Search for Burned Skeletal Remains**
Jessica Lucia
Virginia Commonwealth University
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break



3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Detect More Evidence - Extend Your Search Beyond the Visible**
Alexis Dodson
Foster and Freeman

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Forensic Training Updates**
Jeff Dwyer

Thursday, September 10th:

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sign In

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Following the Evidence: Solving a Multi-Jurisdictional Bank Robbery Series**
Lieutenant William D. Wooley – 105th Session
Smithfield Police Department

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Forensic Biology Updates**
Lisa Schiermeier-Wood – Principal Forensic Scientist
Department of Forensic Science
VFSAAA Honorary Member

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Annual Membership Meeting**

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Legal Update**
Jason Kowalski – Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney
Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Office

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Legal Update Continued**

Friday, September 11th:

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sign In

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Solving the Unsolvable: A Landmark Cold Case Sexual Assault Prosecution Involving Identical Twin DNA**
Colleen Grantham – Detective
Prince William County Police Department
Andrea Feldman – Professor



George Mason University
Dr. Janet Cady – DNA Forensic Consultant
Parabon NanoLabs
Stephanie Buck – Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney
Prince William County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Solving the Unsolvable: A Landmark Cold Case Sexual Assault Prosecution Involving Identical Twin DNA – Cont.**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition**
Bryan McIntee – Forensic Trainer Senior, 107th Session
Department of Forensic Science

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